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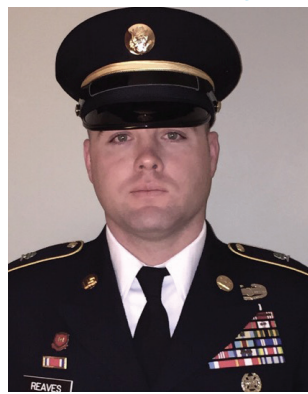
MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 04	82°/63°	
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Thu 06	84°/64°	
Fri 07	88°/67°	
Sat 08	88°/68°	
Sun 09	88°/68°	
Mon 10	89°/68°	

Gobey Man Found After Search



On July 30th, Mr. William “Bill” Whitten, approximately 85 years old, left his house to go to his mailbox. He did not return home. Authorities were notified that he was missing and a search was initiated. Several agencies were involved in the search and after several days Mr. Whitten was found not too far from his home on Saturday. He was flown by Lifestar to UT Medical Center for evaluation and treatment. “He’s being transported to UT by LIFESTAR,” Potter said. “He’s got some injuries, some bruising, but there’s no way to tell if there are any broken bones or anything like that. He’s been out in this weather for the last 41, 42 hours so they’re concerned about hypothermia. He’s 85 years old so there’s a lot of medical concerns that they had. The Morgan County Rescue Squad, Morgan County Sheriff’s Office, Morgan County Correctional Complex dog team, Tennessee Highway Patrol, area volunteer fire departments, and other East TN agencies assisted in the search. “I can’t say enough about everything that Neil Noe and the rescue squad, and the volunteer fire departments over the last two days, the last 41 hours,” Potter said. “They’ve just worked endlessly through rain, wind and they did a heck of a job. I just can say enough about them... I’d say this morning when daybreak hit I’m going to say there were 200 people there searching. It was simply amazing.”



Veteran of the Week
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Senator Ken Yager Receives Perfect Score for Voting Record on Small Business Issues

(NASHVILLE) – State Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) has received a perfect score from the National Federation of Small Business (NFIB) for his voting record on issues affecting small businesses. NFIB scored members of the 111th General Assembly on important bills that were considered during the 2019-2020 legislative sessions. The voting record was recently released to members of the organization and the public.

“Small businesses are Tennessee’s true job creators and remain vital economic engines, especially in small and rural communities like those I represent in Senate District 12,” said Senator Yager. “I am always inspired by visiting these businesses and appreciate NFIB for their work in

helping these businesses promote job growth in our state. Many of our small businesses have been hit hard by the pandemic and we must continue to make them a priority in our economic recovery efforts so they can thrive, grow and prosper.”

Senator Yager’s flawless NFIB Voting Record in 2019-2020 demonstrated a dedicated commitment to protecting small businesses in his district,” NFIB Tennessee State Director Jim Brown said. “He unquestionably is a true friend of small business and is helping Tennessee entrepreneurs survive, grow and thrive.”

Senator Yager is also a past recipient of NFIB’s Guardian of Small Business award, the most prestigious honor that NFIB bestows on legislators in recognition of their efforts to support small business.



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MIA'S View From the Mountain:

Journey For The Heart

I may not be rich and famous by the worlds standards but I am rich in abundance with family, friends and the people I have had the opportunity throughout my life time to meet. The wonderful part was having the time to sit and hear their stories, their lives and their testimonies. Please allow me to introduce you to an amazing woman Elizabeth A. Mitchell. I first met Elizabeth through her husband Bill Mitchell a pastor of a Church in Boca Raton Florida. Then I had the opportunity to hear Elizabeth's testimony at a women's gathering. For the past 20 + years, Elizabeth Mitchell has used her life experiences as a mother of a cardiac kid and a home school parent of five to encourage others that God is completely trustworthy right in the middle of overwhelming circumstances. Along with her husband Bill and their children, Elizabeth lives in Boca Raton Florida where she leads Bible studies and continues to learn the lessons God unfolds.

On March 23, 1993, baby James Mitchell was born a healthy 9 and half pounds. But, within hours, Elizabeth and Bill were informed that James was born with a malfunctioning heart. The issues were many and very critical. Immediately, the family and hundreds and if not thousands of friends and acquaintances began to pray. For thirteen years their lives were filled with many God size emergencies, several open heart surgeries, a heart transplant and many more trials. James' fleshly heart was physically unhealthy but oh what an amazing heart of love, compassion and mercy was the heart that God gave James. James was five when he received his first heart transplant. What was tragic for one family that day in 1998 was a blessing to another. James lived his life full of love for life, family, friends and strangers. James kept a journal from a very young age. Elizabeth has given me permission to share some of James' journal entries and excerpts from her book about about James' journey.

"I will try to always trust in the Lord, I will never be afraid or terrified because I know the Lord will never leave me." March 4, 2005

"God wants us to listen to what he says and listen to his words." September 17, 2004

"If we are truthful we will save lives and be a blessing to others." February 23, 2005

"God doesn't want us to be grumpy when we have a trial. He want us to have faith and joy in every trial." February 23, 2006.

August 2006, James left this world to spend eternity with the Father. The following is an excerpt written by Elizabeth Mitchell in the final chapter of her book "Journey for the Heart", hope when life's unfair.

If given a choice, I would have chosen to finish James' story differently. Somehow, with my finite capabilities, I would have scripted him a spectacular leading role, center stage, triumphant and victorious, despite the odds stacked against him. He would have made a brilliant heart surgeon. That was his plan, to help other children as he had been helped. Sounded like a lovely plan to me.

But I bow my will to the perfect will of God. I need not understand or comprehend his choices but I stand fully convinced that I serve a God completely trustworthy. He owes me no explanation. He sent me on a journey for the heart and provided himself as my constant companion through thirteen years of James' life and two strenuous years of mourning his death. The journey never failed to be extraordinary. With every step our amazing God travels by my side. He has no plans to abandon me now.

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.

Elizabeth's book "Journey for the Heart" is available for purchase through Amazon, or through Elite Publishing House. All proceeds go to the James Mitchell Memorial Fund for the benefit of children's ministries worldwide.

"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.

ELECTION NOTICE

is hereby given, FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY, COUNTY GENERAL ELECTIONS will be held in all precincts of Morgan County, TN., plus WARTBURG MUNICIPAL ELECTION on Thursday August 6, 2020. All voting precincts in Morgan County will be open between the hours of 9am and 8pm. Below are names and address of each precinct polling place, absentee counting board, and provisional counting board.

Precinct	Location
1-1 Coalfield	Coalfield Senior Citizens Bldg.- 1600 Coal Hill Rd., Harriman, TN 37748
2-1 Oakdale High	Oakdale High School- 225 Clifty St., Oakdale, TN 37829
2-2 Oakdale	Oakdale Town Hall- 204 Queen St.- Oakdale, TN 37829
3-1 Wartburg	Wartburg Civic Center- 1000 Howard St., Wartburg, TN 37887
4-1 Lancing	Faith Missionary Baptist Church- 109 Pemberton St., Lancing, TN 37770
4-2 Deer Lodge	Abner-Ross Center- 110 Corine Ave., Deer Lodge, TN 37726
4-3 Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge Fire Dept.- 4744 Nashville Hwy., Deer Lodge, TN 37726
5-1 Sunbright	Sunbright City Hall- 120 Melton Dr., Sunbright, TN 37872
5-2 Burrville	Faith in Grace Gospel Mission- 388 Peters Ford Rd., Sunbright, TN 37872
6-1 Kellys	Union Baptist Church- 3615 Knoxville Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887
6-2 Petros	Petros Seniors Bldg.- 1007 Back Petros Rd., Oliver Springs, TN 37840
6-3 Mossy Grove	Fellowship Baptist Church- 1822 Morgan County Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887
Absentee Counting Board	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting August 6, 2020 at 4pm)
Provisional Counting Board	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting August 11, 2020 at 1pm)
Certify Election Results	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting August 18, 2020 at 1pm)

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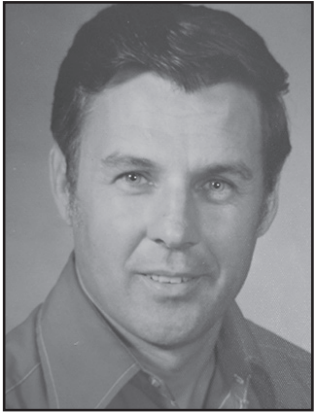
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A Dark Day Remembered



Tom Redmon
Columnist

Where were you on Friday, November 22, 1963 at 12:03 pm? Most of us who were living at that time will never forget that

day.

I was teaching school at Central Elementary and working part time for the Morgan County News. Our principal, Stone Hennessee had let me go to Lancing School for a couple of hours to play a show for the March of Dimes. I was in a little country band featuring Charles Bonham, Leonard Coffee, Nathan Brasel and myself. That night we were slated to play at the Deer Lodge School, but we had just performed one song when Ray Cross came up on the stage and announced that President Kennedy had been assassinated. He pulled a T.V. out, tuned it on and that was the end of our show. The Deer Lodge program was also called off.

When I returned to school all the students were out on the playground saluting our flag which was led by Mr. Harry Fritts. He also led us in a few patriotic songs such as American the Beautiful and My Country Tis of Thee. It was a somber moment.

For days the country was in mourning. An investigation started immediately and a rifle was discovered in the Texas School Book Depository overlooking the underpass where the president was

shot. Within the hour the Dallas Police had arrested a twenty-four-year-old man following the fatal shooting of a Dallas Policeman. He name was Lee Harvey Oswald from Fort Worth.

Two shots had hit President Kennedy and the third shot had hit Governor John Connally. Connally's condition was not considered critical.

In 1956 Mrs. Jeane Dixon, a Washington housewife predicted that the president that would be elected in 1960 would be a democrat and that he would be assassinated while in office. She actually used a crystal ball in her forecast.

Evangelist Billy Graham tried to warn the president. He urged him not to go to Dallas. Rev. Graham said that Texas Governor, John Connally came to his hotel room in Houston two weeks ago and said, "he was troubled and concerned" about the forth coming trip of the president to Texas.

"Last week", Rev. Graham said, "I had such a strong premonition that the president should not go to Texas, that I tried unsuccessfully to reach him through Senator George Smothers (D. FL). The Senator said the president would get back with him later. But he

never did so Rev. Graham said he dropped the idea.

Louise Redmon was in the Navy at this time and stationed at Patuxent River Naval Station Maryland. He said that he hadn't been out of Basic Training long when the assassination took place. They came to the base and chose fifty sailors to be in the funeral. Louis was one of them. He was one Wartburg boy who got to witness the long ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Meanwhile about everything in the nation was closed down the weekend of November 22-25 and all T.V. stations cancelled all regular programing and

concentrated on the death of our president. On Sunday, November 24 the nation was shocked for the second time. As the Dallas Police were moving Lee Harvey Oswald from



the city jail to the county jail Jack Ruby shot him to death as over 75 million viewers watched T.V. Oswald had not confessed to the killing of President Kennedy or Officer Tippitt.

Now let's take a look at how Morgan Countians respond-

ed in paying tribute to President Kennedy. Several churches in the county held memorial services. Among them were the First Baptist and Lutheran in Wartburg, the Methodist in Oakdale, and the Baptist in Pilot Mountain. The Sunbright First Baptist and Sunbright Methodist held a join service in the afternoon in which members of the Sunbright Boy Scout Troop participated.

Schools were closed on Monday as were county, state, and federal offices. Banks were not open and several places of business closed at noon and did not reopen until after the funeral service.

Like I said I was teaching at central Elementary at the time and was working for the Morgan County News part time as a photography reporter. Charles (Buster) Kris told me to go out around town and take pictures of the many business places showing tribute to the late President. He used the one of the black draped windows at Bardill's Plumbing and Appliance in Wartburg.

All of us who were living on November 22, 1963 will never forget that horrible day. As you know John's brother Robert Kennedy would die at the hands of an assassin's bullet in 1967, and Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated in the same decade. The 60's were a time of big trouble in our country and the civil strife and the Vietnam Wad didn't make it any better.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 Graduate! & WELCOME to new School Resource Officer!

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 was Katie Davis' final program day at Morgan County Visitor Center.



School Resource Officer Mike McCullough, WPD pictured with 2020 Graduate Katie Davis

Katie is a 2020 Graduate of Central High and a Youth Can Participant who chose to spend her

160 hour first time job experience working with the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce as Receptionist for our Morgan County Visitor Center. Big thanks to Brenda Melton of MCHRA for sending Katie our way!

During this COVID health crisis, our wonderful Volunteer helpers have needed to social distance at home in order to stay healthy which has made it the perfect time for Katie to join the daily routine of greeting our guests for a couple of months. Katie has been a great encouragement to me here helping to hold the Center open for guests and has done a fine job. Now she must move into her time as a Roane State College student and I just know Katie will certainly be a great success in each path she takes. Good Luck, Katie!

WELCOME to Officer Mike McCullough, our new School Resource Officer of Wartburg Police Department! Officer McCullough stopped by the Visitor Center just in time for a little send-off moment with Katie Our officers have been doing such a great job helping to clean up and enforce safety in our local Morgan County Communities. Thanks for Showing Up for us, Officer McCullough!

Most Sincerely,

Bridget DeFee, Executive Director
Morgan County Chamber of Commerce

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Emergency Management is accepting bids for the following:

2020/2021 Ford Explorer 4WD
Other specifications can be obtained by calling Morgan County EMA Director Jody Zorsch at (423)346-1003 x3. Sealed bids should be delivered to the Morgan County EMA, P.O. Box 1247, Wartburg, TN 37887.

Bids may also be dropped off to the Morgan County Finance Office, Morgan County Courthouse Room 304. Bids should be identified on the outside of the envelope as "Explorer 4WD Bid". Bid opening will be Tuesday August 4th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Morgan County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.2000d).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brain Lester has applied for a permit to sell beer ON/OFF premise Manufactures permit at the location known as:
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Anyone having reason to believe that this permit should not be issued, must appear before the Morgan County Beer Board on the 11th day of August, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Office of the County Clerk.

Historically Speaking Our Own Airmail Beacon House - Update Part 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Last week's Historically Speaking featured a story about an old potentially historic "Beacon House" located near the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. A year later saw the preservation of what turned out to be a truly historic Beacon House.

I am proud to tell you that it seems to have a very "bright" future...an obvious play on words regarding the structure's historic beginnings as a light to guide airmail pilots.

The Beacon House was likely constructed in the years just prior to the Manhattan Project, which began in 1942, and resulted in the government reservation being established here in East Tennessee. As I noted in the first article on the Beacon House, airmail using these beacons on the routes began in 1939 and ended in 1949.

Just as a reminder to readers of how we came to know of the Beacon House, I will review the details of how I came to be aware of it. In November, 2007, I got an e-mail from Pat Parr, Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Oak Ridge Reservation Area Manager, telling me of the most unusual small structure and wondering if I had ever heard of it.

She said that when TVA was clearing the right of way for an expansion of an electrical power line near the Oak Ridge National Laboratory an unusual small building had been discovered. She wondered if I knew anything about its history. I did not, but was sure interested. She said TVA personnel had called the building a "Beacon House." This was a new term to me.

Ernest Ryan, of Pat's staff, and I travelled to the site and found the building in good condition, with the exception of the single door being missing and some rust on the tin roof and metal siding. We found two concrete foundation blocks just east of the building that obviously served to support the fuel tank that powered the generator housed inside the structure.

There were also two depressions that seemed located exactly where two of the four foundations for the light tower would have stood. Since learning more about these beacon houses, it seems there would have originally been a large concrete arrow there as a visual indicator of the direction to the next beacon house. There is no trace of that large concrete arrow.

The two depressions make me wonder if there ever was a concrete arrow at this location. The diagrams for such installations show a large concrete pad beneath the light tower, not four separate concrete foundations for the legs. Obviously more research is needed.

The beacon houses were located approximately 10 miles apart. The old access road to this one is still visible. It obviously provided a route to and from a nearby home where the family living there would have been employed to start the generator each evening and stop it each morning.

I have to wonder what happened in late 1942 when the government sent letters to all the families in the area telling them to vacate their homes. Do you reckon the beacon was in use at the time and the family just moved off and left it? That is highly doubtful, in my opinion.

Of course, that's about what all the families had to do with structures on their home places. Likely the family responsible for the beacon saw no option but to leave it and didn't know any way to have it maintained, if it was still in use at the time.

Was it even still functioning in the winter of 1942? Had technology overcome the beacon method of guiding pilots? The history of beacon lit routes indicates some lasted until as late as 1949. I highly doubt that this one



Our very own historic Air Mail Beacon House!(Photo Submitted)

ever operated after the Manhattan Project took possession of the area.

Makes you wonder about the airway route to Knoxville. Maybe the radio beacons that replaced the lighted beacons had already



The two concrete foundations for the fuel tank obviously installed where the concrete arrow would have had it been included in this installation.(Photo Submitted)

made this beacon house obsolete by 1942.

Some things Mark Dickey of the ORNL Library has learned in his research follow. Mark has really been dedicated in his search for information. He has contacted such locations as the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration and done extensive internet searches.

He has learned the history of this window of time when air transport was trying to find its way. Air mail was one of the methods used to try and make air travel profitable in the 1930's and 1940's. We now know many more details of our Beacon House than ever before, thanks to Mark's dedicated research.

One of the most distinguishing markings for these "power sheds," as the representative from the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum called the beacon house, was a 2 foot wide stripe painted mid-height of the wall on all four sides of the shed using black paint. The representative went on to state that the rest of the outside walls were white.

He also noted that the exterior window frames would have been painted medium grey as would have been the exterior portion of the door. The interior of both the door and window frames would have been painted white. The remains of the exterior "black stripe" can still be seen in the photos of the beacon house, if you look closely.

The Smithsonian representative went on to recommend that close scrutiny be used

to determine the original paint scheme by closely inspecting areas just beneath the eaves and window frame overhangs where weather damage would be minimized.

However, Mark found another resource that stated the outside walls of the shed along with the roof and the huge concrete arrow on the ground were all painted "chrome yellow number 4" with the 2' band running around the exterior walls painted black and the numbers on the roof painted black. Again, further research is required to determine exactly what color to paint our beacon house during restoration.

The roof would have had two sets of numbers painted black. One number would have identified the airway. The Smithsonian researcher has tentatively identified the airway as of June 1941 as the "Blue civil airways (No. 2).

The National Archives and Records Administration researcher located a "...rotating beacon with course lights approximately four miles to the east of Wheat, TN. The chart shows a number 12 printed next to the beacon symbol." The "chart" referred to came from the July 1940 edition of the Chattanooga Sectional Aeronautical Chart.

So, it seems our beacon house was located on an airway identified by the number 2 and was beacon number 12. It had a 2' black band painted around the walls at about halfway up the walls. It was painted either white or chrome yellow number 4. It had a 51' tall tower painted with alternating bands of white and international orange as of 1932, prior to that the tower would have been painted with alternating chrome yellow number 4 and black bands.

There would have been a 54' concrete arrow pointing in the direction of the airway, also painted chrome yellow number 4 with a 4" black border. This arrow would also have formed the base for the tower and the slab on which the power shed (beacon house) was constructed. There is no remaining physical indication of there ever having been such a huge concrete arrow at the location of our beacon house.

Additionally, the remaining two concrete foundations for the fuel tank are placed in the ground where there would have been a concrete pad if there had actually been an arrow there. This along with the two depressions where foundations for the tower may have been, seem to deny the presence of a concrete arrow.

Next week we will continue our journey to try and learn the history of our Airmail Beacon House.

Oak Ridge was created as a part of the Manhattan Project in 1942 to help stop World War II. The atomic bomb, Little Boy, fueled by uranium 235 separated at Oak Ridge helped to do just that.

Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation's efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

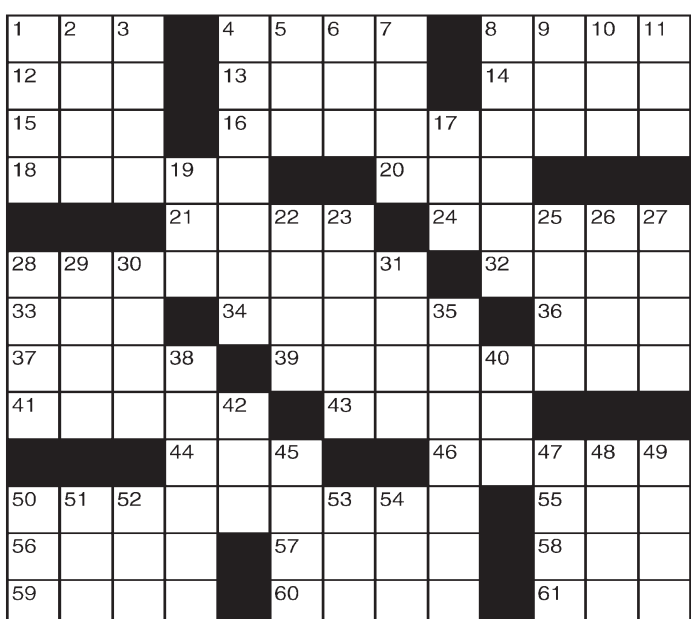
This "Secret City" nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge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

Historically Speaking is written by D. Ray Smith, Oak Ridge City Historian, retired Y-12 National Security Complex Historian and Vietnam Veteran.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Autumn mo.
- 4 "— Breckinridge"
- 8 Drag along
- 12 That girl
- 13 Quite some time
- 14 Shrek is one
- 15 Remiss
- 16 Flattery
- 18 Eye-related
- 20 Marry
- 21 Hen pen
- 24 Famous
- 28 Flowering vine
- 32 Clinton veep
- 33 Standard
- 34 Billow
- 36 Watch chain
- 37 Sister of Osiris
- 39 Grump
- 41 Eighth Greek letter
- 43 Rip
- 44 Historic period
- 46 Healthy
- 50 Dairy item
- 55 Aye opponent
- 56 Heap
- 57 Carte
- 58 Conk out
- 59 Choir member
- 60 Vail gear
- 61 On in years



- 2 Fellow
- 3 Libretto
- 4 Team animals?
- 5 Evergreen type
- 6 Caviar, really
- 7 From the start
- 8 Frank
- 9 — Khan
- 10 Web address
- 11 Albanian money
- 17 Coffee break hour
- 19 Lemieux milieu
- 22 Piece of work
- 23 1992 presidential candidate
- 25 Bean curd
- 26 Cupid's alias
- 27 Society newbies
- 28 Skewer
- 29 Laundry
- 30 One of HOMES
- 31 Chills and fever
- 35 Dutch
- 38 Audiophile's setup
- 40 Expert
- 42 Joan of —
- 45 Weaponry
- 47 Loosen
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- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Painter's medium
- 52 Last (Abbr.)
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- 54 Blackbird

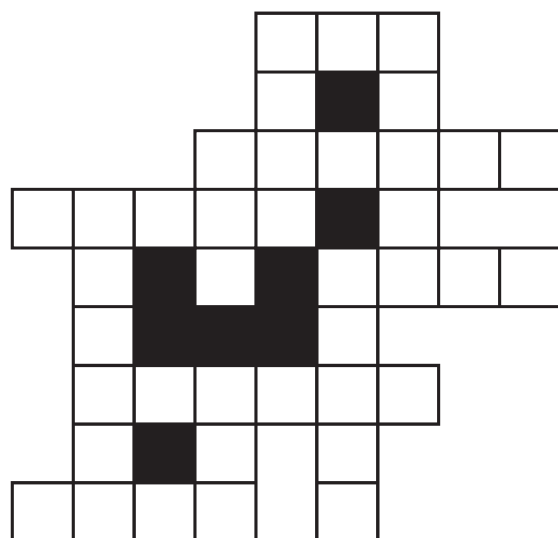
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or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

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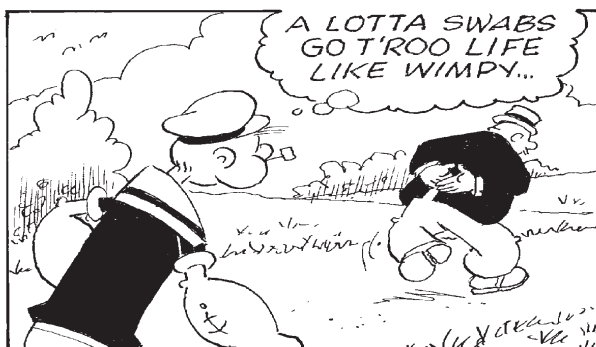
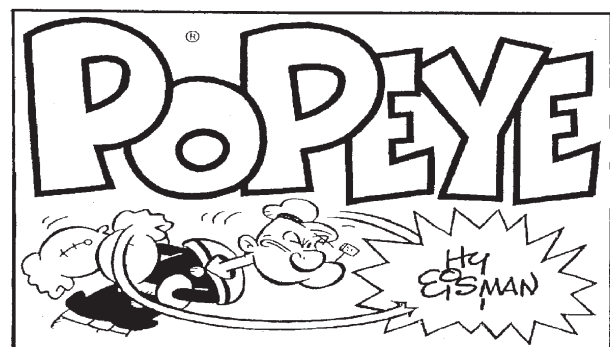
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Weekly SUDOKU

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MSG Fred Mize

At 2:45 am this morning our three-year-old son, Andy woke us up with the sound of his little feet pitter patter across our bedroom floor. Still semi-delirious from my unexpected wake, I asked if he needed to use the bathroom. He never said a word but I could sense him nodding his little head up and down. I got out of bed and we stumbled our way in the darkness toward the bathroom. He sat himself on the

toilet and said, “daddy.” I walked from the bathroom door toward him. Once he knew I was close he felt safe in the moonlit bathroom. Once he was finished, I walked him back to his bedroom, tucked him back in bed, quietly walked back to our bed and returned to my slumber. We awoke again at 4:00 am with little man climbing in bed with us. I

knew I wouldn’t be able to fall back to sleep so I got up and fixed coffee. As I sat and enjoyed my morning coffee, I thought about little man having such an unusually rough night sleeping. It brought joy to my heart and mind as I pondered on how

he felt so safe and secure in the dark simply by knowing I was close to him. Andy is just three and I’m forty-two but I can fully relate to the fact that one can feel safe and secure regardless of being surrounded by darkness as long as they are standing

close to their father. When I was serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, surrounded by the enemy or who could be the enemy in a foreign country I still felt safe and secure because I knew that I was close to God the Father through my

“relationship” with Jesus Christ. You may feel that you can’t call out “daddy” in the middle of the night but you can. Know that He’s waiting to hear you call out to Him. If you don’t know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, I’m sure He’d love nothing more than to hear the pitter patter of your feet as you come running to Him. He’s waiting and I pray that you accept Him soon...



Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Correction: The Unicorn Fund: Interview with Cathy Jones

For years I saw The Unicorn Fund as just a thrift store. I didn’t realize what they did with the proceeds from the store. The Unicorn Fund actually gives to the community in several different ways. There are many volunteers that

The country is in the middle of a pandemic dealing with the coronavirus. Some people are being cautious about returning to retail shopping areas, but The Unicorn Fund seems to be operating and following proper sanitization protocols. “Our



Zack Ballinger



help at this non-profit organization. It’s much more than just a thrift shop. “We do scholarships, adult scholarships, help people with utilities, and that’s funded from the store and by donations,” said Jones. The proceeds help Morgan and Scott County.



The main revenue source for The Unicorn Fund is the store itself. People can donate unwanted items at any time. They have a drop box that’s really convenient for donations. You can also donate monetarily to The Unicorn Fund. “We have a drop box where

Store manager, Geraldine, has always been big on sanitation. Now she has doubled down, we sanitize all day long.” “Her grandson works here, and she’s got him cleaning all day long”, said Jones.

I have been a Morgan County Today contributor for almost a year now. I try to give you the most accurate, up to date information as possible. I am human and I make mistakes. I made few mistakes in this past article. The Unicorn Fund is a Non-Profit organization and they have many Volunteers. The Unicorn Fund is NOT a consignment store. It is a storefront. Please only bring items you plan to donate. The address is 121 S. Kingston Street in Wartburg, TN. Take a look at the article.

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



people can donate items, we have volunteers that come in and help with the store, we have some people that sponsors us, and sometimes we have fundraiser once a year,” replied Jones.

I actually got to take a tour through the store and was quite impressed. I noticed how clean and organized the store was from top to bottom.

What I love about The Unicorn Fund is all the volunteers. This is all about giving back to Morgan County and Scott County. If you are a student living in Morgan County & Scott County, consider giving back to your community by volunteering. The Unicorn Fund employees work hard, many hours, and deal with many different obstacles. I asked Cathy what made her do this and why? “I worked for so many years I didn’t get a chance to do anything, but work. I find I enjoy helping people. Any tragedy that puts people in need, I just like helping them”. If you would like to donate items to The Unicorn Fund you can find them at: 121 S. Kingston Street Wartburg, TN.

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Everyone is welcome to gather at Oakdale School this afternoon, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. for the Annual Back to School Prayer Service. This year the service will be led by Brother Ryan Powers. It will begin right after Open House. Those attending will practice social distancing and masks are encouraged but not required. Even if you are unable to attend, please join us by praying for God's protective hand over our schools, teachers, staff, students and families.

Each Morgan County school will host an Open House today, Tuesday, August 4th from 3 P.M.-7:30 P.M. In order to safely engage in this event, all adult visitors will be required to wear masks. In addition, it is requested that Open House visitors be limited to the parent/guardian and student.

For families who have elected to participate in remote learning, these Open House hours will be the mandatory time frame for you to check out student Chromebooks. Remote learning orientations will be held at 4 P.M., 5 P.M., and 6 P.M. Families may select the time slot that best fits their schedule. Chromebooks must be picked up prior to attending the orientation meeting

Election Day is Thursday, August 6. Poll Hours in Morgan County are 9:00 – 8:00. Other counties may begin at 8:00 but in Morgan County, the polls open at 9:00. An approved photo ID is required to vote. ID's include:

Tennessee driver's license with your photo
United States Passport
Photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Photo ID issued by the federal or Tennessee state government
United States Military photo ID
Tennessee handgun carry permit with your photo

Voters who vote at Oakdale High School will vote in the Sam Hoskin's Gym (Little Gym) in the lower parking lot. This is a slight change from the regular voting place in the big gym.

Lucas Miles Bullard was born July 26 at 3:48 p.m. His very proud big brother is Grady Bullard. Their parents are Jonathan and Mikaela Bullard. Their grandparents are James and Kelley Bullard of Harriman, Kevin and Beverly Foster of Oakdale and Mike Redmon of Rockwood. Great grandparents are Tom

and Carol Bullard of Harriman, Mike and Peggy Parton of Oliver Springs, Clayton and Nell Redmon of Oakdale and Loraine Hackler of Harriman. Congratulations!

Anna Summers rode in her first horseshow at the Morgan County Horseshow which was held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, July 25th. She showed in the Halter Class, Youth Pleasure and Gated Pleasure, gaining 1st, 3rd and 4th place. Anna would like to thank Shaylyn Melhorn and Bretta Melhorn for all of their support, help and instruction while preparing and participating in the horse show.

Belated Anniversary Greetings to these couples. Kevin and Beverly Foster celebrated their 19th anniversary on July 27. Alan and Kathie Jones celebrated their 37th anniversary on July 29. Wishing all of you many more blessed years.

I will share a few August birthdays. Celebrating their birthday yesterday, August 3rd was Susan Brewer, Terry Powers, Monica Miller, Nicole Menard and Molly Carroll. Our son in law, Joe Lake, has a birthday on August 5 as does our cousin Taylr Hall. There are 3 birthdays in our family on August 7. My brother Frederick Shelton and my cousins Terry Bingham and Carla Smith all celebrate on the 7th. Happy Birthday to all of you!

Last week, Clara and I stopped at Regina Headden's home in Harriman to pick up masks. Clara

LOVED all the pretty things in Regina's home. She managed to come home with several treasures. A few days later, we stopped by again. On that visit, Hattie was with us and we got to see Autumn and Isla Taylor. It was nice to visit with an old friend of mine and definitely a new friend for Clara.

There is a bit of excitement in Oakdale about this announcement. Morgan County Executive Brian Langley announced at the County Commission Meeting last week that Oakdale is getting a Dollar General Store. No more excuses for students to not have that poster board for special projects or pencils for class. The store will be close to Oakdale School making it convenient to stop in for school supplies!

There is so much to pray about. We had all hoped that the virus situation would be improved by now. That is not the case. We will just have to adapt and keep praying for God's guidance and healing.

In honor of Back to School Week, I will share this quote.

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." Brian Herbert

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Sheriff's Department is accepting bids for the following:
Twenty (20) Body Worn Video Cameras

Other specifications are available at the Morgan County Sheriff's Office in Wartburg, Tennessee or by contacting Captain Brad Aytes Sealed bids should be delivered to the Morgan County Office of Finance, P.O. Box 250, Morgan County Courthouse Room 304, Wartburg, Tennessee 37887, and should be identified as "Body Cam Bid". Bid opening will be Monday, August 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in Wartburg, Tennessee. Morgan County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Morgan County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).

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Hebrews Chapter 9:15-22

The significance of Jesus' Blood: because of what the Savior accomplished at the cross, he is (a present office in heaven) a mediator (go-between) of the new covenant. But his death was effective also for the sins under the previous covenant (which animal sacrifice could not achieve). Thus, all who have been called (via the gospel (2 Thess. 2:14) into a relationship with him may embrace the promise of the eternal inheritance (v. 15). This testament's blessing, however, became effective only when the testator died. It does not become operative while he still is alive (v. 16-17).

Consider again the first covenant (Moses' law). It was dedicated with blood, but it was animal blood. Yet this was according to the commandment of God (v. 19-20). Further, the tabernacle and the various implements of that order were sprinkled with blood. Virtually everything connected with Hebrew worship had a connection with blood. Blood was a prime factor in Heaven's plan of salvation. Blood contained life (Lev. 17:11), and salvation was a matter of life exchanged for life, the physical for the spiritual. God had decreed that there would be no forgiveness apart from some connection with shed blood (v. 22). That Old Testament river of blood flowed toward Calvary!

(Hebrews 9:23-28) the abiding effect of Jesus' atoning work: due to the fact that these things should be cleansed ceremonially (various implements of the law of Moses which prefigured important New Testament truths), it was essential that their New Testament counterparts---heavenly things---should be made holy with better sacrifices than the former (v. 23). Why is the death of Christ viewed as sacrifices (plural)? Perhaps: (a) to balance the figures of speech---things versus sacrifices; or (b) to underscore the many variegated forms of evil that are remedied by the sacrifice of our Lord. Further, why are heavenly things required to be cleansed? Again, it may be a figure of speech suggesting that the stench of Satan's rebellion needed sanitizing (Job 15:15). Many important biblical truths are purposefully exaggerated (hyperbole) for the sake of emphasis (Jn. 21:25).

Christ never entered the man-made Hebrew sanctuary itself, which was a picture of the reality (heaven). He did enter into heaven itself, the purpose of which was to appear before God on our

behalf (v. 24). Moreover, he never offered himself multiple times, as the Jewish high priest did when he annually offered sacrifices on the day of atonement. The high priest did not offer his own blood; Jesus did (v. 25)! If our Lord had done this, he would have needed to offer himself many times---all the way back to the foundation of the world (v. 26). (This argument asserts that human sin extended back to the beginning of the world. This contradicts the modern skeptical notion that the world came into existence eons before the human family was upon the earth.) Jesus was manifested (made to appear) to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself---a breath-taking concept (v. 26).

All men have an appointment with death (except those alive at the time of his return) (Rom. 5:12; 1 Thess. 4:15). After this comes judgment, the purpose of which will be to vindicate God's justice (v. 27; Rom. 2:5). Our Lord was offered only one time (not many times, as with the Roman Catholic dogma of the repetitious sacrifice of the holy mass). The purpose for which he was offered was to bear the sins of many (v. 28). He did not bear their actual sins, thus becoming a sinner (as Luther claimed), but he bore the penalty of our sins---the curse (our wounds, bruises, stripes, etc.) (Gal. 3:13; Isa. 53:5). The term many is a figure, a synecdoche---the part put for the whole (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28; Rom. 5:12, 15).

At the end, the Lord will appear a second time. "Second" alludes back to the "first," and draws a parallel in the manner of his coming; it will be a literal, visible appearance---not an invisible, non-appearance, as taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses (he supposedly came invisibly in 1914), the radical preterists (he came invisibly in A.D. 70), and the advocates of the dispensation rapture (he will come but not be seen). The expression, apart from sin, does not mean that he had sin the first time (v. 4:15), but that his coming will not be for the purpose of dying for sin, and will be on behalf of those who happily wait for him, and will realize the final phase of their salvation---heaven.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Sergeant First Class (SFC) Jonathan Reaves as this week's veteran of the week. SFC Reave's was inspired to enlist into military service due to being raised in a military family. He decided that serving in the Tennessee Army National Guard was the best fit for him due to a desire to serve part time which would allow him to have a family and civilian life that he also desired.

SFC Reaves' military career began on February 11, 2005 when he enlisted as a Combat Engineer as a member of the 190TH Engineer Company. He 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 improves 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.



One of the highlights of SFC Reaves' military career took place while in Afghanistan when he was selected to represent his unit in a battalion and

brigade NCO of the month and quarter competition. He won the competition making him the NCO of the month and quarter at battalion level and placed second in the NCO of the quarter at brigade level.

In December 2012 SFC Reaves was selected to become a Recruiting and Retention NCO for the Tennessee Army National Guard. He's done exceptionally well in his recruiting career and has earned the prestigious Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Expert Badge.

Regarding all of his accomplishments the one he is most proud of is his family. He cherishes every moment he has with his wife Sarah and his boys Jonathan Jr., Zachary, and Matthew.

SFC Reaves Morgan County Today can't thank you enough for your service and sacrifices for our grateful nation. We pray that you continue to have a fruitful career and family life.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Cindi Jones, Morgan County Trustee

Morgan County Today has educated our readers on the Policer Officer and Correctional Officers Creeds. We would like to take another opportunity to educate through appreciation by now sharing the motto and principles of the U.S. Forest Service.

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them to practice good stewardship and quality land management in meeting their specific objectives. Providing technical and financial assistance to cities and communities to improve their natural environment by planting trees and caring for their forests. Providing international technical assistance and scientific exchanges to sustain and enhance global resources and to encourage quality land management. Helping States and communities to wisely use the forests to promote

rural economic development and a quality rural environment. Developing and providing scientific and technical knowledge aimed at improving our capability to protect, manage, and use forests and rangelands. Providing work, training, and education to the unemployed, underemployed, elderly, youth, and disadvantaged in pursuit of our mission.

To all who serve our community, state, and country as members of the U.S. Forest Service thank you for "Caring for the Land and Serving People".

New Scams by IRS Impersonators



David Zubler

Despite all the warnings and news coverage, scammers continue to run very successful "businesses" posing as Internal Revenue Service agents. Taxpayers lose millions of dollars every year by falling for their schemes.

Every year con artists add new twists to IRS tax scams. This one is more likely to fool more people than most.

The scammers give you a call and their caller ID shows that it's the IRS. Calls are often made using a technology called Voice Over Internet Protocol. Scammers are counting on the fact that many people with caller ID will believe that it is the IRS calling.

The caller might give you a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number. Providing this information will convince even more people that it's the IRS.

The taxpayer is told that they owe money. Some of the scammers will tell you that you will need to pay the taxes now or you will be arrested.

You may be told that you need to put the money on a prepaid debit card, wire it, or use other means to demand payment.

If this happens to you do not give the caller your financial or other personal information. Hang up on the caller immediately. Write down the details such as the number and name of the caller, and what you were told.

If you think you may owe back taxes you have several options:

call the IRS at 800-829-1040
visit irs.gov/balancedue
view tax account information online at IRS.gov to see the actual amount owed
call the number on any billing notice from the IRS

File a complaint with:
the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at tigta.gov or 800-366-4484.
the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or 877-FTC-HELP

The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies will never:

Leave pre-recorded, urgent or threatening messages.

Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying, deported or revoke their licenses.

Ask for checks to third parties.

Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

Another new phone scam is calling for

verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment or coronavirus programs for businesses. Taxpayers should never provide their direct deposit or other banking information for others to input on their behalf.

Never give any financial information to anyone who calls and claims to be the IRS. If you need to make a tax payment there are several options. You can send a check, make your payment by calling on an official IRS phone line or pay on the IRS website.

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 OCT 23 - @SUNBRIGHT
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COALFIELD (CLASS 1A REGION 2)

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 OCT 9 - @GREENBACK*
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