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Thu 03	86°/70°	
Fri 04	83°/62°	
Sat 05	82°/65°	
Sun 06	83°/68°	
Mon 07	81°/66°	

Sheriff Potter Goes to Washington



Morgan County Sheriff Wayne Potter was invited to the White House by President Trump to be in attendance for his acceptance speech. The Sheriff and his wife Lea humbly accepted the invite. Sheriff Potter says, "This was a moment of

a lifetime, Lea and I decided to take a few days off work and make this a much needed small vacation to enjoy the Nation's capital." The Sheriff took time off work and paid for the entire trip out of his own pocket.

Dr. Jonathan Laymance Comes Home



Summit Medical Group at Wartburg opens today, Sept 1. Dr. Laymance, a 2001 graduate of Wartburg High School, has practiced family medicine in Roane County but is coming home.

The facility which is located at 1825 Knoxville Hwy. in Wartburg, will be open from 8am until 5pm Monday thru Friday. They will see patients from all ages including pediatrics. Being able to see newborns all the way through every stage of life.

The clinic will be full service and have an X-ray on site. Dr. Laymance says there will be after hours coming sometime in the future as well.

They are accepting new patients and take most insurances including Tricare, medicare, tennecare, and many others. You can find out more information at summitmedical.com



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Inaugural TN Wild Hog Festival a Huge Success

People came from all over this past Saturday to see beautiful Morgan County. They came from different cities, counties, and even states to the Tennessee Wild Hog Festival. The festival was organized to bring the community together and to raise money for a great cause.

CASA of the Tennessee Valley was the beneficiary of the event. They serve Morgan, Roane, and Loudon counties to help with abused and

neglected children.

Smiles for miles. Everywhere you looked folks were being kind to one another, laughing with one another, enjoying music, eating food, and just having a great time. The weather held up and the day was beautiful. One event attendee said, "This must be the friendliest place in East TN."

"This must be the friendliest place in East TN"

(Photo by Amy Redmon Stafford)

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June B. Stephens, 89

June B. Stephens, age 89, of Deer Lodge passed away August 26, 2020 after a brief illness with her granddaughter by her side, April Page.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hilrey Stephens; sons, Archie (Harry) Williams and Walter Ray Williams; parents, John S and Sallie Williams; brothers, John, H.G. Jake, Jack Williams; sisters, Polly Adams, Ruth Newport and Flossie Shillings.

She is survived by 1 daughter, Brenda Allred of Deer Lodge; 1 son, Carl Mullins and wife, Debbie of Winfield; 2 daughters-in-law, Freda Williams of Deer Lodge and Rita McDowell of Florida; special niece, Cheri Barnett and nephew, Bobby Williams of Deer Lodge; grand-

children, Regina Williams of Deer Lodge, Richard Williams of Lansing, April Page of Crossville, Bill Clark, Jr. of Clarkrange, Carl's children, Beth Mullins and children, Jody and Troy of Virginia, Tina Marie and Donald Williams of Florida; great grandchildren, Felicia and Peyton Williams of Deer Lodge, Emily Young of Nashville and Adam Page of Crossville and a host of other great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, co-workers, friends and neighbors.

The family will have a graveside service Monday, August 31, 2020 at Flat Rock Cemetery of the Chestnut Ridge Community.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of June Stephens.

Thomas Lee Petrey, 54

Thomas Lee Petrey, age 54, passed away, August 21, 2020. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved arrowhead hunting and fishing. He was a loving father and grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his father, Henry (Hanky) Petrey; grandparents, Henry and Olen Petrey and Edith and Lee Davidson; sister, Melanie Trosper.

He is survived by his wife, Charlis Davis of Sunbright; 3 daughters, Samantha (Landon) Smith of Chestnut Ridge, Chelsey Smith and friend, Chris of Deer Lodge and Madeline Petrey of

Chestnut Ridge; 1 son, Jordan (Bethany) Watson and children of Alaska; grandchildren, Nathaniel and Lynlee Broyles and Carson Wallace; mother, Brenda Lynn; sister, Donna Fancher and a host of nieces, nephews and special friend, Cindy.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 27, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thomas Lee Petrey.

Joshua Bailey Crouch, 22

Joshua Bailey Crouch December 29, 1997 – August 20, 2020

Joshua Bailey Crouch, age 22, passed away August 20, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his great grandparents, Sally and Willie Dean Basler and Carrie and Morgan Armes; paternal great grandparents, Jerry and Mertice Hall; uncle, Chad Anthony all of Petros; special aunt, Joy Armes; special uncle, Garrey Lowe; very special cousins, Shelly Corley and Tiphani Corley.

He is survived by his mother, Lucinda Armes Jones and husband, Dewayne Jones; father, Thomas Crouch, III.; 2 sisters, Sally Bethany Crouch and his surprise sister, Jolie Armes (that was his best friend so he called her Junior. She says the name has now been retired that was for her Bubby Joshua only); 2 beautiful nephews whom he thought the world of, Emmanuel and Alexander; grandparents, Joe and Randi Armes of Petros

and Thomas and Joyce Crouch, Jr.; special great uncle, Johnny Armes also of Petros; aunts and uncles, Susie Christman, Jeanne Duncan, Jerri and Wade Teague, Melissa and Tommy Corley, Carmen Lowe, Jodi and Andy Lowe, Joe and Joni Armes all of Petros, Mandi and Josh Pemberton of Coalfield and Mercedes and Travis Duncan of Wartburg; a host of cousins who loved him very much, Hanna, Gab, Ashton, Israel, Seth, Chad Anthony, Reign Asher, Jericho, Gabrielle, Malachi, Isabella, Addison, Silas, Shiloh, Abigail, Knox, Sadie, Jake and Carson and a host of great aunts, uncles and cousins who loved him.

The family will receive friends Sunday, August 23, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The family has requested a private service. He will be laid to rest in the Heaven Bound Cemetery in Petros.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joshua Bailey Crouch.

Laura Kathleen (Ellis) Ledford, 52

Laura Kathleen (Ellis) Ledford, age 52 of Lansing passed away on Friday, August 21, 2020 at her home.

Laura was of the Baptist Faith attending Elizabeth Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents: Donald and Mildred Ellis, sister Marcella "Jo" Pugin. She loved to play Bingo and loved all her clients at the Emory Valley Center. She use to be a substitute teacher with the Morgan County Schools. She loved to have cakes made for anyone's special occasion. Laura loved her husband and her two kids and all her siblings. She was an avid scrapbooker.

Surviving are her husband Michael Ledford
Son: Mitchell Ledford
Daughter: Allyson Ledford

Brothers: Ronald Ellis and Donald Ellis
Sisters: Priscilla Fann and Tamela Griffith
One granddaughter: Adalynn Blair Green
Also surviving are several Aunts, Uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.
Puppy: Suzie
Cat: Precious
Special client of 13 years: Rhonda Nance

Visitation will be at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg on Tuesday August 25, 2020 from 4-6pm. Funeral services will follow at 6pm with Bro. Buster Armes officiating, interment will follow funeral services at Morgan Memorial Gardens. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Laura Ledford.

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

Thank you from Whitten Family

It is difficult to find words to express how truly grateful we are that Bill was rescued. We would especially like to thank James Maden, Elizabeth Church, the Morgan County Sheriff's Office, the staff at UT Medical Center and Life Care Center of Morgan County, and the 200-plus search and rescue volunteers (including Brushy and the other K-9s!) who put themselves at risk to help us. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and support from everyone involved. Thoughts and prayers from the Wartburg community and beyond helped sustain us during this difficult time, and we thank you all. Bill is doing well, and was really pleased to be featured in the newspapers, especially in a story with such a happy ending.

- From William (Bill) Whitten, his wife, Wendy, family, friends, neighbors, and his dog, Fiona:

Roane State's Welcome Back Week kicks off fall semester

By Bob Fowler
Roane State staff writer

With pandemic safety precautions in effect, Roane State students, faculty and staff ushered in the fall semester with the traditional "Welcome Back Week" observances at each of the community college's campuses. Roane State President Chris Whaley praised the patience and diligence of both employees and students as fall semester kicks off, saying everyone has "worked hard to be safe while having remarkably good attitudes." Keeping everyone safe is a "balancing act," Whaley said, noting that many Roane State students have opted for online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite that, turnout for Welcome Back Week activities "really has been better than expected," said Jennifer Fugate, the college's student engagement coordinator. "Even online students have turned out to get their goody bags."

Bumper stickers, pens, a t-shirt and other Roane State memorabilia were included in those red bags emblazoned with the college's emblem. "We're just happy to be here," said Clinton resident Katie Wood as she and fellow student Alice Tran of LaFollette clutched their hauls of swag.

They're both in the college's dental hygiene program, "and there's no way to learn that online," Katie said. Both students said program director Melinda Gill and clinic coordinator Michelle Jones "did everything they could do" to make the program as safe as possible. "We truly feel appreciated and honored," Alice said. Also stopping for a goody bag was Knoxville resident Shayla Williamson. She's in the school's radiology program. "I wanted to come back" on campus, she said.

Welcome Back Week festivities, a tradition for more than 20 years, were held August 24 through August 27 on each of the college's nine campuses and included free lunches.

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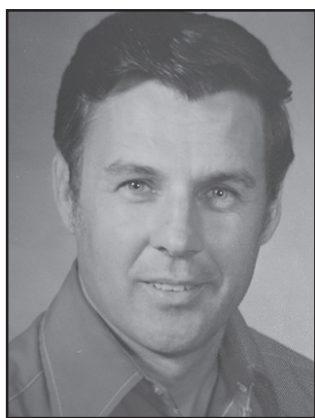
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The Tennessee Football Game I Can't Forget



Tom Redmon
Columnist

I became an avid Tennessee Football fan in the 50's. Our football coach, Sam Knisley, had taken us to see the

Vols play Kentucky on a very cold,

snowy day in November, 1953. It was coach Robert Neyland's last home game, and Kentucky would come from behind to tie Tennessee 14-14. My greatest love for Tennessee football didn't happen that day or even in the next few years. I loved to see Johnny Majors play and I kept up with the Volunteers during the 50's. As-a-matter-a-fact I went to see a few games during this period before I went into the Navy in 1958. In 1962 the Vols were really down. They had lost to Chattanooga and for a storied history that Tennessee had that was a no-no.

In 1964 an assistant coach on Frank Broyles Arkansas Razorback's staff by the name of Doug Dickey was called to be the Vols Coach. The 1964 team was not very good but there were better things to come. Dickey had done a good job recruiting and two players really stuck out in my memory. They were (the swamp rat) Dewey Warren a quarterback from Savannah, Georgia and Johnny Mills a wide receiver from Elizabethton, Tennessee. Jimmy Gibson as many of you know Coached at Coalfield and Wartburg before going up there. He helped Coach Mills in high school. I heard from a reliable source that not only was Johnny Mills a great football player, but also a great person. He and Warren would star in the game I'm going to tell you about. It was to be the last game of the 1965 season pitting Tennessee against UCLA. The game was to

be played at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, supposedly a neutral field, but the UCLA Coach, Tommy Prothro didn't like it at all. He said it was like the Catholics meeting the Pope in Rome. He knew the stadium would be filled with fans dressed in orange. UCLA was in the top 10 and favored by two T.D.'s. Tennessee was a much-improved team over the 1964 team, but still not what Dickey hoped for.

My Dad and I would have to listen to the game on the radio, because back then very few games would be carried on T.V. Dad had become a football fan after the Wartburg vs Kingston game in 1953. We would sit the radio on the stump and place chairs around it. Mom use to watch us out the window and get a kick out of us playing musi-



cal chairs. Every time Tennessee would score or make a good play we would stand up and celebrate a while and end up in a different chair. It was a good family gathering on a pretty Saturday afternoon during football season. Dad would always be whittling and when the game was over there was a pile of shavings under the chairs. The better the Vols were doing, the faster he whittled.

Most sports figures figured this game would have a lot of passing in it because of two hot quarterbacks. UCLA had All-American Gary Beban who would be the Heisman Trophy winner the next year. Dewey Warren, although not excellent he was having a good

year and he was my favorite player in the 1960's. He had some good rushers in Walter Chadwick, Stan Mitchell and Hal Wantland. Wantland and Chadwick along with Austin Dennay were good receivers. However, on this day Johnny Mills would top them all. UCLA kicked off to the Vols and Chadwick fumbled on the return. The Bruins took it in from 30 yards out and the Vols were behind 7-0. But the Vols came back and scored a T.D. and the score was tied 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Tennessee with a mixture of passing and running would score two touchdowns in the 2nd quarter and led UCLA 20-7 at halftime. But early in the 2nd half Beban made a long run for a T.D. and UCLA intercepted a Warren pass and in

to worry the Swamp-rat was up to the task. He drove the Vols down the field with both passes and runs. Mills was a big part of this with 4th and goal on the 1-yard line. It was do or die for the Volunteers who had a few seconds left. You talk about tense in that stadium. George Mooney, the announcer said you could hear a pin drop. What play would Dickey call? Warren could sling the ball but as a runner he was slow, big and strong but slow.

Coach Dickey called the quarterback's number. He only had a couple of feet to go but would he make it. One player on the line that day said that Swamp-rat must have ran in the same place for five seconds because he killed the grass where he ran.

When the play was over the officials did not signal a T.D. for a while. Warren was under the stack and the officials needed to be sure. They signaled a touchdown and the crowd went wild. Tennessee 37 UCLA 34.

UCLA still had a few seconds left but Beban was intercepted on a long pass by Pat Patella, and instead of just taking a knee he ran for it down the UCLA sideline. A UCLA player came off the bench and really laid a lick on Patella. Dickey said it was a dirty scene. Tommy Prothro said even more as he went ballistic. He said the officials had stolen the game and as a southerner he was ashamed to admit he was born in Tennessee. But all I can say it was an exciting game and both teams played their hearts out.

Since November 1965 I have seen many exciting games. The come back game against Notre Dame in 1991 was one, and the 1986 Sugar Bowl against Miami was another great game for the Vols. The hail Mary pass in a recent game against Georgia was something else but the UCLA vs Tennessee game in November 1965 had it all - Tennessee 37 UCLA 34.



MIA'S View From the Mountain:

Birds of a Feather Flock Together

As I was growing up my mom was famous for always quoting idioms; such as "Birds of a feather flock together". The other day as I was sitting on our back porch bird watching, that saying came into my mind. My observation proved it to be truth. If the Finches were at the feeder and the Cardinals came, all the Finches flew away. In our yard, we have two Eastern Bluebird birdhouses. Earlier in the Spring/Summer, Starlings tried to take over one house. The Starling male would fight with the Eastern Bluebird male to maintain the house he was building his nest. Several times, I went and took down the nest hoping the Bluebird would come and build. Yet, everyday the Starling would return and rebuild the nest. Finally, I said to myself, the house is yours. The Starling's nested and raised their young birds. What was so interesting is that the Eastern Bluebirds took over the other house and they too settled in and raised their young birds. There would be times during the early morning that the two males would perch on top of the house like centurions protecting their domain. "Birds of a feather flock together", my mom would say. I bet I heard that thousands and thousands of times during my growing up years. Every time, I would bring home someone that was a bit sassy, or not polite, mom would quote "Birds of a feather flock together". That was my clue she did not approve of my choice or my behavior.

I work for a Prison Ministry and over the years I have had the opportunity to sit with many of these incarcerated; individuals. As I have listened to their stories, I have seen the truth of that statement. If only.....they had chosen another group to stand with.....if only.

birds of a feather (flock together)

Individuals of like character, taste, or background (tend to stay together), as in The members of the club had no trouble selecting their yearly outing-they're all birds of a feather. The idea of like seeks like dates from ancient Greek times, and "Birds dwell with their kind" was quoted as early as 1545.

While this phrase can be understood by simply observing

human behavior, I make the case that it is Biblical as well.

Let's first look at the parable of the unjust steward. In this parable a rich man had a steward, or manager, of his goods. The steward did not do a good job and therefore the rich man was going to replace him. Upon finding out, the steward made deals with the rich man's debtors thinking that they would help him in return after he was fired. Here was how Jesus viewed this behavior:

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." - Luke 16:8-9 NIV The steward was dishonest in his dealings, and when he was found out, he gravitated towards others who were similarly dishonest - birds of a feather.

The other side of the coin is how we as Christians should "flock". And it's no coincidence that we are considered to be in the "flock" (sheep flock, not bird flock) of God with Jesus as our Shepherd. In 2 Corinthians we read: "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?" - 2 Corinthians 6:14 NKJV

And further in the Book of Hebrews we read: "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." - Hebrews 10:25 KJV

We are God's birds, birds of light, and as such we should "flock" together and keep ourselves out of the dark.

More idioms and lessons learned:

It is better to be alone than in the wrong company. Wise is the person who fortifies his life with the right friendships.

Tell me who your best friends are, and I will tell you who you are. If you run with wolves, you will learn how to howl.

But if you associate with eagles, you will learn how to soar to great heights.

A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses.

You become like those with whom you closely associate for the good and the bad.

The less you associate with some people, the more your life will improve.

Any time you tolerate mediocrity in others, it increases your mediocrity.

An important attribute in successful people is their impatience with negative thinking and negative acting people.

As you grow, your associates will change. Some of your friends will not want you to go on. They will want you to stay where they are.

Friends that don't help you climb will want you to crawl.

Your friends will stretch your vision or choke your dream.

Those that don't increase you will eventually decrease you.

Never receive counsel from unproductive people.

Never discuss your problems with someone incapable of contributing to the solution, because those who never succeed themselves are always first to tell you how.

Not everyone has a right to speak into your life.

You are certain to get the worst of the bargain when you exchange ideas with the wrong person.

Don't follow anyone who's not going anywhere.

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 Back Valley Library Heritage Day Honors Dortha Byrd

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

I know you enjoyed meeting Dortha "Dot" Byrd in the previous Historically Speaking column where you were provided the summary of my wonderful hour or so spent interviewing Dot. What an amazing woman with extraordinary memory recall for her advanced age.

Last May a special event was held to place a historical marker at the Smallest Library. Joani Trout, Annetta Watson and Cathy Bird provided the following details about an honor provided Dortha Byrd. Enjoy the details of that special honor awarded to the "Smallest Library in the U. S." and to Dot Byrd:

At 10:00 AM on Saturday May 25th, 2019, the Coalfield community joined with the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society as well as county and regional officials to honor the first librarian of the Back Valley Public Library, Dortha ("Dot") Byrd. Once considered the "Smallest Library in the USA," the Back Valley Public Library was established by local teacher May McGlothlin in July 1956, and operated by Dot with her daughter Barbie from Dot's front yard on Back Valley Road.

Dot and the Library were featured in a May 1989 episode of The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, and the funds she received from her appearance were used toward construction of the current Coalfield Public Library. The Back Valley Library building was moved to its current site adjacent to the Coalfield Public Library in 2006, where the "Smallest Library" is still operated as a public library and "the door is never locked."

The Heritage Day was organized by the Coalfield Librarian, Joani Trout, who welcomed the community; over 50 people attended the open-air event, held in front of the "Smallest Library." Matthew Jordan, Regional Director of the Clinch River Regional Library, provided a further welcome and shared excerpts from the numerous clippings and interviews surrounding Ms Byrd's recognition as a leader in the Tennessee community library movement of the 1950's and her later appearance on The Tonight show. Ms Byrd then shared some of her many experiences in serving the community as well as details of her television appearance.

Coalfield resident Annetta Watson represented the Historic Marker Committee of the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society; together with Ms Byrd, Ms Watson presented and unveiled the Historic Marker for the Back Valley Library. The Historic Marker program has been developed and designed by the Morgan County Genealogical and Historical Society to recognize historic structures and sites that are at least 50 years' old, and which are important to the history of Morgan County and its communities.

Such historic resources deserve to be honored and preserved, and these markers are one way to accomplish that objective. The Historic Marker program is funded by donation from a Morgan County resident, so individual markers are provided free of charge. The program is managed by volunteers who review each application and select the sites to be honored by considering the structure's historical significance as well as its condition and maintenance.

Ms Watson pointed out that the Historic Marker Committee was pleased to recognize the historical heritage and community spirit represented by the Back Valley Library and its early supporters: May McGlothlin, Dortha and Barbie Byrd, Louise Crowe, and many other members of the Back Valley and Coalfield communities. The Historic Marker Committee also

recognized Alma Jones for her vision in helping move the Back Valley Library to its present location, and especially honors Dortha Byrd's hard work, dedication, knowledge and generosity.

The reception following the unveiling was held under the shaded entrance to the Coalfield Library where Ms Byrd received friends and well-wishers, including Morgan County Executive Brian Langley; Morgan County Commissioner Randy Roberts of Coalfield; Morgan County Library Board member John



Dot Byrd telling the audience of the history of the Little Library (Photo by Cathy Bird)

Nabors; and Jim Godwin, Chief of the Coalfield Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Godwin also contributed to advance preparations for the event by painting and repairing the Back Valley Library building.

The reception was very much a community event; flavorful cakes enjoyed by the reception guests were provided by Nancy Hall, Angie Hunter, Barbara Jackson, Wilma Overton and Jonell Gebauer, while the Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church of Coalfield provided chairs, flatware and goblets for the day. Farrah Meridith served the reception guests, and all photographs of the event were taken by Cathy Bird, Coalfield Photographer.

Additional helpers who transported chairs, ironed tablecloths, cleaned the Library and weeded flower beds in advance of Heritage Day included Angel Freels, Jane Hamby, Destiny Morrison, Penny Nunly, Maci Pelfrey, Norma Reynolds, Andrew Schubert, Benjamin Schubert, John Schubert, Samuel Schubert, Darrell Trout and Melba Wilson. Many thanks to all who contributed to this special day.

Isn't it grand to be able to recognize such a wonderful lady as Dot Byrd! Thank you Joani, Annette and Cathy

I must tell you a bit more about the interview. Dot told me about arriving in California when she was met by a man holding a sign for a "Mrs Bird" spelled with an "I" rather than a "y." She told him she was Mrs Byrd. He said, "I am your chauffeur." He offered to take the scenic route to the hotel and show her the homes of some of the movie stars. Dot said she only knew of one, Bob Hope. He said, they would drive around Bob Hope's house which she vividly recalled and described its appearance to me.

The Tonight Show hostess asked Dot if she had ever watched the show. Dot said she had not. The hostess said, "Please watch it." Dot said, "Well, if I don't forget." The hostess then said to Dot, "I dare you to tell Johnny Carson that you have never seen his show." Well, Dot did watch it once, but when Johnny asked her if she had ever seen his show, she replied, "No, I have not, I like comedy and I watch Car 54!"

She said when she got back home she had a letter from Car 54.

During the show, Johnny pointed to a part of a picture of the library and said, "What is this little thing here, is that your post office?" Dot said, "You idiot, that is the book return!" Well, Dot said they got onto her for saying "idiot" on television and for calling Johnny Carson such a name. Now she did not mean anything

by that remark. It sounds just like her to me. Surely he should have recognized such an obvious thing as a book return for a library!

They also did not want her to say anybody's name, but she ignored that and gave credit to May McGothin because she bought the lumber for the library and had it delivered along with a door and a window! Rightly so, May should be recognized and Dot saw to it that she did!

Johnny gave her two books for the library. Dot fondly recalls all the good that resulted from those times.

She can still get excited when talking about the publicity that she still relishes much because of the end result - a really great Coalfield Public Library and the Smallest Library located nearby. I am glad I was able to meet Dot and experience such a wonderful interaction as well as see the "Smallest Library in the U. S."

Dot still credits John Rice Irwin with starting it all and rightly so. John Rice is such a special person and I am pleased to get to visit with him some and look forward to even more suggestions for Historically Speaking. I hope you agree with me that he has certainly hit a home run when he suggested Dot Byrd and her Little Library.

Here are a couple of hyperlinks to more information about the "Smallest Library in the U.S." <https://www.tnvacation.com/local/coalfield-black-valley-public-library-smallest-usa>

This link takes you to more of the history of this amazing "Little Library." <https://coalfieldlibrary.org/history/>

Finally, let me conclude with a quote from Gene Patterson, the media person John Rice Irwin connected that got all this attention to Dot Byrd. Gene said, "She was one of the more interesting characters I came across in my years covering East Tennessee. Beneath her feisty veneer was the heart of a true humanitarian who understood the gift that books provided."

Gene hit the nail on the head there. I agree, Dot's feisty for sure, but she is as sincere in her desire to help others as anyone I have ever met. What a true blessing Dortha "Dot" Byrd is to the world in which she lives.

And thanks to John Rice Irwin, a much broader spectrum of our world now knows about Dot and her "Smallest Library in the U.S.!" or what she still affectionately calls her "little library."

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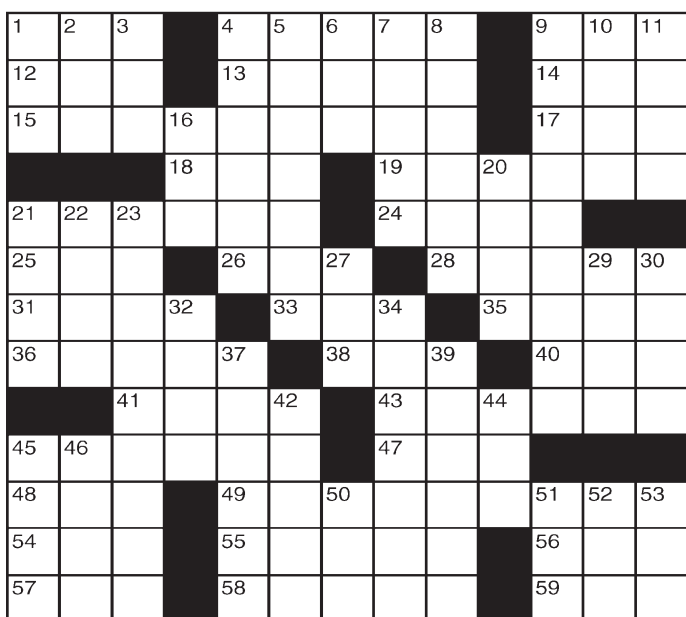
This "Secret City" nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge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

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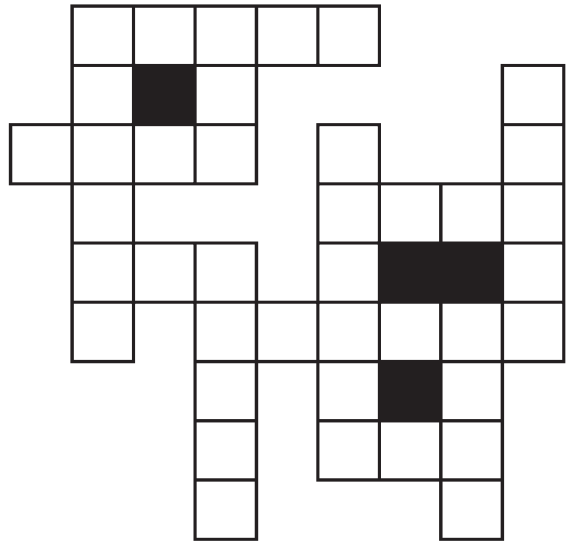
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- 31 Gear teeth
- 33 Collection
- 35 Go off the board
- 36 Central
- 38 Turf
- 40 Londoner's last letter
- 41 Reverberate
- 43 Hourglasses, e.g.
- 45 Common condiment (Var.)
- 47 Historic period
- 48 Boxing legend
- 49 Spellbind



- 54 Namely (Abbr.)
 - 55 Cook with radiant heat
 - 56 Cacophony
 - 57 Chowd down
 - 58 Impudent
 - 59 Choose
- DOWN**
- 1 Total
 - 2 In favor of
 - 3 Moreover
 - 4 Extreme
 - 5 Furnishes
 - 6 Blackbird
 - 7 Gem facet
 - 8 Playground fixture
 - 9 Replace personnel with robots
 - 10 Pontiff
 - 11 Chew like chipmunks
 - 16 Inventor Whitney
 - 20 Dressed
 - 21 Central points
 - 22 Shakespeare's river
 - 23 Make attractive
 - 27 Indeed
 - 29 Always
 - 30 Cincinnati team
 - 32 Moments, for short
 - 34 Re clan emblems
 - 37 Compass points
 - 39 In a catastrophic way
 - 42 "The Phantom of the —"
 - 44 Scratch
 - 45 Vena —
 - 46 Settled down
 - 50 Old French coin
 - 51 Altar affirmative
 - 52 Energy
 - 53 Med. specialtv



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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

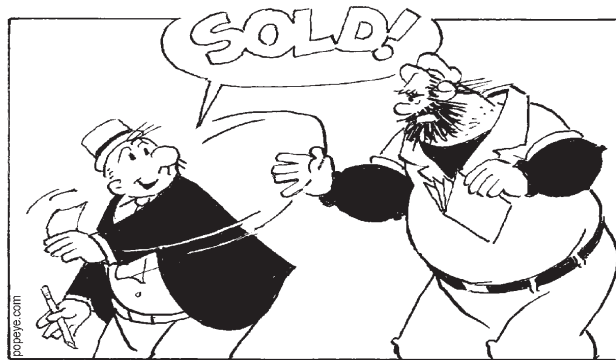
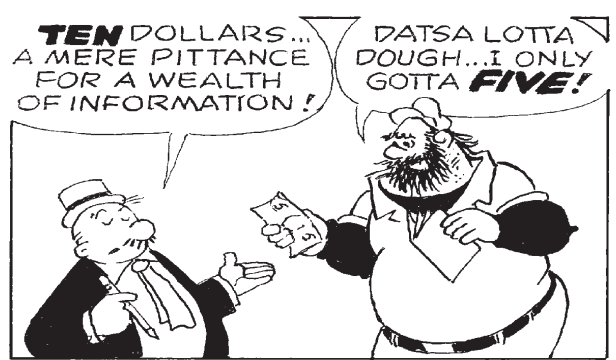
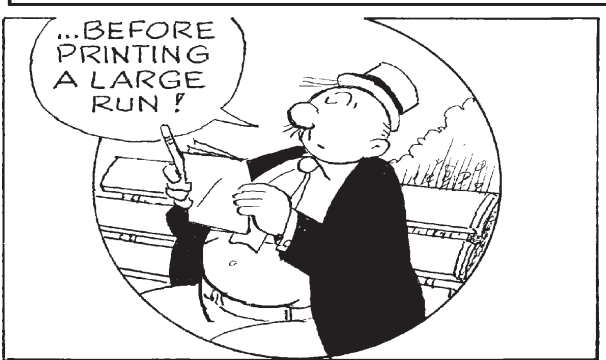
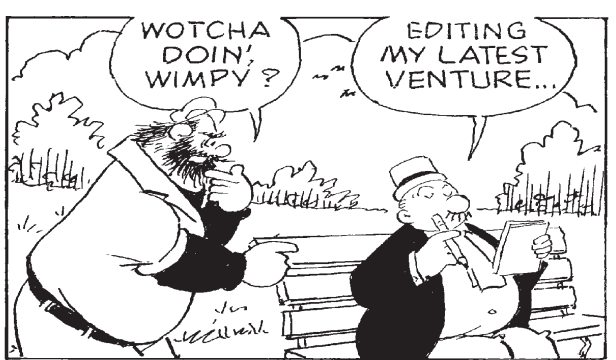
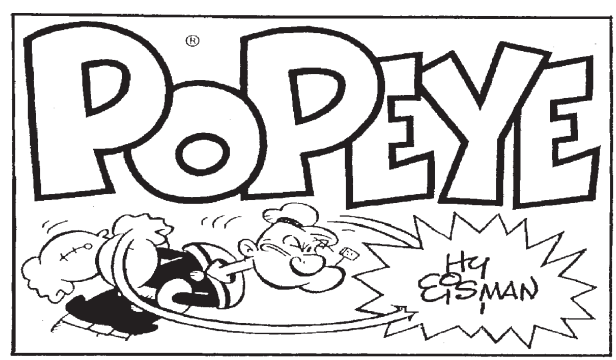
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

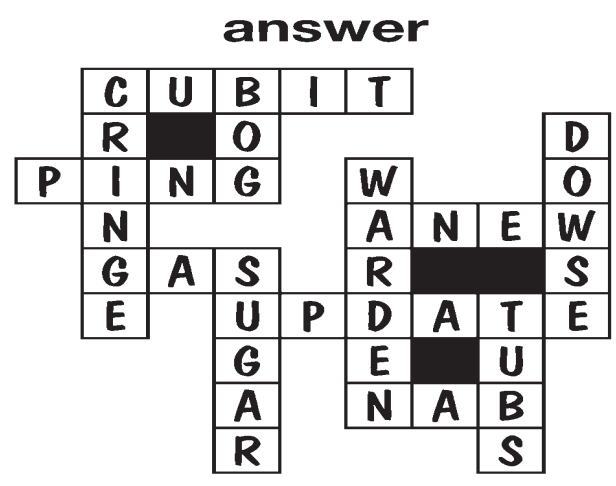
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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- Jesus

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By: MSG. Fred Mize



MSG Fred Mize

Those who have read my articles have read many topics from my experiences serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and my Christian perspectives on daily life. This week I want to take a moment to praise my precious wife. My wife, Hollea and I enjoyed a wonderful weekend together while celebrating our fifth wedding anniversary in Pigeon Forge. We stayed at

the Dollywood DreamMore Resort and enjoyed excellent meals at Harpoon Harry's Crab House and

gift from my Aunt Deborah Young). We also spent time at the Pigeon Forge Island by visiting their shops and

It was really something to see across Pigeon Forge while sitting together 200 feet above the city.

am to be married to not only an absolutely stunningly beautiful woman, a God fearing, virtuous woman, a loving, caring, devoted woman, but to "my best friend".

other daily not by words alone but through action. God blessed my life with peace when He guided our paths to meet. Hollea truly is my peace in a cha-



Out of all we did the most wonderful part of our weekend was by simply having time alone together. I'll never forget Hollea telling me that I'm her best friend while we were sitting at the top of the ferris wheel. How blessed I

especially at The Old Mill Pottery House Café (A

riding The Great Smoky Mountain Wheel.

ing at the top of the ferris wheel. How blessed I

To be married to you best friend makes even the greatest days better and the worst days, not so bad. We do everything together and never fear that the other isn't doing their part. We shower each other with "I love you(s)" and demonstrate our love for each

world. She's my wife, the love of my life and my best friend. I love you Hollea Mize and I want the world to know it!

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Dr. Jonathan Laymance

Morgan County has a new and important business coming Tuesday, September 1st, 2020. Rural health care has always been a challenging paradigm. Choices, resources, and specialist are limited within a rural setting. Dr. Jonathan Laymance's new Summit Medical Clinic at Wartburg, TN will be a game changer for patients needing health-care services in the community. This is a much-needed hometown health care clinic that the community urgently needed for many years.

The clinic will serve patients of all ages. It will offer full service primary care and urgent care needs. Dr. Laymance is a board-certified family physician who has been in practice for 7 years at Roane County Family Practice. Dr. Laymance has an outstanding reputation for patient care in the Roane County area and is beloved by his patients. He recently joined me live on my new career podcast show to discuss the new endeavor.

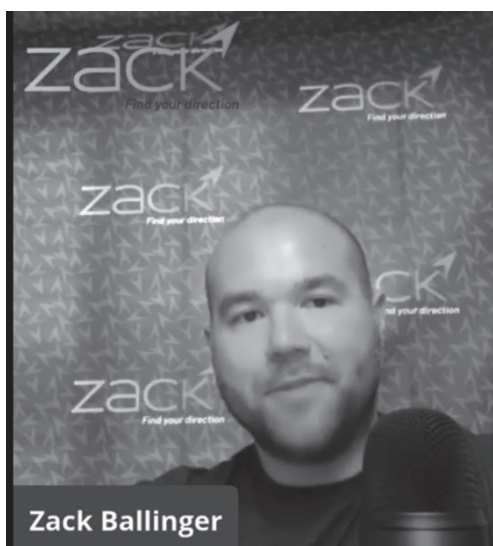
I grew up with Jonathan since the 5th grade. We have kept in touch throughout the years. I remember Jonathan always wanted to be a physician since elementary school. He always talked about his calling and passion to treat patients by becoming a MD. I asked Dr. Laymance his philosophy on patient care: "I like to treat patients the way I would want to be treated or the way I want my family members treated." "I plan on being in Wartburg, TN a long time, said Laymance.

Jonathan has always been a great person and a close family friend. My granny usually had a great instinct on a person's character and always loved when Dr. Laymance visited her home. She asked about him throughout the years and was very proud of him for becoming a medical doctor. Dr. Laymance served as a pallbearer for my granny's funeral in March. When asked if he would,



without hesitation he said, "it would be my honor". I would recommend any of my friends and family in the community to utilize him for their health care services.

"I think if you go into medicine or if you want to work in the medical field it is truly a calling." You have to have the desire to help people," said Laymance.



talking to Dr. Laymance in college over 20 years ago and he had this vision over his life: He wanted to open up a healthcare clinic in his hometown of Wartburg, TN. Through patience, persistence, hard work, and a never give up attitude, Dr. Laymance was able to complete his ultimate passion and purpose. If you are in need of health-care services please visit his clinic at: Summit Medical Group at Wartburg, 1825 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, TN 37887

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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 for more of Zack's travels and events.



Zack Ballinger

Morgan County is gaining an experienced, compassionate physician that has a stellar reputation in the community. I remember

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



As I write this column, Hurricane Laura is making landfall along the gulf coast. Let's remember to pray for our neighbors to the south.

I like to mow more than most people and as much as others. However, crab grass is hateful stuff. It lays down while you are mowing and then jumps right back up!

There will be no school in Morgan County Friday, September 4 or Monday September 7. Students will enjoy a 4 day weekend.

Congratulations to the Oakdale Eagles Football team on their win against Pickett County by a score of 41-16 on Friday, August 21.

Oakdale Middle School played their first football game of the season against Midway last Thursday. Unfortunately, they didn't win but they are looking forward to the season.

Congratulations to Maverick Smith, son of Stanley and Bridget Smith, who received a full scholarship for basketball for his senior year at TN Tech in Cookeville. Maverick's family and friends are all very proud of him. He is gifted with athletic ability but also stands out in a leadership role which is equally

important. Maverick is studying Manufacturing Engineering.

Anna and Joseph Summers, children of Paul and Bobbie Lyn Summers, celebrated their 14th birthday with family and friends on August 22.

Todd Scarbrough from Alabama visited his mother, Vera Scarbrough, last Thursday. He spent the night and on Friday, the day his dad Paul would have celebrated his 83rd birthday, Vera prepared a dinner of pintos, salmon patties, macaroni and cheese, greens, and fresh onions and tomatoes, a meal that was a favorite of Paul's and continues to be for Todd. Mr. Paul claimed his heavenly home in 2018.

As I mentioned last week, Oakdale School has their first ever Middle School Cheerleading Squad. Kendra Bray, Alivia Bruglio, Madison Clark, Kenzie Griffith, Katelyn Moore, Rachel Smith and Taylor Smith are the seven girls on the team. Everyone is very proud of their hard work in preparing for the football season.

The Presidential Election is Tuesday, November 3. If you are not registered to vote, now is the time to register. If you have moved, you should update

your information by calling the Election Commission Office.

Happy 90th Birthday to my Aunt Gladys Langley. Her birthday is September 4 and I am sure she would love to receive cards from her friends.

Happy Birthday to one of my favorite cousins, Leslie Chapman, who celebrated her special day on August 29. Leslie and I get to hang out occasionally and we always have a great time. I hope you had a great day Leslie!

I know many of you have enjoyed going to Autumn Acres in Cumberland County. They recently posted this on their Facebook page: After nearly twenty years of providing Farm, Family, Fun, we've decided to retire our farming boots. It has been the experience of a lifetime and we are beyond grateful for all the memories we have shared and relationships we have built with other families at the farm.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Loni Voyles who passed away August 19. She is survived by her children Kaci Arrowood, Nathan Arrowood, Theresa Goldberg, Kayley Dishman and EJ Dishman. She is also survived by her father and stepmother, Greg and Benita Voyles, her brother and sister in law, JR and Jessica Voyles and her companion, Josh Dishman as well as many other family members. Services were held Wednesday, August 26 with a graveside service and interment on Thursday, August 27 at Emory Heights Cemetery.

"Do what you should and you will not have time to do what you should not." J. Harold Smith

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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.

Hebrews Chapter 12

(Heb. 12:1-11) Christian suffering: it has been perfectly transparent throughout this document that Jewish Christians are under siege from Judaizing forces seeking to destroy them by seducing them away from the faith. Surely the example of the faithful in history can provide encouragement. Figuratively speaking, the heroes of the previous chapter are depicted as a great cloud of witnesses in a grand arena, surrounding the struggling Christians and cheering them on as they run the race of their lives, attempting to remain faithful. (This does not suggest that those in the realm of the dead actually observe earth's activities.)

The faithful must lay aside every impediment that hinders, especially the sin that so easily encumbers (namely the forfeiting of one's faith), and run with endurance the race. This is possible only if one looks forward, keeping his focus on Jesus, who has gone before us as the leader and perfecter of "the faith". This concluding expression may refer to our personal faith, "the faith" system, or both. It does not suggest we are "given" faith unconditionally by the Lord. The expression, "for the joy set before him", may mean "instead of the joy he could have retained had he not come to bring salvation" or "to obtain the joy of seeing lost souls redeemed". He "endured" the agony of the cross and "despised" the idea of bearing the penalty of human sin; but by his resurrection he has been seated at God's right hand (v.2).

The Christian must focus his mind on the fortitude of Jesus, who endured the indignities of vile sinners against himself. Thereby we become determined not to grow tired and soul-sick (v. 2). Though these Christians were suffering various forms of harassment, they had not yet shed their blood on the Lord's behalf in their war against sin, as he did for us (v. 4). These brothers appear to have forgotten that God allows hardship to harden (toughed) us (v. 5). They must be reminded of Scripture (Prov. 2:11-12), namely that discipline is permitted as an expression not disciplined, it would be as if we were not true children (v. 7-8). If one honors his father, who admittedly chastens him, why should we not honor God, who is the Father of our spirits (Num. 16:22) so that we might live (v. 9)? How can cultists, the Watchtower Witnesses, contend that humans are wholly mortal?

Our earthly parents have only a few days (relatively speaking) to discipline us, as such seems good to them, But God's interest in us pertains to the development of our holiness---supremely important for our eternal welfare (v. 10). Discipline certainly is not a pleasant experience while being administered; it's painful. However, in retrospect, it proves to be

valuable, yielding fruit that issues in peace in the recipient. It becomes evident it was the right thing to do (v. 11).

(Hebrews 12:12-17) exhortation to duty: using the imagery of physical disabilities, the Hebrew recipients are encouraged to get a grip on and tighten up their weaknesses, and not allow themselves to be turned aside from the way of truth; instead, they must strive for spiritual health. The same principle is involved in helping the weak along the way. One of the most difficult admonitions to follow is: "Pursue peace with all people". Some are hateful, vicious, and vindictive. It is difficult not to react, but one must remember the model of the Savior (1 Pet. 2:23). Moreover, one must develop sanctification, dedicated and consecrated service to Christ, without which one will be barred from the Lord's holy present (v. 14). Every Christian must constantly examine himself carefully to make sure he does not fall short of divine grace (Gal. 5:4).

The danger of apostasy from the faith manifests itself in various symptoms. (A) Some turn bitter, sour---negative within themselves and hateful toward others. One must guard against such. Without such diligence, a bitter root could spring up, troubling you and contaminating others (v. 15). (B) Immorality, sexual license (fornication), has been the downfall of many; one must dedicate himself to purity. (C) Profaneness is a common weakness. It is the subordination of the holy to the material. Esau, Jacob's brother, is a prime example. In a time of physical hunger (certainly not starving), he surrendered to a temporal, physical-material impulse and traded his precious birthright for immediate gratification. Impulsiveness can lead to disaster. Later, he regretted his rashness, but it was too late; the consequence of his decision could not be reversed (v. 16-17).

(Heb. 12:18-29) the tragedy of rejecting Christ: the scene now changes. The mind is transported back to Sinai and the reception of the law of Moses. The application will be plain. The writer is dealing with those who are being seduced to surrender Christianity and return to the Mosaic system, thereby leaving in the dust the teaching of the real Messiah.

When the ancient Hebrews observed the material effects (sights and sounds) and the supernatural phenomena (the very voice of God) that accompanied the giving of the law (Ex. 19:9-23, Dt. 9:8-19), they were terrified (Moses included) (v. 18-21). In contrast, "You (Christians) have arrived at a wonderful spiritual location (environment)". Stick with it!

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is very pleased to honor Chief Warrant Officer (CW4) (RET) Bob Brimi as this week's veteran of the week.

CW4 Brimi honorably served our state and country in numerous capacities and duty positions over the course of twenty-eight years and six months. He served in the United States Army Reserve, Active Duty, and in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Bob decided to enlist into military service after a personal examination of his life left him feeling as though something was missing. He found himself desiring to be apart of something bigger than him-

self, while having a strong desire to serve to fulfill a sense of purpose. Bob took a leap of faith to fill the gap in his life on February 25, 1980 when he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve as a (71L) Clerk Typist.

Soon within his career he became qualified as a (75B) Personnel Sergeant. Then his military career excelled once he was selected to become a Warrant Officer. Over the course of years of dedication and commitment Bob earned the respectable rank of a Chief Warrant Officer (CW4) while serving in the Judge Advocate General's Corp.

CW4 Brimi's career took many different turns which landed him in many different locations. He served in the jungles of Panama in 1987 to the deserts of Kuwait from 2004-2005.

Not only did CW4 Brimi have a suc-

cessful military career but he also excelled in his civilian profession working for the United States Postal Service. He was blessed to work his way up from a part time postal worker all the way up to becoming the Post Master for Oneida, TN.



CW4 Brimi is thankful for the memories and experiences he gained while fulfilling his life's calling by serving in the military. He encourages others today to do their part and serve as well so that they may have a life full of wonderful memories as he does.

CW4 Brimi, Morgan County Today, thanks you for your service to our community, state, and country. We also want to take the opportunity to thank your beautiful wife Connie for her years of faithful dedication while supporting you in fulfilling your military obligations and duties. We pray that you both enjoy retirement together in beautiful Sunbright, TN.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

Morgan County Today is proud to honor Matt Hudson as this week's law enforcement officer of the week. Matt is the Chief Ranger for the Obed Wild and Scenic River.

Matt graduated from Tennessee Tech with a History degree. After graduating from college, he decided that he wanted to seek a career that would allow him to enjoy the great outdoors. Matt found the perfect fit working in the National Park Service as a Park Ranger. His career

with the National Park Service began as a Field Ranger and certified white-water paddler that allows him to perform white-water river patrols.

Matt has worked in the park service career field for the past twenty-two years. He has worked at different parks including the Pickett State Park for four years and the Obed Wild and Scenic River for the past eighteen years. One of his favorite duties in the park service is the



"Climb with a Ranger Program". This is a program that allows park visitors to rock climb with Park Rangers. Matt loves the opportunity to conduct hands on training and social interaction with the park visitors. Sadly, at this time due to the

COVID-19 pandemic this program is on hold due to social distancing requirements. Chief Ranger Matt Hudson, Morgan County Today, sincerely thanks you for all you do protecting and educating park visitors and God's creation. We also want to thank your loving wife of the past sixteen blissful years, Julie and your two children Maeve and Henry for supporting you with your career endeavors.



Be careful when choosing a payroll service



David Zubler

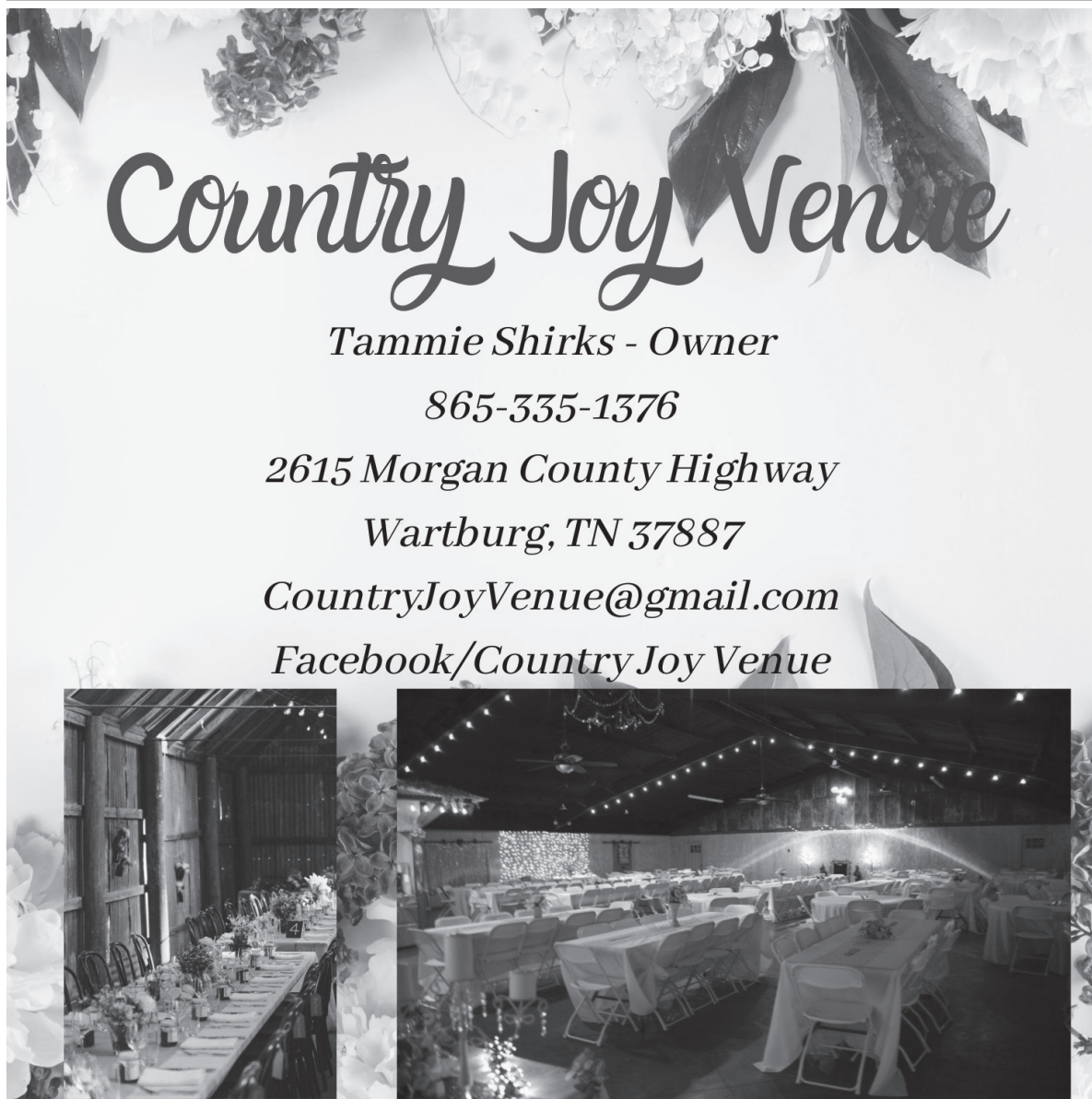
The IRS is currently reminding employers to carefully choose their payroll service providers. Many businesses hire payroll companies to take care of their payroll tax duties. Payroll duties can be time consuming for a

small business. Hiring a payroll service may be invaluable. They can free up a company's time to perform functions that are much more important to the business's success. Many employers outsource their payroll and related tax duties to third parties. Most third-party payroll services do an excellent job helping small businesses meet their deadlines and payroll obligations. However, it is extremely important that a business is careful when they are hiring a reputable payroll tax company. The consequences can be devastating to a business's operations and existence. Unfortunately, there are some disreputable payroll services that fail to deposit employment taxes with the IRS and use it for their own purposes. Even though the payroll

services have taken your business's money, if the payroll taxes aren't paid, you would be held legally responsible for paying the tax liability. The payroll service could be keeping your money for several months before the IRS would receive a letter to notify you that your taxes hadn't been paid. In addition to owing the back taxes you would also be responsible for paying substantial penalties and interest. Having to come up with the funds to pay the payroll tax for several months again plus penalties and interest is something many small businesses could not recover from. A small company could hire their own bookkeeper to handle payroll duties, but this may not be cost efficient and even company bookkeepers can embezzle money. Hiring a reputable payroll service can be extremely important to the business's existence. There are several precautions that you can take. Avoid substituting the payroll company's address for your address with the IRS. Even though you are allowed to make this change, the IRS recommends that you con-

tinue to use your address as the address on record with the IRS. Doing so ensures that you will continue to receive bills, notices, and other IRS correspondence. Another precaution that can be taken is to hire a separate company to monitor your payroll tax payments with the IRS. Some tax resolution companies provide this service for a relatively inexpensive fee. The company will monitor your payroll tax payments to ensure that the payments are being paid.

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Veteran of the Week

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Swint Family Reunion

The descendants of Jacob and Sarah Byrd Swint will have a family reunion September 5th at Roane County Park Shelter 3 by the splash pad in Midtown from 11am-5pm. Bring covered dishes, drinks, and desserts. Plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day.



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 Bids can be submitted in person to the Executive's office in the Courthouse or mail them to:
 Morgan County Executive Office
 P.O. Box 387
 Wartburg, TN 37887

Bids must submitted by 10 AM on September 14, 2020. Bid opening will be in the third floor conference of the Courthouse on September 14, 2020 at 10 AM. Morgan County Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Government will be accepting bids for the following work to be completed:
Repair and Replacement of roof over the Finance Department of the Morgan County Courthouse and repair of entire roof:
 1. Removal of metal roofing
 2. Replacement of any rotten wood under roofing. Also, building a slope on the roof to improve drainage.
 3. Replacing metal with high quality metal roofing.
 4. Caulk and repair any places on the roof of entire of Courthouse that are needed.

This work includes cleaning up and hauling off all materials. Company must be licensed and bonded and be an established business with at least 5 years in business to be considered. For more information, please call Bret at 423-346-6288. Bids can be submitted in person to the Executive's office in the Courthouse or mail them to:
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Invitation to Bid

Invitation to bid heat and air system for the Morgan County Annex building. Must remove and replace 3 rooftop package units with same specifications as existing units, and 1 ground unit with same specifications as existing unit. Bids will open September 3rd @8:30 AM at the Morgan County Courthouse in the 3rd floor conference room. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 387 Warburg TN. 37887, or delivered to the Morgan County Executive office in the Morgan County Courthouse. Morgan County Government has the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Government will be accepting bids for the following work to be completed:
 Replacement of all gutters, downspouts and repair/wrapping fascia boards, replacement of pillars, installing vinyl soffit, etc. This job includes:
 A. Main Courthouse:
 1. Removal and replacement of gutters. Replace with continuous/seamless gutters. Also includes removal and replacement of downspouts.
 2. Installation of vinyl soffit. This includes replacing of any rotten woods. Also includes replacing the wooden "brackets" that are around the Courthouse (under the current soffit) with vinyl "brackets".
 3. Wrapping of all fascia boards with aluminum. This includes replacing rotten wood where needed.
 4. Replacement of wood pillars on the west side of the Courthouse with or vinyl or aluminum wrapped pillars.

B. Courthouse Annex:
 1. Removal and replacement of gutters. Replace with continuous/seamless gutters. Also includes removal and replacement of downspouts.
 2. Wrapping of all fascia boards with aluminum. This includes replacing rotten wood where needed.

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INVITATION TO BID

Morgan County Government will be accepting bids for the following work to be completed:
Replacement of all sections of the Courthouse Annex Roof, including:
 1. Removal and replacement of pitched portion of roof with high quality shingles
 2. Removal and replacement of main flat roof with new, high quality TPO roofing
 3. Removal and replacement of Garage and Carport flat roof with new high quality TPO roofing

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Invitation to Bid

Invitation to bid heat and air system for the Morgan County Courthouse. Must remove existing units, replace single zone and/or two zone ductless split system. Bidder will be responsible for all electrical and condensation. Bids will open September 3rd @8:30 a.m. at the Morgan County Courthouse in the 3rd floor conference room. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 387 Warburg TN. 37887, or delivered to the Morgan County Executive office in the Morgan County Courthouse. Morgan County Government has the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

Tennessee Wild Hog Festival

Photos by Amy Redmon Stafford



INVITATION TO BID

The Morgan County Highway Department will be taking bids on some asphalt work in the county. There will be 9 full width patches over a 2.5 mile stretch of road. All joints must be cut in to ensure a good seam. These 9 patches consist of approximately 1130 tons of hot mix. Bid specs are available at the Highway Department:

3519 Morgan County Highway, Wartburg, TN 37887
Monday - Thursday 7a.m. to 5p.m.

All bids shall be sent to Morgan County Highway Department mailing address
P.O. Box 250, Wartburg, TN 37887

"ASPHALT BID" must be printed on the outside of the envelope. Bid opening will be on September 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) at the office of the Morgan County Highway Department at 3519 Morgan County Highway, Wartburg, TN 37887

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