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WEATHER THIS WEEK 95 Years Young: Byrd Still Turns Out To Vote





Veteran of the Week Chris Rea



In Memory Wayne "Cotton" Morgan



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Dot Byrd, from Coalfield,age 95 is determined to make her vote count. She has always voted and this year was no exception. She can't wait for November to get here so she can vote again.

Spurling claims his 3rd Morgan County Poker Championship

The Morgan County Fair hosted their 8th annual Texas Hold'em Poker Championship, and for the 3rd time Justan Spurling ended the night with all the chips. The action began quickly as on the very first hand of the night, Donovan Daniels was eliminated when he accidently folded his cards, after going all in but before the last card was dealt. Lelend Griffith was the beneficiary of the mistake, but he quickly wasted away his chip lead



Spurling again checked his monster hand and Taylor went all in. Spurling immediately called and showed his pocket Kings. The turn and river (5-7) were no help for Taylor and Spurling was crowned the winner again.

Spurling attributes the win to patience. "Poker, especially tournament poker is like a marathon. Waiting until the right time to strike is key." The Morgan County Fair hosts the event annually and hopes that next year can be the largest ever. They wish to thank all the participants and look forward to the future.

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and finished in 15th place. Several dozen players followed suit, with the final four being Spurling, Tommy Bray, Bo Bunch and Brett Taylor. The big hand of the night came after 2.5 hours of playing as Spurling raised the initial bet to 7,000. Taylor called, then Bray re-raised all in. Bo Bunch was short-stacked at the time and saw an opportunity to make a large increase so he also went all in. Spurling has enough chips to cover them and called. Taylor chose to fold his hand and wait it out. Bray had pocket 4's, Bunch had K-10 and Spurling had A-Q. another Q hit on the flop and Spurling won the hand, eliminated Bunch and Bray, and took a commanding chip lead over Taylor. The lead proved too much to overcome as after 15 hands, Spurling was dealt K-K and Taylor 9-8. Spurling checked his big blind to the flop with was 9-J-7.





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In Loving Memory

Tuesday, August 11, **2020**

Tonya L. Compton, 52

Tonya L. Compton, age 52, passed away July 31, 2020. She was born December 16, 1967. She was a loving daughter, mother, and grandmother. Tonya loved everything about flowers.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jackie Compton; sister, Melissa Compton; brothers, Terry, and Jackie Compton.

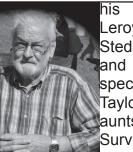
She is survived by her mother, Glenda Compton; 3 children, Steven (Shanda) Smith, Richard (Felicia) Smith and Warren Ramey; grandchildren, Joshua, Nathan, Tyler, Rayleigh and Ryan Smith; brothers, Michael Compton, Wendell Compton and Tony Compton; sister, Angel Compton and host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Crab Orchard Cemetery in Oakdale. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Tonya L. Compton.

Jesse Lesley "Les" Stedam, 74

Jesse Lesley "Les" Stedam, age 74, of Lancing, TN went home to be with the Lord Monday July 31, 2020. He was born the second of 16 children to Lee & Annie Stedam. Les attended Deer Lodge Ele-

mentary and graduated from Sunbright High School. After moving to Markleville, Indiana he worked for Nicholson File & Pimrode Tool and Die. Les moved back Tennessee in 1984 and worked for Oak Ridge Tool and TN Tool and Engineering. Les loved hunting & fishing and was a great handyman. The time he spent with his family will always be cherished. He enjoyed playing card games (and always winning with his partner, Peanut) and going to the races with his sons, Mark & Mike. Riding four wheelers, scouting deer tracks, road trips, pond hunting, fishing, and picnics in the woods (equipped with a BBQ sandwich from Harry's) will always be special memories that his grandchildren hold dear. Les loved telling jokes, and he made sure to give his "short wave" to every one he



his parents, siblings, Leroy, Ed, and Lela Stedam, Leta Garrett, and Theresa Sutton, special niece, Amber Taylor, and a host of aunts & uncles.

Survivors include sons, Mike Stedam and wife Freda, and

Mark Stedam.

Granddaughters, Leah & Kayla Stedam.

Special "grandchildren", Lacey, Mikey & Skyler.

Great-grandchildren, Marleigh & Emory.

Siblings and spouses, Michelle & Jeff Dyer, Lou & David Freytag, Keith & Crystal Stedam, Teddy & Carrie Stedam, Steve & Sandra Stedam, Kathy & Sam Howard, Kim & Brian Haynes, Rex & Lucy Stedam, Janice & Danny Rhymer, and Milly Griffith.

His dog Tyson, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and other loved ones.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg. A Celebration of Life will follow at 7:30 PM with Rev. Randy Griffis and Rev. Joey Aytes officiating.

Arlan Dwayne Aytes

Arlan Dwayne Aytes went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Those who knew him best knew him as Dwayne, Daddy, or Poppa. Pop loved his family and was never happier than when we was with his grandchildren. In recent years, he could be found with his constant companion, his beloved Yorkie Maddie.

Dwayne is preceded in death by his wife of 39 years Yvonne Mae Davis Potter Aytes/ wife of 9 years Jan Cook Aytes; infant son, Arlan Shane Aytes; father, Hugh Myrle Aytes; mother, Edith Davis Aytes; brothers, Bernard Aytes and Johnny Mack Aytes: sisters, Pauline McCormick, Gennv Aytes Aytes and Cathy Howard; sisters-in-law, June Potter, Faye Aytes, Imogene Aytes, and Johnnie Dyle; brothers-in-law, Everett Potter, Richard Dyle, Steve Hamby, Doug Adams and Jay Nelson.

Dwayne is survived by his step-children, Don (Cathy)

Potter and Karen (Gary) Darnell; daughter, Tammie (Bruce) Aytes; daughter and son-inlaw, Tonya and Doug Duncan; sisters, Fayne Nelson, Libbie Adams, Nadine Hamby, Eva (Wayne) Morgan and Angel Aytes Bates; brothers, David (Denise) Aytes, Butch (Peggy) Aytes, Bill (Vickie) Aytes and Jimmy Dean (Rachel) Aytes; grandchildren, Cassie (Mark) Miller, Jennifer (Brad) Hall, Joshua Aytes, Don (Jennifer) Potter, Chad (Sara) Potter, Katie (Connor) Duncan and Karrington Duncan; great-grandchildren, Blake (Kelsi) Hall, Kody Potter, Josie Potter, Maggie Potter, Mason Potter and Jaxson Potter; a host of nieces and nephews; and his step-children and grandchildren from his second marriage. The family will receive friends on Sunday, August 9, 2020 from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. There will be a special remembrance directly to follow.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Arlan Dwayne Aytes.

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

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Dear Editor,

wanted to take a moment to address Ms. Bonnie Bell's letter from the August 5, 2020 edition of the paper. First, I want to apologize to Ms. Bell, we tried to reach out to her personally, but we were unable o find a phone number or a social media link to contact her. So, I am hoping she will see this letter and reach out to my office at 423-346-6288. Ms. Bell was concerned with size and structure of the fence around the convenience center in Lancing. Unfortunately, it is a necessary evil. The County has experienced break-ins, vandalism, and destruction at various convenience centers, most recently at the Frankfort convenience center. The damage has been in the thousands of dollars at the sites. These damages are covered by insurance, but they do cause insurance premiums to rise. In addition to the cost of damage from vandals, there is the liability which the County is subject to. If we have insufficient structure around a convenience center, and someone trespasses and is injured, the County could be held liable. I hate that the County must spend money on fences around dumpsters as much as anyone does. But, it is less expensive to build good fences, than it is to pay for damage from vandalism and destruction. The old adage holds true in this case: "Good fences make good neighbors." They help deter vandalism and theft. They reduce liability, saving taxpayers money. They keep equipment safe. Morgan County has been fortunate to have secured a grant that paid for fence ing at several of our centers at no cost to the taxpayers. When we do have to build fences, we try to employ local companies to do so and we seek to get the best value for the County.

passed.

Les was saved and gained his salvation July 21, 2020 and is now celebrating in the Kingdom of Heaven with his wife of 50 years, Linda Lou Stedam,

Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg is honored to serve the Stedam family.

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

NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HIGHLAND TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. MORGAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of its Bylaws, the Board of Directors for Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. would like to invite its membership and the news media to attend a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Headquarters Building in Sunbright, Tennessee. You are cordially invited to attend and share with the Board your comments or concerns.

Mark Patterson General Manager Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Paid Advertisement by Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. I appreciate you taking the time to write and address this issue with the community. I wish we could just leave the fences off and let the citizens of Morgan County freely use the Convenience Centers anytime, night or day. Sadly, it is just not feasible.

Thank you so much, Ms. Bonnie, for being a concerned citizen and taking the time to address this issue. We are very fortunate to have great people like you that live in Morgan County. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Sincerely, Brian Langley Morgan County Executive

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Local

Japanese Stragglers in World War II



The Japanese surrendered to the United States and allies on

Tom Redmon Columnist allies or September 2, 1945

on the deck of the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri. The second World War was over. But not for everyone because on some of the Pacific Islands many Japanese refused to give up.

A big part of the Japanese culture was to never surrender to the enemy. In training every soldier had this drilled into his physic. They felt like it not only brought disgrace to their family but most of all to their nation. That is the reason that they fought to their death, or hid out in the jungle long after the war was officially over. Take Iwo Jima for example. Out of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers on the island, after the battle was over only 200 had surrendered. The rest were killed.

I was on Guam in 1959-60, fifteen years after the war was over, and in the summer of 1960 two Japanese were captured by two Guamanian fishermen. They had come out of the jungle to get coconuts out of a tree. One was a sergeant

and the other a private. They called the NAS Agana Navy Base and we went down there to take pictures of the men. They were pitiful. One weighed around 72 lbs. and the other around 85 lbs. They had survived in the jungle of Guam for sixteen years. They had a Japanese interpreter available and when asked why they hadn't given up when hundreds of leaflets were dropped out of planes telling stragglers that the war was over, surrender and they would be returned to their families in Japan. They both said, "we don't give up we are soldiers of the Imperial Army of Japan, it is a dis-

grace to surrender. We thought leaflets were a trick and we would be killed."

After the U.S. mil-

itary had taken over Guam, Saipan, Philippines, and other pacific islands many leaflets were dropped over the jungles requesting that all Japanese stragglers give-up, and they would be returned to their homeland. Very few came out after the first drop, then another drop was performed. The 3rd leaf-let they told them in a couple weeks they would have a mop up campaign and they could be shot. They could not have stragglers terrifying villages.

I guess the mop-up campaign didn't fully do the job because in 1972 another Japanese straggler was captured on Guam.

I read an interesting story about the two stragglers who had come out of the jungle on Guam in 1960. They had a very hard time adjusting to the new Japanese culture, and they couldn't understand if the rising sun lost the war why are they still in charge. They really couldn't understand why the people were dressed in western attire, and why they were eating American food.

One of the soldiers was taken to the backyard

of his home where they showed him his tombstone which gave his birth date and death date sometime in 1944. How would you feel to read your own epitaph on your tombstone?

The last known stragglers to come out of the jungles was on the Philippines. He was an officer of the Imperial Japanese Army still serving his country 29 years after WWII had ended. Second Lieutenant Hiroo Onoda was formally ordered to lay down his arms by former Major Yoshiomi Taniquchi of the Imperial Japanese Army (now defunct). The Japanese had sent several missions to Lubang Island to get LT. Onoda to surrender but were unsuccessful because he had

been told by his instructor at the guerrilla training school he had gone to before being sent to the Philippines in December 1944 that no matter what happens you are to stay alive in Lubang at all cost, even if all other forces have been wiped out. He only gave up this time because of the command of his wartime superior officer.

Ex-Major Taniquchi, now a bookshop owner in Kyushu, got Onodo to give up on his 52nd birthday. He said goodbye to the Philippines and began his new life in Japan in 1974.

When asked at a news conference how he felt when he learned that World War II had ended in 1945 and that Japan had been defeated, Onoda paused and said, "victory or defeat, I have done my best."

Just think of what this man missed in 30 years of his life. In 16 years, I did my 4-year tour in the U.S. Navy, came back to college and completed 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ degrees at Tennessee Tech, taught in Morgan and Putnam Counties for ten years, moved to Florida in 1971, taught High School two years and was now Vice Principal in a Manatee County school. I wonder what he thought about his native Japan being one of the strongest industrialized economies in the world and that the United States helped get them there.





MIA'S View From the Mountain:

70 Candles

For some reason, this week I have engaged in several conversations that had to do with aging. Perhaps, because a friend of mine lost three dear friends this week. As sad as I am for my friend, I rejoice that all three of these women lived past 90 years of age. They were all active, walked and/or swam daily. Lived alone and did all their own housework, cooking and daily chores. They all engaged socially, belonged to Book Clubs, Sewing Circles, Church groups etc. until the Lord called them home. Our discussions led me to investigate about aging, and I found a wonderful book called 70Candles! Women Thriving in Their 8th Decade

by Jane Giddan & Ellen Cole. Here is an excerpt from the book: As we turned 70, we, Jane and Ellen, friends since childhood, set out to investigate how women our age and older were living their lives. We sought role models for ourselves and messages for the droves of baby boomers on our heels. We were curious about the challenges and joys of our age-mates, their work and retirement status, living arrangements, family and social connections, and more. It was clear they were not like their own grandmothers who sat in rocking chairs knitting. But what was the new normal?

"It may be strange to say this about a practical guidebook on woman and aging but this one is pure delight — uplifting, engaging and alive with the voices of wise women. My favorites are the 95-year-old who has a martini every night and goes barefoot as much as possible, and Nina, the futuristic woman whom the authors conjure as the strong, self-sufficient oldie all of us can become with the aid of technology. In 2016, the baby boomers start turning 70. No woman should take that leap without 70Candles! at her bedside."

For me personally, I never gave much thought to aging, I just let it happen. I determined early on in my life that I would stay active, laugh a lot and try to eat as healthy (well mostly), while enjoying what the Lord has given to me. What an honor to have a grandchild that you used to buckle in their car seat now help buckle you in and drive you around. I like getting older!. I like that I can leave a legacy of Faith to my children and grandchildren. My dear friend Ann sent me this email this week and I could not say it any better.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need but looks so Avant Garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 &70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have

my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore.

I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

Isaiah 46:4 Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you;

Job 12:12 Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days.

Embrace each day the Lord gives and leave a legacy.

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.

History

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Historically Speaking Our Own Airmail Beacon House -

Update Part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Last week we brought you up to date on the continuing efforts to document the specific nature of the mission of our Airmail Beacon House. Up to now our focus has been on a visual marker in the form of a small building housing a generator and a large tower with a light on it. There is one other possibility that comes from the research. Might it have been a radio range transmitter?

The Smithsonian representative also tentatively

identified our beacon house as potentially being a "radio range beacon" that was part of what was termed the "Knoxville, Tenn., radio range." The low frequency radio range approach to navigation aids came into being as early as 1927 and immediately was recognized as an improvement in navigational safety.

However, the visual light beacons continued in use and even continued expanding into the 1930's. According to the online article Nocturnal Travels by John Schamel, by 1933, the Federal Airway System had 18,000 miles of lighted airways containing 1,550 rotating beacons.

These radio range transmitters operating in the late 1920's and 1930's consisted of four way transmitters that sent Morse Code signals for the letter "A," \bullet – , and its opposite, the letter "N," – \bullet , such that when an airplane was "on beam" a steady drone would be heard, but when the pilot allowed the Beacon House. (Photo Submitted)

airplane to drift in off course either the "N" signal or the "A" signal became stronger overriding the steady drone, thus letting the pilot know which direction to turn to correct the airplane's course.

This low frequency radio range transmitters were soon joined by the next technological advance. By 1930, the Very high frequency Omni-directional Radio range (VOR) was an improvement over the low frequency system as weather did not adversely affect the signal. However, VOR was limited to line of sight whereas the low frequency signal would follow the curvature of the earth.

The US Post Office operated the air mail system from 1918 - 1927. By 1927 the air transport system was growing so much that the post office put air mail delivery out to competitive bids. This was the start of significant increases in air transportation.

The Kelly Airmail Act of 1925 had provided private airlines the opportunity to function as mail carriers through involvement in a com-

From the online history of night navigation, the following specific details of the airway beacons is found:

"Beacons were positioned every ten miles along the airway. At the top of a 51-foot steel tower was a 1 million candlepower-rotating beacon. Pilots could see the clear flash of light from a distance of 40 miles. Also at the top of the tower were two color-coded 100,000 candlepower course lights. These pointed up and down the airway. They were colored green, signifying an adjacent airfield, and red, signifying no airfield.

"The course lights also flashed a Morse Code letter [W, U, V, H, R, K, D, B, G or M]. The letter corresponded to the number of the beacon within a 100-mile segment of the airway. To determine their position, a pilot



Oak Ridge has many unique historical structures and stories. I have been pleased to bring you this update on our own Airmail

simply had to remember this phrase - "When Undertaking Very Hard Routes, Keep Direction By Good Methods" - and know which 100-mile segment they were on.

"The beacons were also built to aid daytime navigation. Each tower was built on an arrow shaped concrete slab that was painted yellow. The arrow pointed



beacon.

If it was a flashing light beacon, it would have been a type "B" as defined by the fact that it was powered by a direct current generated at the site and had no airfield immediately nearby. There was type "A" (connected to commercial power), a type "C" (similar to "B" but located at an intermediate air field) and a type "D" (similar to a type "A" but located at an airfield).

It was painted white or chrome yellow number 4 with a 2' wide band painted black midway up the exterior walls with the window frames and exterior door painted medium grey. It had the numbers "2," indicating the airway, and "12," indicating the beacon house number, painted black on the roof.

I wonder if it ever had a 54' concrete arrow. This would have admittedly been unusual, but no physical evidence exists to suggest there was ever such a large slab of concrete there. Of course, if it was a radio range beacon, then the concrete arrow might not have been there. The tower, fuel tank and generator shed would have completed the radio range installation.

The beacon house is a most interesting bit of history and is worthy of the efforts being put forth by ORNL to gain recognition by restoring the structure and obtaining National Historic Register status. Additional articles on the ORNL Beacon House will be published when it is restored and that historic status obtained.

I hope you have enjoyed visiting Oak Ridge's unique Airmail Beacon House and now have a

better appreciation for the historic structure. At some point in the future, I hope to see this small building restored to its original colors and structural integrity. I also hope to see the historic marker and informational display installed there and the place added to Oak Ridge's historic tours.

Places such as this Airmail Beacon House and Freels' Bend Cabin can contribute to the telling of our history just as the Manhattan Project, Medical Isotopes, Cold War, Birth of a City, International Friendship Bell and other historic sites in our city.

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 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.

petitive bidding system. These private carriers,

through the airmail revenue, could then expand into Our Beacon House located near the Oak Ridge National Labocarrying other forms of cargo, including passengers. ratory The location where the generator would have set on the Morgan County and where many from Morgan By 1925 only nine of the 40 pilots origitwo concreted foundations.(Photo Submitted)

nally hired by the US Post Office in 1918 were still alive. This is when the US Post Office first began to bid routes. In two more years, by 1927, all air mail routes were put out to competitive bids and the Post Office got out of the airmail business.

With the high number of pilots deaths it is easy to see why so much attention was paid to the lighted beacons, various radio frequency signals, multiple direction finder technologies and other safety related technological advances. While air transportation was in its early stages, the industry was pushing for safety improvements and even requesting government regulation of airways.

to the next higher numbered beacon. An equipment/generator shed next to the tower had the beacon number and other information painted on the roof.

"An English aviation journalist, visiting the U.S. in 1924, wrote, 'The U.S. Post Office runs what is far and away the most efficiently organized and efficiently managed Civil Aviation undertaking in the World.' Our Beacon House was a part of the historic world-changing growth in air transportation. It was most likely operated by a local family sometime prior to 1942. It was either a flashing light beacon or a radio range

NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-2507, Notice is hereby given by the Back Tax Committee of Morgan County, Tennessee that it intends to sell the Following Property. PERSON WHO PURCHASES PROPERTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY 2020 TAXES.

- #1. District 10 Map 130 Parcel 7.02 Minimum Bid: \$2897.03
- #3. District 12 Map 4 Parcel 6.09 Minimum Bid: \$7994.73
- #6. District 7 Map 052 Parcel 60.01 Minimum Bid: \$2002.53
- #7. District 10 Map 155C Group A CTL Map 155C-A Parcel 4.00 Minimum Bid: \$2356.67
- #8. District 1 Map 142 Parcel 79.01 Minimum Bid: \$2721.68
- #9. District 11 Map 086 Parcel 13.00 Minimum Bid: \$2317.17
- #10. District 11 Map 074 Parcel 8.08 Minimum Bid: \$1666.28
- #12. District 3 Map 162 Parcel 5.14 Minimum Bid: \$1283.90
- #13. District 3 Map 148 Parcel 51.03 Minimum Bid: \$856.06
- #19. District 8 Map 92 Parcel 19.08 Minimum Bid: \$11,841.23

The Morgan County Government will be taking SEALED BIDS on each property until 10 A.M. August 24, 2020. As of 10 A.M. August 24th, the highest bid will be considered. The minimum bid price is seen above next to each property. This is the amount the County has invested in paying fees and taxes for each property. According to the law, there is then a 10 day window when someone can bid 10% more than the highest bid for a property. These properties will be ran in the local newspaper(s) again, giving any citizen the opportunity to bid 10% higher than the highest bid. If such a bid is received, there will be a bid off for the property. If no such bid is received, the original highest bid will be considered for property ownership.

Person interested in bidding on a property can mail or personally deliver a sealed bid to Bret Pallotta in the County Executive's Office at the Morgan County Courthouse. If mailing, send to:

Bret Pallotta, Executive Assistant C/O Morgan County Courthouse P.O. Box 387 Wartburg, TN 37887



Freels Reunion Frozen Head State Park Shelter C August 15, 2020 10:30 am

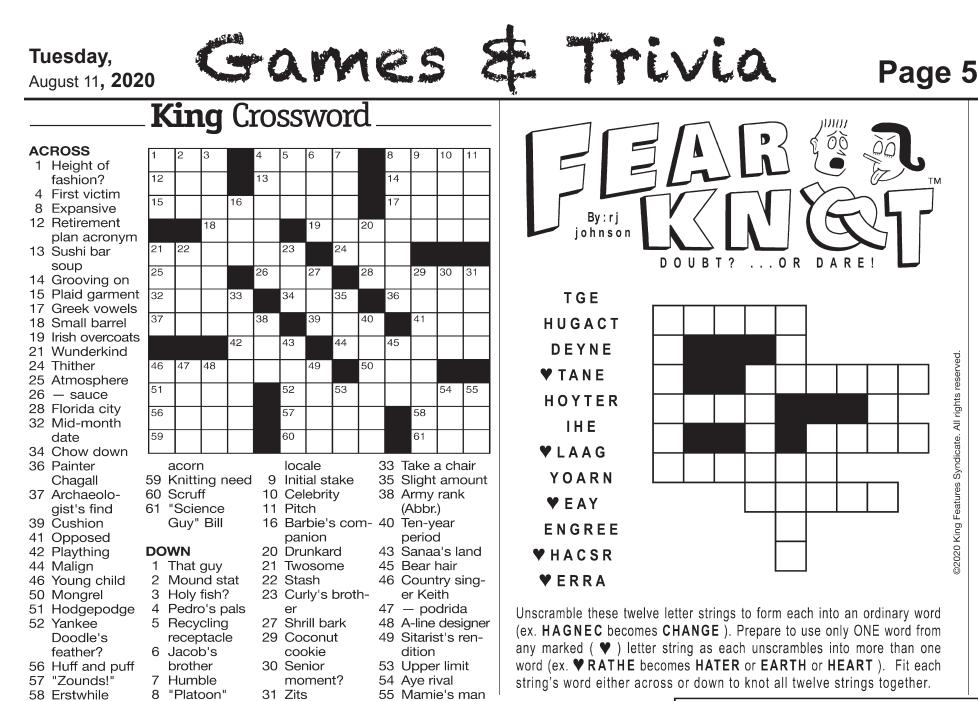
For more info call Roy Freels 865-253-0017, 865-628-2625 Audrey Shannon 865-346-3983

CONLEY FREELS

Prizes for oldest and youngest parent with the most children present. The individual who traveles the furthest will also receive a prize.

Freels reunions began in 1966 at the home of the originator Georgia Wyner. We always read scriptures and sing some gospel songs. Food, fun, games, and history about the Freels families. Make plans to attend.

Conley Freels was born to Virgie (Shannon) Freels and William Riley Freels on October 9, 1939. He passed on Oct 18, 2000. Conley was married to Elizabeth (Hughett) Freels. They had two children Tim Freels and Connie Ann Freels. Conley served on the Plateau Electric Utility Board of Directors, 20 plus years. Conley was the city of Sunbright's 2nd mayor. Conley done a lot for the city and for his church. The church of Elgin Tennessee. He was a church leader. Conley was a certified brick and block mason. He did this for the K-25 and Y-12 plants plus he contracted on his own. Seems like he did more people favors than anyone else.



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"If everyone does a lit-tle, no one has to do a whole lot."

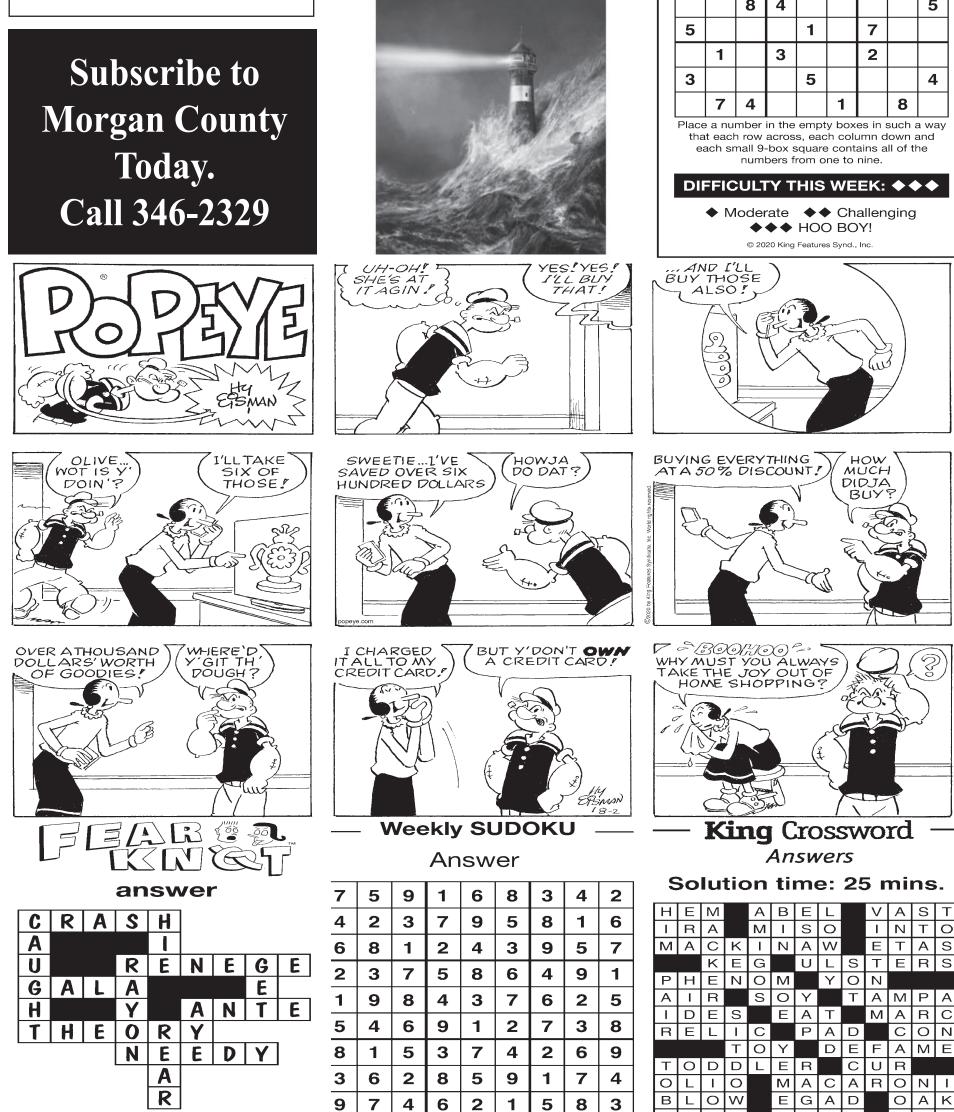
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MSG Fred Mize

I'm troubled with the thought that so many people question who they are or feel that they are no one important.

I recently bought a Camaro and was asked by a friend, in a comical manner, if I was going through a midlife crisis. I'm forty-two years old and it seems common for people around my age to look back in their life and allow their mistakes to stand out most in their mind. Then look to the years that hopefully remain in their life and fill their mind with thoughts of what they want to do or goals they wish to accom-

plish before they are too old to enjoy them. To answer my friend's question. No, I'm not going through a midlife crisis. I'm certain of this because I know "who I am" and what my future holds. I primarily bought my Camaro because a deal presented itself that I really could not pass up. I've always liked Camaros but it my younger years I never had the means of buying one. Now when I'm older, wiser, and more financially sound you may see me driving around in a silver Camaro. My desire isn't to own all the toys I couldn't afford in my younger years but my desire now in my life is to slow down and focus on, "who I am" and remind others "who they are or who they

can become". You

may be asking yourself, what I mean by those two statements. I'm motivated and inspired by chapter 4 of Galatians. I pray that you take a moment

By: MSG. Fred Mize accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

What's Your Heart's Desire

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Galatians 4:3-7, 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the

to read and ponder on this chapter. The following verses really touch my heart and explain "who I am and who you can become if you too

world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that

were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your

> hearts crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. So, who am I...? I'm a man who once lived in the bondage of sin. I was a man who was

filled with only worldly desires. But I'm now a man who accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior who saved me from the bondage and punishment of my

sins. He has replaced my vain, worldly desires with a desire to serve and live for Him. Sadly, I must admit that my flesh still has a tendency to get in the way of my new heart's desire but my worldly flesh will not win the battle that has already been won. For I am a man whose heart cry's out, Abba, Father and I am no longer a servant but am a son and an heir of God through Christ.

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You too can have a heart that cry's out God the Father by accepting His Son Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It's time to examine our lives and set our eyes on things not only of this world but to focus on our loving creator and His will for our lives.



Storehouse Ministries

I recently had a chance to tour the Storehouse Ministry in Wartburg, TN. It is an amazing non-profit ministry that serves the community in many different ways. I had a chance to interview Mary Simpson. Mary USE IES has been with Storehouse Min-2**67** TBURG, TN istries several years. "We have Wed. 9-2 Month 9-12 actually been here for 18 years, I've been here for 17 years." The main goal here is to serve people and that's exactly what we do," said Simpson.

volunteer and serve a community for so long. Mary Simpson has a big heart and you can tell by her passion she loves helping those in need. I asked Mary what is the biggest need right now for the Storehouse Ministry? "We need volunteers. It's nice to have young volunteers, the people that run this ministry are 72 years old and up. We still don't have enough volunteers to do the heavy

teaches you work fundamentals, communications skills, and how to interact with others.



Zack Ballinger

Relationships and networking are how jobs are gained in this economy. Stop by and volunteer at Storehouse Ministries. It will greatly impact those in need even if you volunteer for a couple hours a week.

The Storehouse Ministry is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping needy people through food, clothing, furniture, Etc. On the average they serve about 600 families. I always thought the ministry only helped people by providing them food. I was shocked at the number of things this ministry does for their community. I asked Mary, "What services does the Store House Ministries provide for those in need?"

"Food is our main thing, we provide a food box once a month to all those that qualify. The next big thing is clothing: church clothes, work clothes, scrubs, baby clothes, and shoes. We have a dish room and we provide furniture for those who have had a house fire. "We also serve our young ladies monthly needs, diapers for the elderly, and bed pads. The Store House Ministries also helps those in need with utility bills, helps fund personal ID's, prescriptions, co-pays, and bedding."

I think it's a pretty noble calling to



work: carrying boxes, lifting clothes, and organizing the rooms."

In my new book launching this fall, "Don't be a Zombie: How to Find a Career you Love, I talk about the importance of volunteering in your own community. Volunteering provides you with different life perspectives and it is a very humbling experience. It also provides you with the ability to network and form professional relationships with others in your own community. Volunteering

Mary had countless memories of helping those in need. It's really life changing when you see it up, close, and personal. Mary has seen people lose their jobs due to the economic impacts of Covid-19. Storehouse Ministries has been able to help those families in need through their amazing ministry. She provides a lot of hope through physical items at the facility, but also supports people with emotional and spiritual guidance. "When you can help people and they feel like when they leave here, their load is lighter.... that's what does it," said Simpson.

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.

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Happenings

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Sandra Helton's weekly column Oakdale Area News email: kvhelton@highland.net



In the past, it was common to see various items hanging from the rearview mirror in vehicles. Air fresheners, parking tags and other things. Over the last few weeks, I have noticed masks hanging from many mirrors. My how times have changed.

I had the privilege of attending the Back to School Prayer Service at Oakdale School on Tuesday, August 4. It is such a wonderful experience to share with friends, family, teachers and students. Brother Ryan Powers led the service with scripture and closed with prayer. Let's all continue to pray for our schools.

Rudy Chapman, formerly of Oakdale, is now Dr. Rudy Chapman after receiving his degree in Biomedical Science. He has accepted a position at the University of Kentucky. He and his wife Molly moved from Johnson City to Lexington, KY on Monday, August 3. Molly's parents, Keith and Wendy Goldston helped them with the move. On Tuesday, Rudy's parents, Randy and Christine Chapman took Rudy and Molly's beloved dog Harley to their new home. While there, they learned that Molly had received a position with one of the local hospitals as an X-ray technician. Congratulations Rudy and Molly!

Happy Birthday today, August 11, to everyone's favorite "Nanny, Dolly, Fried Pie/ Peanut Butter Fudge Maker" Leslie Yeary. Miss Dolly is a very young 83 years old. I have so many wonderful memories of time spent in her home and enjoying her delicious food. Happy Birthday Dolly!

Happy Birthday to Rachel Collins and Lindsey Trout who will celebrate birthdays tomorrow, August 12.

On Thursday, August 13, Oakdale School Cafeteria Manager Cathleen Sheldon will celebrate her birthday. Everyone at school should be sure to wish this sweet lady Happy Birthday.

Happy 10th Birthday to Darcy Bingham who turned double digits on August 7. She shares her birthday with her Uncle Jeffrey Johnson! We hope you both had a great day.

Mike and Connie Helton celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on August 6. Wishing you many more blessed years.

Happy Birthday to Kelly O'Dell who celebrated her birthday August 9.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Granville Nelson of Seneca, South Carolina who passed away Tuesday, August 4. Locally, he is survived by his brother Wayne Nelson and sister Ruth Stone, many nieces and nephews and other family members. I am sharing this Facebook post from Hopewell Baptist Church where Granville and his wife Patti attended:

Dear Hopewell Baptist family and friends, it is with sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mr. Granville Nelson. Granville passed away yesterday evening while at home due to health issues. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Granville has been a faithful member at Hopewell for 38 years. He was a dedicated choir member and every one recognized that deep voice of his. He often sang in quartets, carrying the bass. He was a Sunday School teacher for many years and was involved with the RA's and missions.

Our sincerest condolences go out to his wife, Patti, his children, grandchildren, and family. Patti and Granville were foster parents and fostered hundreds of children over the years.

Services will be held this Saturday, August 8th, at Hopewell Baptist Church with receiving of friends from 12-2pm, followed by a Memorial.

John and Jan Roddy and Greg and Phyllis Langley enjoyed a trip to Tybee Island and Savannah, GA in June. The highlight of their trip was visiting Forsyth Park in Savannah. They also enjoyed the Tybee Island Lighthouse/Farmers Market and eating at Mike's Crab Shack on Tybee Island. They saw a lot of sharks being caught by fishermen. They had a great time and are thankful for safe travels.

A couple of weeks ago, on separate occasions, a couple of gentlemen reflected on their friendship with my daddy. I often have people tell me they miss daddy in his role as a volunteer fireman or first responder. These men said "Roy was a good friend of mine." Thank you Ronnie Trout and Johnny Newberry for saying that to me. Daddy's community work was valuable but friendship is even more valuable.

We recently drove through Cades Cove. Kyle, Kayla, Clara and Hattie Ruppe also went. It was a beautiful day with a gentle breeze and it wasn't very crowded. We didn't see any bears. Just turkeys and crows! We enjoyed a roadside picnic and the pretty scenery. Memories!

Please remember to support local cemetery funds. I appreciate those who work to maintain our cemeteries.

For those wanting to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election, if you are not a registered voter, make sure to register soon. If you have moved and need to change your voting precinct, you should do that soon as well.

Continue to pray for our nation, our leaders, our churches, our families, the ill, the grieving and the lost.

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me."– Erma Bombeck

Hebrews Chapter 10

(Hebrews 10:1-4) The weakness of the law of Moses: The Mosaic law was filled with shadows, copies, images, figures, types, etc.

cient. The implication is: Why are you flirting with the inclination to revert from the Living Lamb to dead ineffective animals?

(various words for the same idea), that pictorially represented important New Testament truths. Though the law was valuable in that respect, it had not the power to permanently remedy the sin problem. This is evident by the fact that the sacrifices had to be offered year after year. The Old Testament law could never make perfect the lives of the people. If animal offerings could have permanently cleansed the worshippers, their consciousness of sin would not have remained (v.2). Each year, at the time of the atonement, their consciences were stabbed by the reality that their sins were only passed over, but never removed (v.3). It was utterly impossible that the blood of an animal could atone for sin.

Heb. 10:5-18 the wonderful sacrifice of Christ: citing Psalm 40:6, the writer declared that Jehovah would not accept animal sacrifice for sin. However, a prophecy was provided that foretold of one who eventually was coming to do the will of God perfectly; he would enable the goal of true forgiveness to be accessed (v5-8). In the process, that law (designated as the first) which embodied the offering of those sacrifices, would be taken away, that the second (law) might replace it (v.9). By means of the second will (v.10), sanctification can be achieved as a result of the offering of the body of Jesus, and that once and for all, implying that Christ would never have to die again.

The Jewish priest offered sacrifices every day, but none of these could take away sins permanently; they only provided temporary relief from the guilt thereof (v. 11). But Christ offered one sacrifice (not many), and it was forever (not temporal); he then sat down, to be active in such a role no more. There was no chair near the altar of offerings because the priest' work was never finished! The Lord now awaits the conquest of his enemies (v. 12-13). It took only one offering to bring the saints to a statue of completion; they have been sanctified (set apart as holy) (v.4). The sacred writer will again appeal to Jeremiah's prophecy for support of his argument (8:8). He attributes the oracle to the Holy Spirit, and comes to this conclusion: since full remission of sins is now available, there is no need for another sin-offering. Jesus' sacrifice was entirely suffi-

Melvin Howard's Weekly column is sponsored by **The Lord's Church** 102 Paxton Road, Lancing (Heb. 10:19-25) exhortations and warnings: under the Old Testament arrangement, only select ones could enter into the holy place (priest) or the holy of holies (the high priest) to engage in worship. That barrier has now been abolished. Because of the blood of Jesus, there is a new and living way which he dedicated (inaugurated) for us. Paving the way for us, in a manner of speaking, by means of the death of his body, he became our great high priest over the house of God (v. 21). We can approach God, therefore, in worship with boldness (v. 19).

In view of this, let us (another of those encouragement phrases) keep on drawing near with sincere hearts and a faith that overflows with confidence (v. 22). This is possible because our hearts have been sprinkled (a figure suggesting the application of Christ's blood (9:13; 1 Jn. 1:7), and our body washed with pure water (v. 22). A great variety of expositors concede that this is a reference to water baptism (Eph. 5:26; Tit. 3:5). Only a bias against the connection between immersion and forgiveness (Acts 2:38; 22:16) prevents this interpretation.

We are encouraged, therefore, to keep holding fast (implying we could let go) the confession we made concerning Christ, which ultimately will bring the fruition of our hope. We must never waver, for the Lord has promised our hope will be realized, because he is absolutely trustworthy (v. 23). Christians must continue to consider each other and stimulate each other to reciprocal love, and to pursue good works (v. 24). The following phrase explains one way to achieve this. The Lord's people must stop neglecting church assemblies, which clearly some were doing (and still are). Instead, they must continue exhorting each other and intensify that effort as they see the day approaching (v. 25). Some commentators interpret the day as the Lord's second coming, but this is most unlikely. (a) The

time of that event was completely unknown (Mt. 24:36). (b) The first-century saints never experienced it. (c) There were no clues as to when it would occur. (d) There were signs of the impending destruction of Jerusalem (Mt. 24:1-34), which likely is the event to which this writer alluded.

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Hometown Heroes Page 9 Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Staff Sergeant (SSG) Chris Rea as this week's veteran of the week. SSG Rea was inspired to enlist into military service due to having a strong desire to improve his life's circumstances both financially and to give his life overall direction. He decided that serving in the Tennessee Army National Guard was the best fit for him due to receiving a \$20,000 enlistment bonus and to allow him the freedom to also grow as a civilian while serving as a soldier.

SSG Rea's military career began in April 2006 when he enlisted as a Combat Engineer as a member of the 190TH Engineer Company. In 2008 he had the exceptional opportunity to help his fellow man by serving on a disaster relief mission in the Dominican Republic with the 190TH Engineer Company. Seeing others in dire need gave SSG Rea a new appreciation for all the blessings in his life.

SSG Rea also served a combat tour of duty with the 190TH while serving in Afghanistan from April 2011 - April 2012. Throughout his tour of duty his assigned mission was convoy route clearance meaning that his company searched for and detonated improvised explosive



devisees (IED's) that the enemy sat along the pathway of convoys. His unit was successful in finding numerous IED's that potentially saved countless lives. In March 2018 SSG Rea was selected to become a Recruiting and

Retention NCO for the Tennessee Army National Guard. He's done exceptionally well in his recruiting career by being self-motivated to help others better their lives and reach their goals by enlisting into the Tennessee Army National Guard just as he did in 2008. He is very thankful to be of service to our state and country. He's beyond appreciative for how his military service has helped improve not only his life but more importantly his precious seven-year-old daughter Harper's.

SSG Rea Morgan County Today can't thank you enough for your service and sacrifices for our grateful nation. We pray that you continue to help others benefit from military service as you have.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week Presented by Cindi Jones, Morgan County Trustee





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How to access and reconstruct lost or destroyed records



David Zubler

First don't panic, the IRS realizes you aren't the first person to have records lost or destroyed. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornados, floods and fires destroy many taxpayers records each year.

All of the income records that the IRS has about you can easily be obtained from the IRS. You can get free IRS transcripts immediately by visiting the Get Transcript tool on IRS.gov.

There are several types of IRS transcripts. The Wage and Income Transcripts include information such as W2, 1099, interest & dividend income and mortgage interest, which are needed to prepare tax returns. Additionally, there are two types of Wage and Income Transcripts that you can request. Masked transcripts are the default transcripts and do not have all of the information required to efile. The masked transcripts show only the last four digits of any EIN listed on the transcript (example XX-XXX1234). The IRS created masked transcripts to better protect taxpayer data from cybercriminals.

For return preparation, a taxpayer may also order an unmasked Wage and Income

Transcript from the IRS. The taxpayer must first authenticate their identity with the IRS and an unmasked Wage and Income Transcript will be mailed to the address of record within five to 10 days. However, it can often take many hours to get through to the IRS on their phone lines. A faster method to get the unmasked transcripts is to contact a licensed tax professional. Tax professionals with proper authorization may request unmasked Wage and Income Transcripts for tax preparation. They can call the IRS on the Tax Practitioner Hotline and order the required transcripts. Normally they can obtain your unmasked transcripts in a matter of minutes. If you have a business, reconstructing records is more challenging.

For information about income, get copies of bank statements. The deposits should closely reflect what the sales were for any given time period.

You should also get copies of last year's federal, state and local tax returns. This includes sales tax reports, payroll tax returns and business licenses from the city or county. These will reflect gross sales for a given time period and will provide necessary payroll information.

Next you will need to reconstruct your business expenses. This can be a fairly complex process which will require research to determine average business expenses for your type of industry and other calculations for your business expenses. You can also contact an expert tax professional with experience in reconstructing tax records. Their expertise with reconstructing records should help to make the process go as quickly and smoothly as possible. Masked transcripts can easily be obtained from the IRS online. However, if you need more than masked transcripts and are stressed over your loss it may be best to turn the process over to an expert tax professional so that you can go about your life as normally as possible.

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