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**MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK**

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| Tue 18 | 83°/63° |  |
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## MoCo Brewing Project Opening Aug 21



Veteran of the Week  
Jonathan Seals



LEO of the Week  
Tom Patrick

The MoCo Brewing Project is set to open on Friday, August 21. On Saturday Aug 22nd, Johnboy's BBQ will be on site for food from 8am until 8pm. The grand opening has been months in the making. Morgan County native Emily Roettger Graber (Army Reserve - Major) and husband Matt (Retired Army 1SG) have been working around the clock to get it ready. They will have coffee, craft beer on tap, great branded merchandise, and a great location to hang out with your friends and neighbors. Bring your own chair and food if you like, while enjoying this new establishment that is sure to become a staple in Morgan County. To find out more and get updates be sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram. The address is 513 Court St. Wartburg, TN 37887.

## \$1 Million Awarded to Assist Communities with Tourism Infrastructure Projects

Nashville, TENN. – The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development today jointly announced 17 Tennessee Communities will receive more than \$1 million in the fifth round of Tourism Enhancement Grants. The two agencies partnered to assist counties and cities seeking to improve local tourism assets with a goal to attract more visitors to their areas. In 2018, visitors added \$22 billion to boost Tennessee's economy.

Tourism Enhancement Grants are designed for cities and counties seeking to invest in local tourism infrastructure assets. Eligible projects include stages, signage, enhancement to attractions or venues, park improvements and other resources that target expanding local tourism.

"Tourism is vital to fuel economic development in Tennessee," said Governor Bill Lee. "These grants are especially important this year as we look to rebuild and restore our state's tourism, particularly in Tennessee's rural communities."

Governor Bill Lee's first executive order was to better serve rural communities. These tourism enhancement grants will address tourism needs for 8 at-risk and 6 distressed communities.

"Tennessee has unparalleled outdoor beauty, waterways, fishing, boating and rural destinations rich with history, hidden gems and hospitality," said Commissioner Mark Ezell, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. "Our partnership with TNECD allows us to invest in unique projects that drive tourism and visitation, ultimately bringing more funds back into communities."

"This partnership helps rural communities across the state bring their tremendous tourism assets into the spotlight and

will help boost the state's overall economic prosperity," added Commissioner Bob Rolfe, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

State Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) made the following statement in regards to the announcement that Morgan County and the City of Wartburg have been chosen among the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's Tourism Enhancement Grant recipients.

"There are so many incredible places in Morgan County where local citizens and visitors can enjoy the best Tennessee has to offer," said Senator Yager. "There is a lot of potential to bring in more tourism that will boost our economy and I am very pleased that these funds will help in these efforts. I also congratulate our local officials who were instrumental in securing this grant which I was happy to support."

The City of Wartburg plans to use the funds for wayfinding signage and for improvements to lighting, sidewalks, and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant entrances in the downtown areas. The award amount was \$27,500.

Morgan County will receive \$75,000 and plans to create a recreational vehicle park driving more tourism and visitors to the county.

The Tourism Enhancement Grant program, in its fifth round, is funded through the Rural Economic Opportunity Act, which is designed to improve the economic indicators in rural communities across Tennessee. Each application was supported by the community's senator and representative in the Tennessee General Assembly.

The grants awarded include: ▪ Decatur County ▪ Grundy County ▪ City of Smithville ▪ Morgan County ▪ Fentress County ▪ DeKalb County ▪ City of Lobelville ▪ City of Martin ▪ City of Wartburg ▪ City of Celina ▪ Union County ▪ Town of Cumberland Gap ▪ City of Sweetwater ▪ Anderson County Government ▪ Greene County ▪ Benton County ▪ Hamblen County



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**Robert "Bob" Ashbrook, 60**

Mr. Robert "Bob" Ashbrook, age 60 of Sunbright, passed away Sunday August 9, 2020 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Edna Ashbrook; brothers: Raymond Ashbrook and John Blair; and sisters: Marcia Welter and Penny Lay.

He is survived by his sister, Brenda Hall and Husband Wayne Romer; brother, Tom

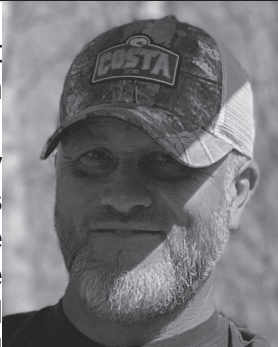
Ashbrook; sister, Karen Clancy; along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The family will receive friends Monday August 10 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg, funeral service to follow with Bro. Doug Morgan officiating. The graveside will follow at the Union Hill cemetery in Sunbright, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bob Ashbrook.

**Ronald J. Ford, 45**

Ronald J. Ford, age 45, passed away August 8, 2020. He was born September 17, 1974. Ronald loved his family and his friends and was a lineman by trade. He also had an incredible artistic ability. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.



He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Floyd and Winnie Ford, Estel and Ethel Jones; uncles, Cecil and Kenny Ford, Carl, Charles, Carlos and Junior Jones.

He is survived by his wife, Kristin Ford; daughters, Maddie and Abby Ford, Candice Wilkerson; son, Jimmy Wilkerson; mother of Maddie and Abby, Amber (Wade) Hamby; granddaughter, Ella Harmon; father, Jim (Elaine) Ford of Kentucky; mother, Vickie (Tom) Swint;

sister, Shasta (Hoot) Long; nephews, Seth and Jordan Long; uncles, Glen Ford; aunts, Wilma Jean (Donnie) Crabtree, Barbara (David) Goodman, Shirley Jones, Chester (Azalee) Jones, special family from Kentucky and Oneida and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Matt Ward officiating. Graveside services will be Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. in the Ford Family Cemetery in Mossy Grove.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ronald J. Ford.

**Kimberly Longmire Bisschop, 52**

Kimberly Longmire Bisschop, age 52, passed away after a short illness on August 12, 2020. Kim passed away peacefully at home with family at her bedside. Kim was a loving wife, daughter, sister and friend. She loved her flowers, was an avid reader, and knew something about everything. Kim will be greatly missed by all. She was a member of Union Baptist Church in Joyner.

She was preceded in death by her father, Donnie Cordell Longmire; brothers, Randall Longmire and Larry Longmire.

She is survived by husband, Gerald Bisschop of Wil-

liamsburg, KY; mother, Louise Longmire of Joyner; sisters and brother-in-laws, Patricia and John Gibson, Sharon and Daniel Jacobsen, Cathy and Melvin Inklebarger, Donna and Marshall Wilson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sheila and David Weston; and sister-in-law, Betty Longmire; step-sons, Michael Bisschop and Joey Bisschop.

Kim's wishes were to be cremated and no services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kimberly Longmire Bisschop.

**Clifford Harold Nelson, 89**

Clifford Harold Nelson, age 89, passed away August 12, 2020 at his home in Lancing, TN. He lost a tough battle with lung cancer after six months. He retired from the Morgan County Road Dept after 36 years.

Clifford is preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Bessie; sister, Wilma Nelson and Lucille Norman.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Wanda. His three sons, Roger (Mary), Randy and Steve; two grandchildren, James Nelson and Mandy (Esau) Hamby; four great-grandchildren, Charlee (TJ) Pat-

erson, Dillon Nelson, Malory Hamby and Lyndsey Nelson; two great-great-grandchildren, Easton and Bristol; brother-in-law, Lee Norman; along with a host of friends and extended family.

Clifford will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. The family is honoring his wishes to be cremated and is planning a celebration of life at a later date.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Clifford Harold Nelson.

**Mary Lillian Davis (Tommy)**

Mary Lillian Davis (Tommy) passed away peacefully Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Life Care Center of Morgan County. Mary was born in Knoxville and resided there till an adult. Then she moved to Oak Ridge and then Powell, TN.

Mary enjoyed watching TV, doing word search puzzles and giving out chewing gum to "all her visitors" that came by her room.

Mary retired from Walgreens. She was very proud to have been one of the three chosen to fly to Atlanta and help open a new store for them.

Mary will always be remembered as the most loving, kind, big hearted person that loved everyone.

Mary is survived by her son, Wesley Allen Thomas and wife, Sharon of Harriman; former daughter-in-law, Kathy Russell and husband, Kevin of Oak Ridge; grandson, Jon Wesley Thomas and wife, Renee of

Florida; granddaughters: Kerri Mount and husband, Ronald of Powell and Sherry Green and husband, Michael of Harriman; great grandchildren: Courtney and Kristen Thomas, Addison, Chloe, and David Ashley, and Gavin and Jacob Green; brothers-in-law: Lowell Thomas and wife, Barbara of Oak Ridge and Hugh Thomas and wife, Nancy of Oak Ridge; sister-in-law, Linda Lobell and husband Phillip of New Orleans; special friends: Johnny Pridemore of Clinton, Jolene Mello, Nolen Headrick, and Caitlin Headrick of Oak Ridge.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, August 18 at 1:00 PM at Oak Ridge Memorial Park. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to St. Jude's in memory of Mary Lillian Davis.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary Lillian Davis.

**Archie Gene (Harry) Williams, 72**

Archie Gene (Harry) Williams, age 72, of Deer Lodge lost his battle with liver and kidney failure at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020. With his wife, children, and grandchildren by his side. He fought hard,



but the battle was not to be won this time. His name was called, and the call was answered.

Archie or "Harry" as he was known was born in Deer Lodge, Tennessee on March 26, 1948. He started work as a timber cutter then to factory work at Kellwood at Sunbright. Then Stelwood at Harriman before working at Osh Kosh B' Gosh in Jamestown. Then on August 1, 1990, buying what became known as Williams Market & Deli. Harry became a valued part of Morgan County as a businessman for 30 years. He loved the store especially being able to chat with the people at the table.

Harry raised his two children, and two grandchildren to be honest, hardworking, to always speak your mind, and to lend a hand to those in need of a favor. There was nothing Harry loved more than being in a hayfield or trading on cows and horses. Harry loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and family, and gave them everything that was in his power to give them.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 52 years, Freda (Hall) Williams; daughter, Regina Williams of Deer Lodge; son, Richard Williams and wife Julie of Lancing; mother, June Stephens of Deer

Lodge; grandchildren, Felicia Williams and Bernard (Peyton) Williams of Deer Lodge; step grandchildren, Katlyn and Kelsey Phillips of Lancing; brothers, Carl Mullins of Winfield, Alex Branstetter of Deer

Lodge; sisters, Brenda Allred of Deer Lodge, Cindy Boles of Deer Lodge, Karen Howard of Deer Lodge and Judy Simmers of Deer Lodge; special cousins, Marion Adams of Deer Lodge with whom he worked side by side, Cherri Barnett of Chesnut Ridge that was like a sister and a caregiver, Bob Williams of Deer Lodge that was like a older brother. And the most loyal and beloved pet Mouchie and a host of nieces, nephews, many cousins who were like brothers and were very dear to his heart and a host of special friends.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Walter Ray Williams; father, Archie Branstetter; grandparents, Sallie and John S. Williams, Lillie and Miller Branstetter, Sr.; stepfather, Hilrey Stephens; stepmothers, Dorothy Branstetter and Wilda Branstetter.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home from 12:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Bryant Padgett officiating. Graveside services will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the Williams Family Cemetery, 1121 Twin Bridge Rd., Deer Lodge, Tn 37726.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Archie Gene "Harry" Williams.

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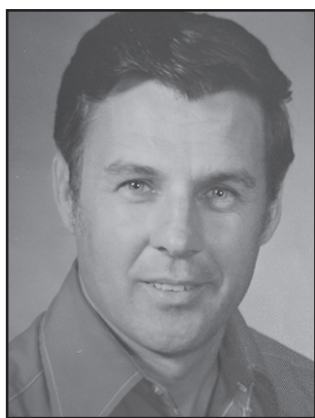
**Rates in Morgan County**

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

**Out of County Rates**

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

## Ole John on the hill he won't care



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

In 1975 I purchased a plot of land in White County, near Sparta, Tennessee. I envisioned building a house there after

Dad had no ideal, of how he was going to do it. I walked up the hill on a side road until I saw a house ahead. I looked back to see the kids enjoying themselves throwing rocks into the creek. I knew they would be okay for a few minutes while I tried to find a phone. I knocked on the door and a middle-aged woman greeted me. I told her that I had broken down at the foot of the hill and I wondered if I could use the phone to call my wife. She said, "why you certainly can. Come on in we are just finishing up our Easter dinner, would you like to join us?"

I answered, "no mam my two kids are down at the car and I don't want to leave them long." I'll just make a call and get help." About that time her husband came into the room. He said he knew a good mechanic in Sparta that may be able to help you. He said he would be glad to call him. I still made the call to my wife in Cookeville which was around 16 miles away. Wanda said she would get Dale Bryant her brother-in-law to come down and get us. The

trouble is he never found us. I guess he drove down every back road in White County. In the meantime, the man

of the house got through to the mechanic in Sparta and he said he would come up and see what he could do. Several of the men folk having dinner there at the nice people's house walked down to the car with me. I told them that we had pur-

chased a plot of land not far from where we had broken down and we planned to build on it when I retired in the future. They were all about as friendly as any folks that I had ever seen. They said, "Ole Frank Adams is about as good of a mechanic as you could find. If it can be fixed, he can do it." As we stood by talking a car drove up and parked across the road. It was Frank, the mechanic. He greeted us when he walked up and said, "she quit on you eh?" I said, "she sure did and we are away from home. I sure hope you

Porter Waggoner boomed where everyone nearby could hear it. I said, "no we have a mechanic coming and he believe he can fix it."

The man said, "well you might need someone to pull you out of the ditch when you get it fixed. We'll just stay here and play you some good music, if you don't care."

Pretty soon Frank the mechanic was back and in no time, he had the part on and the car started right up.

Suddenly I thought this man has come all the way from Sparta, left his Easter dinner table at his mother's house, I wonder if I had enough money to pay him.

I said, "Frank I can't thank you enough for doing this for me, how much do I owe you?" Frank said, "Is \$16.00 too much?"

I said, "no that's low, here's a \$20.00 bill and that shouldn't cover it."

So, end our adventure in White County, Tennessee. I often wonder if Old John on the hill ever knew someone had borrowed a part from one of his cars.

- Post Script -  
Because my wife Wanda, passed away in February 1996 with cancer I didn't build on White County land. I sold it right before she passed away.

I know I would have had some wonderful neighbors who would lend help when I needed it. They were wonderful people that Easter Sunday in 1976.

I wonder, do we have people like this today?



can fix it". Well, "let's take a look as he looked under the hood." He took the distributor cap off and right away he said, "yeah, I see the problem and we are going to need a part and there's nothing open in Sparta."

All the men were gathered around Frank when he showed them what he needed. One of them said, "you know old John Eldridge up on the hill has a lot of ole cars just sitting around, I bet we could find a part that would work".

Another guy said, "ole John wouldn't care we could pay him back later."

Here the men along with Frank headed up the hill while I waited with my two kids. Pretty soon a big log truck pulled up and parked across the road near the creek.

A man stuck his head out the window and asked, "need any help." He spit a big chew of tobacco out as a eight track tape featuring



I retired from my job in Bradenton, Florida. It was a beautiful five acres on a hill overlooking a valley. Every time we came to Cookeville where my wife's mother lived some of us would try to visit the site. It was located back in the county where I found some great people living. I'd like to tell you about some of them.

On Easter Sunday in 1976 two of my children Robin and Scott, loaded up in our old Chrysler station wagon that I had just purchased for a special trip. I would find out later that maybe it wasn't a wise decision on my part because we got almost to my land when the car stopped. Here

I was broken down on Easter Sunday, miles from nowhere in the country of White County where I didn't know anyone at the time. First, I thought I needed to call my wife to see if she could get someone to come down and get us.

I told the kids they could play down by the creek, but not to get in it. Like all youngsters they didn't seem to be at all concerned because they knew good old Dad would figure it out and get us home. The only trouble good old

## MIA'S View From the Mountain:



### Gratitude

Today is your heart grateful? What does it mean to have a grateful heart? I have been pondering that thought this week. I asked myself is my heart grateful?

A Grateful Heart is a loving heart. A heart often becomes grateful because it has experience in being ungrateful. ... A person develops a deeper appreciation for the life he or she has been given, even amidst difficulty.

Whenever you have a grateful heart you can give thanks even in the midst of calamity. Thanks according to Webster's Dictionary means kindly or grateful thoughts, an expression of gratitude. While we may not be grateful for certain events or circumstances that we face, we can certainly find something to be thankful for and major on that and not the negative.

I read an article in the Tallahassee Democrat that listed the following:

Five Characteristics of a Grateful Heart:

1. Having an attitude of gratitude as opposed to a spirit of entitlement
2. Seeing the good and positive in life and focusing on that
3. Tuning out negative thoughts inside your head
4. Celebrating God, life and others
5. Being thankful for the good times, the happy times, and the sad times because we can learn from them all

A couple of weeks ago, I introduced you to my friend Elizabeth Mitchell, who wrote the book "Journey from the Heart", which was the story of losing their son and how grateful they were to have James. And the lessons they learned during that time. Elizabeth wrote the following, and I thought you would enjoy reading since it is about being grateful.

"Leaves Behind" Elizabeth Mitchell

It was hardly surprising how deeply our family felt the loss of the enormous tree that was felled years ago in our front yard. A lightning bolt had severed all strength from this formidable giant. When the leaves first cascaded

down, we presumed our shade tree was just releasing its seasonal avalanche. But this time was different. Its bare arms were left uncloaked for weeks, and when the moon glowed between its naked branches, our friend looked like a horror-movie prop. Finally, mushrooms took up permanent residence on the trunk and sucked the last drops of nutrition from the rotting wood.

During our house hunting days in 1997, this black olive was the welcoming committee that first caught our attention and drew us through the door. Instantly, we felt at home. The following year when our son James returned home after a heart transplant, our family and neighbors lined the street with heart-shaped balloons. For weeks afterward, a bunch of the red balloons remained in the arms of the tree and greeted us each time we returned from another round of checkups.

As James slowly recovered, one of his uncles climbed up and bolted two metal chains to one of the sturdy branches. After that, all five of our children, their cousins, and the neighbors' kids spent time swinging, hanging out, and growing up beneath the overhanging canopy.

The year the hurricane shook us all to bits, my father had recently been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer. Vividly, I recall peering out the window and watching gale-force winds battle against our sturdy tree. Each powerful gust threatened to topple the massive black olive as the root structure reverberated beneath the lawn.

When the wind grabbed hold of the tree and shook it, the lawn looked like a crumpled, green tablecloth. The tree swayed sideways, regained its balance, and stood firm. It refused to be overcome. I pictured my father holding firm, too. His multiple myeloma was creating havoc as it thundered against him. But in this season, it would not topple him over just yet.

We spent many happy days walking past our towering guard. We hardly noticed it except to grumble each time it unleashed bushels of leaves that created hours of chores for the children. Saturday mornings always held a round of irksome raking. The children complained but complied. Our tree was helping build character as they tackled a task they had little use for.

As one day drew to a close in August of 2006, I left our home in the passenger seat of an ambulance. James was sequestered on a gurney in the rear with two paramedics attending him. As we drove away, I glanced

back and waved at our six-year-old daughter Anna. She was sitting on the swing that hung from the black olive, my sister by her side.

James would never return home. We would never be the same.

In the dreadful, early morning light, I stumbled out of bed and limped outside, grief suffocating me. A neighbor walked by. "I'm so sorry for your loss," he said. I nodded, but no words came out as I stood beneath the overreaching arch of our front lawn host.

Later on, a low mound of wood chips remained in its place. The disheveled lawn bore witness to the enormous work involved in removing the hulk from its post. Apparently, when the Lord gives gifts, we foolishly presume they are ours forever.

Not true.

Each season comes framed with his unique and undeserved treasures for us to relish and enjoy. He provides inconsequential moments, earth-shattering events, and ordinary trees to bring us pleasure and remind us of his goodness in the midst of it all. Even now, fourteen years later, we still draw strength from the faithfulness and graciousness of our God who sustains, provides and empowers us to endure and to overcome, in seasons of plenty and seasons of want.

Friends, no matter what your heart journey is for you now, God will not abandon you. Look for Him, he is just a whisper away.

"With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself" (Psalm 89:1b-2)

**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.**

## Historically Speaking Oak Ridge's history illustrates what America can do when we work to- gether

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This Historically Speaking column first appeared as a personal FaceBook post by David Keim on Aug. 5, 2020. It seemed to me a really well written summary of the history surrounding the Manhattan Project and Oak Ridge. I asked my friend, Dave, if I could publish it here for you readers of Historically Speaking and he agreed. Enjoy a brief and concise summary of our history:

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August 6, 2020 marked 75 years since Paul Tibbets piloted the B-29 Enola Gay over Hiroshima, Japan, and dropped the first atomic bomb used in war. Uranium for that bomb came from the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where I worked before moving to Oak Ridge National Lab, which had its own role in the Manhattan Project.

Stories exploring the development of nuclear weapons, their devastating use, and their ongoing existence continued to be published through the 75th anniversary week. Sober reflection and public policy debate are necessary, and I'd encourage you to read and watch stories and commentary of interest to you.

Linked here is the television special aired by Knoxville's NBC affiliate, WBIR-TV, in 2018 to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of Oak Ridge. If you have 20 minutes, it's a great overview of the "Secret City" that evolved from World War II. (Robin Wilhoit interviewed me among many others, including Ray Smith.) In addition, I offer the following primer to explain Oak Ridge's remarkable role in the war:

First, there are three main Manhattan Project sites in Oak Ridge: the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (formerly the X-10 site), and the East Tennessee Technology Park (formerly the K-25 gaseous diffusion plant).

The fact that there are multiple sites within Oak Ridge underscores one of the most interesting aspects of the Manhattan Project: The science and engineering were so new that the U.S. didn't know which process would yield a bomb the quickest, so they built facilities for all the processes in parallel. Y-12 used electromagnetic separation to capture the fissile uranium-235 isotope, K-25 used gaseous diffusion, and a separate plant near K-25, called S-50, used thermal diffusion, although it didn't operate long. ORNL began as a reactor, built on the X-10 site to show how to produce plutonium, another fissile material.

Almost all Oak Ridge's work relating to the bombs that were dropped at the end of World War II centers on the Y-12 National Security Complex, which produced uranium used in Little Boy (Hiroshima).

The K-25 plant (now the East Tennessee Technology Park) assisted with enriching the uranium, too. K-25 was the largest building under one roof when it was constructed and has since been torn down, along with many adjacent buildings, to make land available for new com-

mercial and industrial development. After the war, K-25 and Y-12 were both central to U.S. weapons production throughout the Cold War, K-25 in producing enriched uranium and Y-12 for precision machining of uranium. The X-10 site (now ORNL) did not produce any material used in the bombs dropped on Japan. X-10's role during World War II was to build and operate a nuclear reactor to produce plutonium. While Glenn Seaborg produced plutonium at Berkeley in microgram quantities prior to the Manhattan Project, larger quantities were needed for use in a weapon. The X-10 reactor and adjacent chemical processing facil-



David Keim, Director, Communications Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Photo Submitted)

ity served as a pilot plant to model how large reactors constructed at the Manhattan Project's Hanford, Wash., site would work. Hanford produced the plutonium used in Fat Man, the bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

The X-10 reactor was the world's first continuously operating nuclear reactor. That means that once it "went critical" — began sustaining a nuclear chain reaction — it kept going. It was modeled after the "Chicago pile," which was the first reactor but which was disassembled after it proved that the proper configuration of uranium and a graphite moderator could sustain a reaction.

The Chicago pile was built from graphite blocks and uranium, stacked in a configuration (a pile) that would allow neutrons to penetrate and split other uranium atoms. Workers slowly removed neutron-absorbing control rods to allow the reaction to grow, then dropped them back into the pile when it was time to stop the reaction. It amazes me that physicists theorized that this would all work, and that Enrico Fermi and a few dozen of his colleagues stood around while Fermi's slide rule confirmed that, yep, nuclear fission behaved just like they predicted. The Chicago pile went critical on Dec. 2, 1942, and construction on the X-10 Graphite Reactor at Oak Ridge began two months later, on Feb. 2, 1943. It went critical on Nov. 4, 1943.

Oak Ridge, Hanford, and Los Alamos, N.M., were the three main sites of the Manhattan Project. About 60 percent of the project's funding came to Tennessee. Oak Ridge and Hanford were production sites. Los Alamos was the scientific center and is where the bombs were assembled, using uranium produced at Y-12 and plutonium from Hanford.

After scientists at X-10 confirmed how irradiated uranium and chemical separations could yield plutonium, the site's bomb-related work concluded. Engineers and scientists recognized that they had an extremely powerful scientific tool in the Graphite Reactor, however, and determined to build a national laboratory for the Southeast: Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

They figured out how to use their one-of-a-kind reactor to pioneer nuclear energy (through reactor design and training of physicists and engineers), produce medical isotopes, use neutrons as probes for

materials research, establish health and safety protocols related to radiation, and ultimately follow their discoveries and applications into environmental research, supercomputing, and other fields represented at ORNL today. The lab built a dozen more reactors after the X-10 Graphite Reactor and is working to 3D-print its 14th reactor today.

So Oak Ridge is one part—a pretty big part—of one of the most remarkable stories of modern times, apart from just how unusual it is that the town was created out of nothing by the U.S. government in a matter of months. The bigger picture is that German scientists had discovered nuclear fission as the Nazis rose to power. The scientific community recognized the potential of this discovery, both for the peaceful generation of energy and its deadly use in a weapon. Scientists debated the ramifications and how to proceed, and some—including ORNL's first research director, Eugene Wigner—worked with Albert Einstein to make President Franklin Roosevelt aware of the potential that Nazi Germany would harness this unprecedented power. In the Manhattan Project, the U.S. brought together the scientific community (which was figuring out the nuclear physics of fission), industry (which built the plants and ran them under contract to the government), the military (which seized land for the sites and oversaw their construction and operation), and government (which paid for everything) in response to a true existential threat. Like, if they didn't get this right, they had good reason to believe we wouldn't exist anymore.

Basic science—in this case the behavior of the atom in heavy elements—was translated to both weapons and power generation incredibly quickly. The neutron was discovered in 1932 and nuclear fission at the end of 1938. Think about how rapidly those discoveries changed the world, not only in the terrible fact of nuclear weapons but for medical isotopes that have saved or prolonged countless lives, to create and power our nuclear Navy, as an emission-free source of 20 percent of the nation's electricity, and more.

For American science, after the Manhattan Project, the next big effort was the space race. What fields are in the same position today? Supercomputing? Quantum computing? Superconductivity? Another large-scale carbon-free energy source? A discovery none of us have heard about yet?

Oak Ridge underscores the centrality of research and development to national competitiveness and national security, which are closely related in many instances. It's why I hope Tennesseans are proud of the contributions of Oak Ridge.

If you've read this far and you want more, pick up Richard Rhodes' "The Making of the Atomic Bomb," the definitive history of the Manhattan Project. Thanks for your interest!

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I know you appreciated Dave's synopsis of our history. You should be reminded that in a previous career Dave worked as a reporter and then an editor for the Knoxville News Sentinel before coming first to the Y-12 National Security Complex and now with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Thus, his writing skills and effective communications skills come through in this well written brief history. Thanks, Dave, for composing it and agreeing to share it with Historically Speaking readers.

*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.*

### 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:

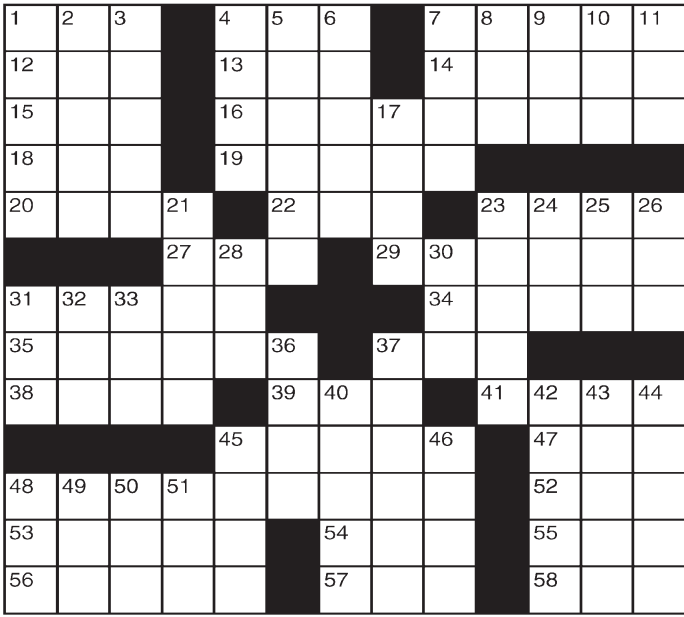
Bret Pallotta, Executive Assistant  
C/O Morgan County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 387  
Wartburg, TN 37887

ated uranium and chemical separations could yield plutonium, the site's bomb-related work concluded. Engineers and scientists recognized that they had an extremely powerful scientific tool in the Graphite Reactor, however, and determined to build a national laboratory for the Southeast: Oak Ridge National Laboratory. They figured out how to use their one-of-a-kind reactor to pioneer nuclear energy (through reactor design and training of physicists and engineers), produce medical isotopes, use neutrons as probes for

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Homer's cry
- 4 Commotion
- 7 Couturier Bill
- 12 — out a living
- 13 America's uncle
- 14 They're usually covered in white
- 15 Auto
- 16 Cartoon canary
- 18 Suitable
- 19 Point of view
- 20 Effervescence
- 22 Squirrel's home
- 23 Mediocre
- 27 Samovar
- 29 Sister of Venus
- 31 Kin of "Abracadabra!"
- 34 Crucifixes
- 35 Sufficient
- 37 "Brady Bunch" girl
- 38 Cash-drawer compartment
- 39 Swelled head
- 41 Marvel Comics group
- 45 Clutch
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- 48 16-Across' pursuer
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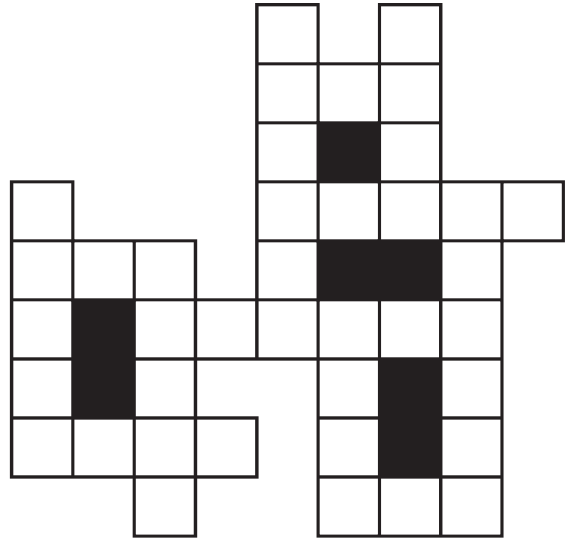
- 55 Consumed
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  - 57 Bashful
  - 58 Neither partner
- DOWN**
- 1 Starbucks selection
  - 2 Giraffe's cousin
  - 3 Avis competitor
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  - 5 Suddenly occur to
  - 6 Last letter
  - 7 Information
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  - 10 Tackle moguls
  - 11 Away from NNW
  - 17 Reindeer kin
  - 21 Boer fighters
  - 23 Cheerful part of NYC?
  - 24 Zodiac feline
  - 25 Moreover
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  - 30 Detergent brand
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  - 32 Individual
  - 36 Towel word
  - 37 Andrew Lloyd Webber title role
  - 40 Microsoft big-wig
  - 42 Where to see "The Last Supper"
  - 43 Poets' Muse
  - 44 More recent
  - 45 Hackman or Wilder
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  - 48 Masseur's workplace
  - 49 Sweet potato
  - 50 Mainlander's memento

# FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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- TANGE
- ♥ ASPN



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

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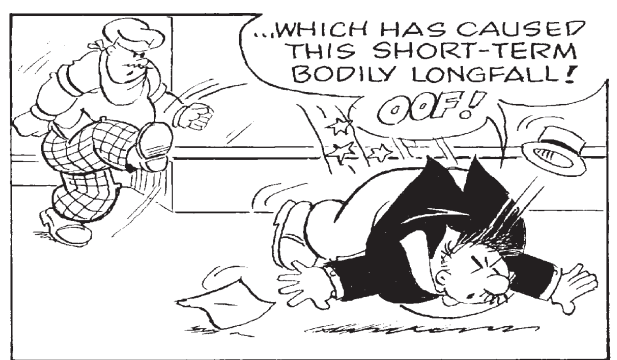
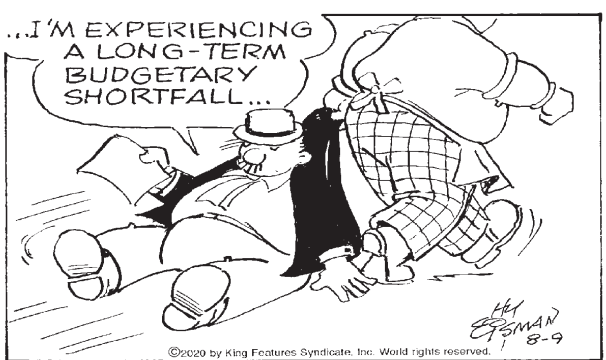
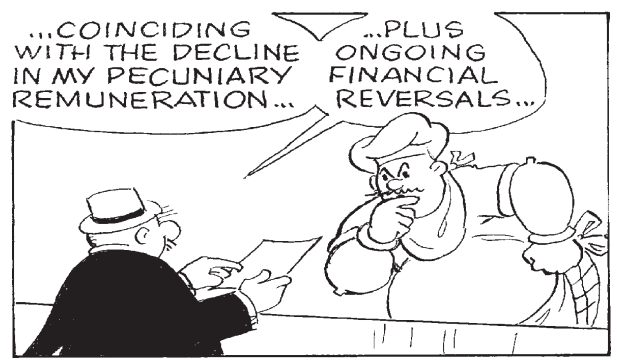
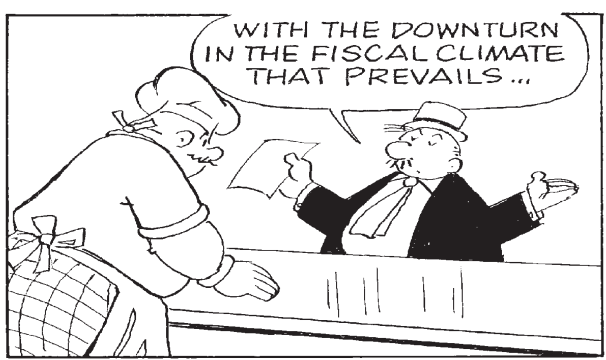
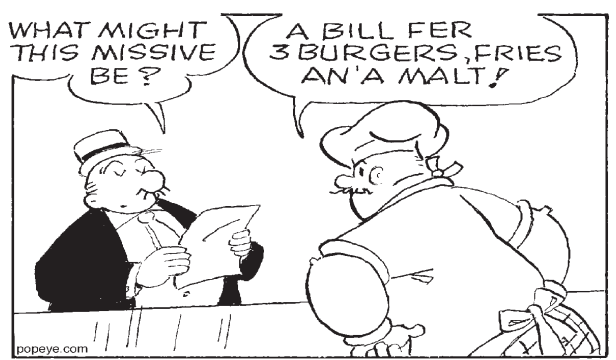
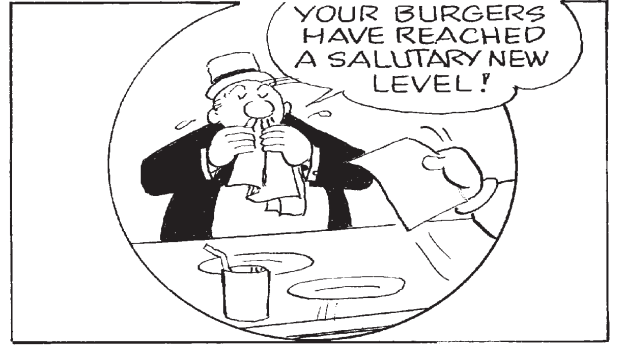
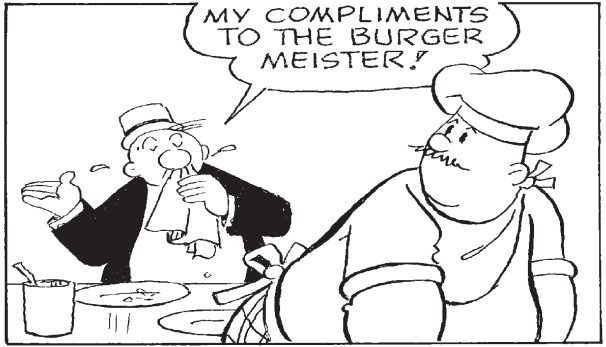
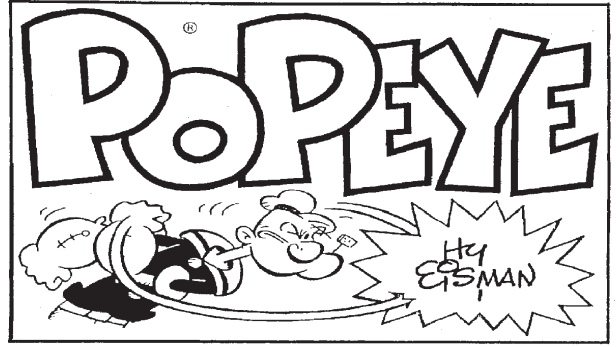
## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆  
 ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!  
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## FEAR & KNIGHT

**answer**

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## Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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## King Crossword Answers

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

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John 3:7

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## First Day

By: MSG. Fred Mize



**MSG Fred Mize** Our three-year-old son Andy started preschool last week. We'll never forget his first day of school. He was sleepy and excited on the life changing morning. As I stood back and watched my loving wife pack his lunch box for the first time a knot formed in my throat. I was very happy for little man because he glowed with excitement as we got him dressed for his big day. Seeing him with his

seemingly oversized backpack on as he walked out the front door made me teary-eyed but the hardest moment of the day was him reaching out to my hand while asking me to sit down beside him as I was making my exit from his classroom. I'll shamelessly admit that I'm a forty-two-year old man, a father of six, a grandfather of three, and a combat veteran for crying out loud but at that moment I almost lost it. It took all the strength I had to hold back the tears. I can't believe how fast the past three, almost four years have flown by. It seems like yesterday we were bringing him

home from the hospital and now he's going to pre-



school. It shouldn't come of our other children have

by any surprise how fast time goes by because most

already left the nest and two of them have already blessed us with grandchildren. Just because it doesn't come as a surprise it still isn't easy knowing that someday, sooner than I'd like, our little man will also be leaving the nest to live his life. Moments like his first day of school make me want to slow life down and soak up every precious moment we have with our children but we can't slow life down no matter how much we desire to. Our lives in this world are short yet we (born again Christians) will live forever in the place the Lord is preparing for us. We know this because Jesus Christ said so in John 14:3 And

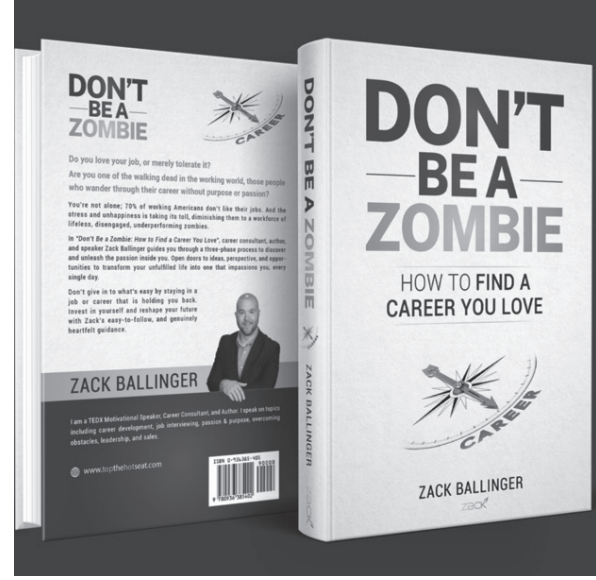
if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. As I type this, I'm humbled to know that Jesus Himself has a father's love for even a sinner like me. He too left this world with thoughts of me and you on His mind, just as I left Andrew in his classroom with love in my heart. We can rejoice in knowing that our lives here on Earth isn't all that there is and Jesus Christ will come again and receive us unto Himself and we will be with Him forevermore... Amen!

## Around The World and Back Again with Zack Ballinger

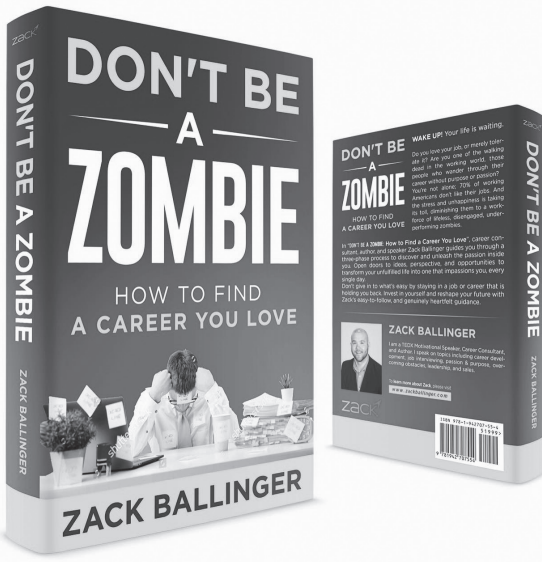
### New Book Voting

I published my first book over 5 years ago. It took me over two years to write, *The Hot Seat: How to Meet the Challenge of a New Era in Job Interviewing*. I spent many hours sorting through designs and hiring the right team for my book launch. 1st time Independent authors very quickly realize writing a book is only half the battle. Most of the work begins before publication and through the launch of the book. After it was over, I said I would never write another book. Through the years, I saw a need in the marketplace and decided to act.

I have an exciting announcement! This Fall I will be launching my new book, *Don't Be a Zombie: How to*



Find a Career You Love!!! I have worked nearly two years on my new manuscript. I want my friends, family, co-workers, and my entire network to help me with a very difficult decision. I also want all my loyal readers to be a part of the process. I need you to vote on which book cover you like the best. You can vote in the poll and I would also appreciate your comments and feedback. The designers have spent long hours and we have



narrowed it down to 6 design concepts.

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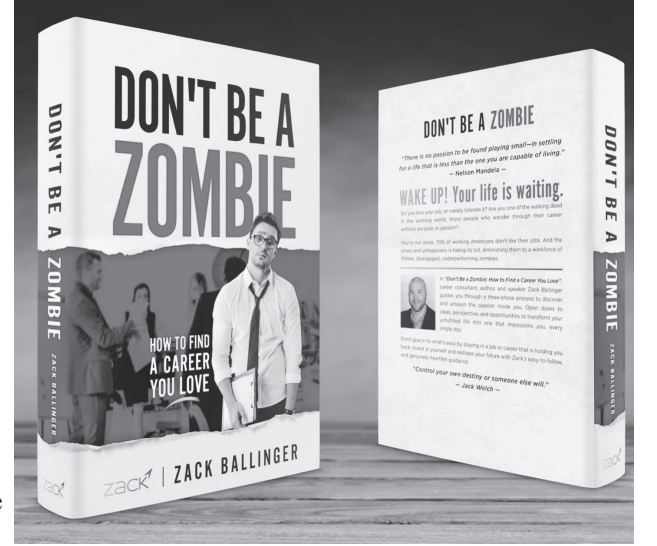
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*Zack graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2001 and from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2004. Since graduation he has become a TedX Motivational Speaker, Author, and Career Consultant. He travels the world giving back and hosting 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](http://www.zackballinger.com) for more of Zack's travels and events.*

### Invitation to Bid

Morgan County Solid waste will be receiving bids to purchase a rubber track mini excavator. This machine must have the following options, Tier 4 engine, 66.9 horsepower, must weigh at least 12,320 pounds, Cab heat air with radio, 15 inch rubber tracks, 6 foot 3 inch Long arm, multi-function hydraulics, 18 inch smooth lip bucket, pin grappler coupler, 36 inch ditching bucket, LCD Touch Screen Monitor, and a Hydraulic Thumb. Must be no older than a 2019 model. Bid opening will be August 27th at 9:00 am at the Morgan County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room. Bids must be turning in by 9:00 am August 27th. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, TN 37887, or delivered to 337 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

### Invitation to Bid

Morgan County Solid Waste will be accepting bids to purchase a landfill trash compactor. This machine must meet the following specifications. The machine must weigh at least 45,292 lbs., must have at least a 216 horsepower engine, and must have no more than 5,700 operating hours. Bid opening will be August 27th at 9:00 am at the Morgan County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room. Bids must be turning in by 9:00 am August 27th. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, TN 37887, or delivered to 337 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg TN 37887. Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

### Invitation to Bid

Morgan County Solid Waste will be receiving bids to purchase a Compact Track Loader. The machine must have the following options, Cab Heat Air, Heavy Duty Tooth Bucket, Standard Aux Hydraulics, Rubber Tracks, Both EH and ISO control patterns, Push Button control pattern change, no DPF, 74 HP, Cooled Exhaust Gas Recirculation. Bid opening will be August 27th at 9 A.M. at the Morgan County Courthouse, in the third floor conference room. Bids must be turned in by 9 A.M. on the 27th. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 250 Wartburg TN. 37887, or delivered to 337 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg TN. 37887. Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

### Invitation to Bid

Morgan County Solid Waste will be receiving bids to purchase a rubber tire backhoe. The machine must have the following options: Cab/ Heat AIR, 4WD, 24" backhoe bucket, standard backhoe with wobble stick controls, 4in I bucket, no more than 1350 hours, foam filled front tires, must be no older than 2012 year model. Bid opening will be August 27th at 9 A.M. at the Morgan County courthouse, third floor conference room. Bids must be turned in by 9 A.M. on the 27th. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 250 Wartburg, TN. 37887, or delivered to 337 Flat Fork Rd. Wartburg, TN. 37887. Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

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



Around this time of year, many get excited about the upcoming Pine Orchard Fair. The good news is..... the tradition will continue but will look different this year with Covid precautions being in play. The 82nd Pine Orchard Fair will be held Saturday, September 12. There will not be turkey and ham meals and the dining area will be closed. Concession style food and BBQ dinner plates (sandwich and sides) will be sold. There will be exhibits and vendors as usual.

Susan Brewer recently flew to Menlo Park, California to visit her son Tom Collins, his wife Missy and her grandchildren Anna and Noah. While there, she had a lesson in paddle boarding, visited some outdoor areas, went to the beach and picked strawberries. They had to wear a mask anytime they were outside except for when they were on paddle boards. All activities required a reservation. Even with restrictions, they had a wonderful time. Susan is grateful for safe travels and memories made with her family.

Joe and Valerie Lake had a short visit with us a couple of weekends ago. Joe was traveling to KY to pick up Maura who has been visiting her KY relatives and they came here first. Kyle, Kayla, Clara and Hattie joined us for supper with most everything coming from Bunt's garden. Later, Tabitha, Kinley and Sophia Hamby came for a visit. We made homemade ice cream. There was lots of laughter. Joe went to KY on Saturday and Valerie spent a day picking, breaking and canning beans. She and Bunt worked

in my flower beds. On Sunday, Joe and Maura picked her up. She went home with apples, tomatoes and okra to put up. It was a short and very busy visit but we loved having them.

Shaylyn Melhorn will soon return to Martin, TN where she will begin her Junior year at UT Martin. Uncle Paul, Aunt Bubba, Joseph, Anna, and Knox miss you already. Good Luck!

Happy Birthday to Landry Smith who turned 11 on August 14. Landry is the daughter of Stanley and Bridget Smith.

Three ladies who don't live in Oakdale but have family and friends in Oakdale celebrated their birthdays on August 14. They are Sheila Oran, Lori Brock and Miranda Jones Hawes. Hope each of you ladies had a great day.

Happy Birthday to Serena Peters and Katrina Poland who celebrated their birthdays on August 15.

On August 16, Karen Helton McDonald, Tammy Johnson Smith, Lachelle Palmer, Lacy McGill and Veda Angel Jarnagin celebrated their birthdays.

Yesterday, August 17 was Kathy Rivers and Jodie Headrick's birthday.

Happy Birthday to Julie Comer and Barbara Briggs who are celebrating their birthdays today, August 18.

Karen Eble Owens will celebrate her birthday tomorrow, August 19.

This week, several Ellis Bingham Road neighbors have a birthday. My birthday is today, Rolland Headrick and Molly Bingham will have a birthday on August 21 and Wade Bingham will cele-

brate his birthday on August 23.

Audrey Rogers will celebrate her birthday August 20.

Loraine Hacker got to meet her newest great, great grandson last week. She was visited by 2 week old Miles Bullard, son of Jonathan and Mikaela Bullard.

Boswell Chapel held a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, August 8. Their theme was taken from Micah 7:19.....and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Attendance was 47. They did lessons and crafts in the morning. The afternoon included pizza, a bounce house and a water balloon war.

Robert Lawson, Lenny and Linda Lawson and Linda's dad from Texas recently visited with family and friends in the Oakdale area.

Mary Claire Piller, daughter of Chip and Debby Piller of Oakdale, Tennessee received an invitation to attend a horse show in Wayne, Illinois at the FEI Festival of Champions in the Junior Dressage Division. She is currently ranked 16th in the nation. Her family is beyond excited and proud!

Condolences to Mrs. Vickie Swint and her family due to the passing of her son, Ronald Ford. Mrs. Vickie is the Oakdale School Nurse and is loved by everyone. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Randy Cook who passed away Wednesday, August 12. Randy was the son of Robert and Rosie Cook. He is survived by his brothers Frank (Ronda), Earl (Mary) and Buford (Pam) Cook and his sisters Mary Clark, Margie Clark, Sandy (Jr.) Helton, Glenda (David) Condron and Jeannie (Jeffrey) Wittibslager, many nieces and nephews and other family members. Services were held Saturday,

August 15. Interment was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

I want to share a couple of back to school funnies that friends shared with me. Julie Duncan told me her granddaughter, Jordan, came home and announced that her best friend wouldn't be at school because she is "Doing Remote Control." Hilarious!

Haleigh Shadden said she was in the car rider line with her sons Braden and Bryson at Central Elementary on the first day of school. Ms. Hannah Lively approached their car to do a temperature check. Braden yelled "We have the Rona in here!" Mom was embarrassed and Ms. Hannah knows the boys well and knew it was an attempt at avoiding school. Nice try boys!

It is natural for children to play school. After her first day of Kindergarten, Clara came home and announced she is a "Virtual Teacher." She then explained to me how virtual school works.

When I began writing this column, I mentioned that I would try to end with a quote or words of wisdom as Mrs. Bo Miles always did with her Pine Orchard News Column. Sometimes I immediately know what I want to share and other times, I really struggle with a choice. Our ancestors dealt with difficult times including war and disease but up until a few months ago, most of us were enjoying a life of freedom with few restrictions. A year ago, I could have never imagined life to be like what we are currently experiencing. Based on our current situation, I chose the following quote. Let's all make life the best it can be. Have a great week.

*"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out."*  
--John Wooden

## Hebrews Chapter 10b

Hebrews 10:26-31 returning to willful sin: it is clear from what follows that some Christians had fallen under the influence of the Judaizing false teachers. These were teaching that Jesus was not the true Messiah and thus these disciples were to abandon the Christian system. They might return to their former ways of willful sin, awaiting the genuine Messiah, who would remedy their sin problem with actual forgiveness. This was rank heresy. The consequences of such would be dreadful. The potential scenario is as follows.

If a Christian turns away from the Lord and reenters a life of unrestrained, willful sin (the force of the participle), expecting a new sacrifice of sin, he will be miserably disappointed. There is no other (v. 26)! What does await him is a certain and fearful expectation of final judgment. Such will resemble a fierce fire that will devour the Lord's adversaries (v. 27). The following contrast will illustrate the gravity of such.

Under Moses' law, the violator of a capital crime was executed without compassion when legally convicted by witness testimony (v. 28). The gravity of Christian apostasy would be much greater. Under the administration of a new and better covenant, the punishment will be much more severe because the apostate has stomped on the Son of God, has treated the Lord's blood by which he was consecrated as if it were just ordinary blood, and has insulted the Holy Spirit by whom the plan of grace was revealed (v. 29).

Calvinists commonly contend that these descriptives do not refer to a genuine child of God; rather, supposedly they allude to the unbeliever. This is far from the truth. These condemned had received the knowledge of the truth (v. 26) had been sanctified by the Savior's blood (v. 29), and had insulted the Holy Spirit who brought them God's offering of grace (v. 29).

Accordingly, at the appropriate time, divine vengeance would repay defectors for their evil. In other words, the Lord will judge his people (v. 30). Could it be plainer that the text speaks of apostates from the faith? It is a fearful thing to fall into the judging hands of the living God (v. 31).

Hebrews 10:32-39 treasure the better possession: the writer urges these wavering brothers to recall their earlier days in the faith. They had been enlightened by the gospel

and were strong, able to endure conflicts with error that brought them sufferings. They had been recipients of insults and violence, at times individually, on other occasions collectively. They were commended for nurturing those in prison, and they rejoiced when persecuted by the confiscation of their possessions, in view of the better and abiding possession in Christ (v. 34).

They were urged not to throw away their confident courage which was destined to pay rich dividends. He honestly admonishes them with the reality that they need more patience, which would serve them in obeying the will of God and, ultimately, receiving the promise of life eternal (v. 35-36). To support his admonition he quotes from the prophet Habakkuk which gives the text a messianic application (v. 37-38). In a little while (relatively speaking, compared to eternity), "he that is coming shall come and (at that time) will not delay." The Holy Spirit's application of the Old Testament text to a New Testament situation is perfectly consistent with his use of his own earlier message. No modern scholar has the right to ask, "What doest thou?" See the author's book, The Bible on Trial.

Those who live by faith do not shrink back, will please the Lord; those who do shrink back will be subjected to perdition (eternal punishment). The possibility of apostasy from the faith could not be clearer! Abiding faith will result in the saving of the soul (v. 39).

They were given signs in regard to the day of the temple's destructions. (Hebrews 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.")

(Matthew 24:32-35) The lesson of the fig tree (Mk. 13:28; Lk. 21:29-33): Christ illustrates a spiritual reality by a phenomenon in nature. When the fig tree puts forth leaves, it becomes apparent that summer is near. Even so, when preceding prophetic details are identified, it will be evident that the Lord's coming (in judgment upon the nation) is at hand (v. 32-33). Truly, this generation would not pass away until all these were accomplished, the fall of Jerusalem and the Hebrew nation (v. 34). This is the key to unlocking the meaning of this chapter, and it is proof positive that the preceding passages do not refer to the second coming of Christ. Answering the error@GBNTV.ORG BIBLETALK.TV Mike Mazzalongo video.vvbs.org FortifyYourFaith.org



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### Maggie "Fay" Griffin, 89

Maggie "Fay" Griffin, age 89, passed away on August 9, 2020. She was born October 24, 1930. She was a loving mother to her family and many others who were greatly touched by her love.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James Louis Griffin.

She is survived by her 4 children, Sharon Graves Jones (Jimmy), Deborah Wills (Jerry), Joe Griffin (Jody) and Jim Griffin; sister, Mable Winkler; 9 grandchildren, 6 great grand-

children; 1 great great grandchild and a host of other special people whom she loved.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at the Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Jerry Robbins officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunbright Cemetery in Sunbright.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Maggie Fay Griffin.

### Ella Mae Olmstead, 89

Ella Mae Olmstead, age 89, of Deer Lodge passed away on August 9, 2020. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a member of Deer Lodge First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by husband, Clayton R. Olmstead; parents Guy and Laura Stringfield; sisters, Wilma Coffey of Rockwood, Winford (Toots) Reynolds of Sunbright, Mary Fay Stancil of Pilot Mountain, Agnes Caddell of Wartburg; brothers, Millard Stringfield of Pilot Mountain, and Lloyd Stringfield of Sunbright.

She is survived by her sons, Tom Olmstead and wife Kay of Deer Lodge, Wayne Olmstead and wife Barbara of Deer Lodge; grandchildren, Tommy Olmstead and wife Casey of Deer Lodge, Matt Olmstead and wife Jessica

of Oliver Springs, Allison Shepard and husband Kyle of Knoxville, Ashley Townsend and husband Ben of Chapel Hill, Amelia Tyler and husband Caleb of State College, PA; great-grandchildren, Rylee Olmstead of Deer Lodge, Clark Olmstead of Deer Lodge, and Hunter Olmstead of Oliver Springs.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. Family invites friends to come by and sign register book. The family will be having a private graveside service.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ella Mae Olmstead.

#### Morgan County Today Community Calendar

DEER LODGE ABNER ROSS COMMUNITY CENTER BENEFIT BAR-B-QUE AND FLEA MARKET The Deer Lodge Abner Ross Memorial Center will have a benefit Bar-B-Que dinner and Flea Market on Saturday September 5th from 8am to 5pm. Proceeds from the benefit will help with the refurbishment of the gym and new gym floor. The estimate for the repair is \$15,000.00. Uncle Matt will serve his award winning Bar-B-Que dinner for \$7.50. The dinner will consist of a Bar-B-Que sandwich, baked beans, potato salad, choice of chips, and a drink. There will be limited dining in the gym, curb service, and delivery available. Call 423-965-5000 to order. The parking lot and area around the gazebo will be available for vendors. Flea Market spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis. Cost of the space is a \$5.00 donation to the Abner Ross Center. Come out and help with this worthwhile project to help the Deer Lodge community.





## Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Staff Sergeant (SSG) Jonathan Seals as this week's veteran of the week. SSG Seals was inspired to enlist into the military due to having a family history of military and college.

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service for the benefits. decided serving Ten-Army al Guard best fit due to ing a enlist-bonus cause his Sergeant Class Seals recruiter!

SSG Seals' military career began on January 31, 2002 when he enlisted as a light wheeled vehicle mechanic as a member of the HOW BTRY 2/278TH

ACR. In 2004-2005 he served in Operation Iraqi Freedom III with the 278TH Regimental Combat Team.

From April 2011 - April 2012, he served his second combat tour of duty, this time as a Combat Engineer with the 190TH EN CO in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Throughout his tour of duty in Afghanistan his assigned mission was convoy route clearance meaning that his company searched for and detonated improvised explosive devices (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.

From September 2018 - May 2019, he served in Poland as the acting First Sergeant for the 190TH EN CO, responsible for 68 soldiers. He did an exceptional job fulfilling this much needed leadership

role and was awarded a United States Army Achievement Medal for his actions.

In February 2020 he was selected to become a Recruiting and Retention NCO for the Tennessee Army National Guard. He's done exceptionally well thus far in his new military assignment and he's thankful to serve in recruiting, as his father did.

SSG Seals Morgan County Today can't thank you enough for your service and sacrifices you've made for our grateful nation. We pray you continue to have a flourishing military career.



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Cindi Jones, Morgan County Trustee

Morgan County Today is pleased to recognize Tom Patrick as this week's Law Enforcement Officer of the Week. Tom has worked for the Morgan County Residential Recovery Court for the past seven years and now serves as the Morgan County Community Service Supervisor. Through his good stewardship while serving in this role he has helped save Morgan County over \$1,952,720.00 for the municipalities and nonprofit organizations throughout Morgan County. This is especially important for Morgan County

due to the county is one of fifteen distressed counties in the state of Tennessee. Prior to serving in this position he served our state in the Department of Corrections for sixteen



years as a Correctional Officer. Not only has Tom proven to be a true professional but he is a loving and devoted Christian, husband, father, and grandfather. Morgan County should be thankful for people

like Tom Patrick for having such a strong desire to serve our community in such a manner that the people themselves are his highest priority. Tom, we thank you for caring for the citizens of Morgan County as you have for so many years. Our county is a better place to live because of its citizens like you.

## Advantages of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act



David Zubler

The Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act (PPFPA) provides additional aid for businesses which will help them overcome financial problems caused by the pandemic. It amends the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and provides better benefits. The Act allows borrowers more freedom in how and when loan funds are spent while retaining the possibility of full forgiveness. Borrowers now have 24 weeks to spend loan proceeds instead of 8 weeks. Previously under the PPP rules, borrowers had eight weeks from the time they received the first loan installment to spend the funds. The Act lets them extend that period to 24 weeks, but not beyond Dec. 31, 2020. Borrowers still have the option to keep the original eight-week spending period if they already had their loan before the PPP Flexibility Act. The Act also reduces mandatory payroll

spending from 75% to 60%. The original PPP loan rules required that 75% of any forgiven amount had to be spent on payroll costs. The Flexibility Act reduces required payroll expenditures to 60% of the loan amount with up to 40% of the loan amount used for mortgage interest, rent, or utility payments to obtain full loan forgiveness of that amount. Additionally, part of the loan can be forgiven if the borrower maintains the same 60/40 ratio for the amount forgiven. This change resulted from many business complaints that their payroll costs went down as employees were laid off but fixed costs like rent did not. The time allowed to pay off the loan has been extended to five years. The PPP had required the pay off to be made in two years. The Act allows businesses to delay paying payroll taxes even if they took a PPP loan. Borrowers can now use the new 24-week period to restore their workforce to pre-COVID-19 levels in order to obtain full forgiveness. The new deadline to achieve this is Dec. 31 instead of the previous deadline of June 30.

If you are sole proprietor and have no employees, the new 24-week rule allows you to achieve 100 percent forgiveness when you pay yourself the total loan amount within 10.8 weeks of the date you received your loan proceeds. By simply spending the loan proceeds on yourself during the first 10.8 weeks, you achieve total forgiveness. With the 10.8 week program you don't have to spend money on rent, utilities, or interest. You can simply write checks to yourself from your business checking account to qualify.

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### Public Meetings:

Litter Committee Meeting Tuesday August 18th @ 5:30 pm  
Budget Committee Meeting Monday September 14th @ 6:00pm  
Commission Meeting Monday September 14th at 7:00pm  
Tourism Meeting Tuesday September 15th at 6:00pm

### American Legion Post 149

August 20, 2020  
Post 149 will be having their monthly legion meeting starting promptly at 7:00 pm. They will also be celebrating the 230th birthday of the United States Coast Guard by enjoying cake in their honor.

## ITCHY FEET – GREAT LAKES

In 2015 our road trip was centred around the Great Lakes, and what better place to start than at the northern tip of Lake Erie, on the Niagara River. I remember learning about the lakes early on in my school days and using H.O.M.E.S. to remember all the names, so I was excited with the prospect of actually visiting them.

It was a dull, rainy day but the beauty of the Falls was there in all its splendor. The power behind all that water, the spray rising from the bottom as the water drops down. It was all there, just as I had seen it in the 1953 thriller movie ‘Niagara’, starring Joseph Cotton and Marilyn Monroe. From the US side of the falls you get a clear view of Canada, with its version of the Millennium Wheel and I longed to cross over, but we didn’t have the extra documents required since 9/11. The gift shop sold disposable rain coats as well as the regular tourist gifts of mugs, license plates and book markers. We watched the boats edge closer to the three falls that separate the US and Canada, saw tourists climb down the wooden walkway, made famous in the movie and looked over the whole scene from the Observation Tower. The Niagara Falls State park boasts an aquarium that houses penguins, seals and sea lions. I could have watched the water falls with its un-ending stream of visitors, all day long, but it was time to go. As we left the falls, I turned for one last look. The rain had stopped and the sun came out, creating a beautiful rainbow in the mist.

Our final stop on the Lakes was Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island, in Michigan. Our Hotel overlooked the water where a late night walk along the soft sandy beach, looking over the calm waters of Lake Huron, is a nice way to relax and unwind after a long day of driving. Breakfast on the beach is also a wonderful way to start the day. The best way for us to see the city was by tram, which took us through the old city, with its old world buildings, and stopping at some of the landmarks. One stop was at the Fort Michilimackinaw State Park. The old fort was well preserved, if somewhat on the small side. We also saw the Old Mackinaw Point Lighthouse which was active up until 1959, and is now restored and worth the time to visit. Another day well spent was on Mackinac Island. A quaint place with horse drawn carriages, no motor cars allowed, and fudge to die for. The sight of the Mackinaw Bridge from the boat taking us back to the mainland, was amazing. It doesn’t look five miles long, as advertised, and driving across it seemed to confirm my thoughts. However, after some research I found out I was right. The Mackinaw Bridge is twenty eight feet short of five miles.

Another month spent travelling this amazing country and meeting wonderful people.



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