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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 08	85°/64°	
Wed 09	85°/65°	
Thu 10	81°/63°	
Fri 11	75°/59°	
Sat 12	76°/60°	
Sun 13	77°/61°	
Mon 14	77°/61°	

Blue Line Security Responds to Hurricane Laura



damage relief crews where to deploy their much-needed assets and personnel to the locations that have the most need in and around Lake Charles.”

Hurricane Laura caused such extensive damage to Louisiana’s infrastructure that it is estimated it will take approximately three to four weeks to repair power poles and lines in some heavily damaged areas.

As of September 4, 2020, there are still twenty-four Blue Line Security personnel providing their expertise in assisting relief crews in Lake Charles, Louisiana.



Veteran of the Week
Ryan Lindsey



LEO of the Week
Billy Rigsby



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Blue Line Security arrived in Louisiana on August 26, 2020, in preparation of Hurricane Laura making landfall. Blue Line Security did not hesitate to provide much needed expected assistance to first responders and damage relief crews in the wake of devastation caused by Hurricane Laura.

They sent teams to both Louisiana and Texas. Upon Hurricane Laura making landfall on August 27, 2020, they immediately began using their advanced drones in conducting damage assessment teams throughout Lake Charles Louisiana. According to Dwayne Bales of Blue Line Security, “the data gained by their drone photography and videography has been used to assess search and rescue teams and



Fire Burns Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby

A cherished historical treasure burned down in Rugby on Sept 4th earlier in the morning. The Harrow Road Cafe had been a staple in the community and will be truly missed. No plans have been announced yet on the future of rebuilding.

(Photo From Historic Rugby page)



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MIA'S View From the Mountain:

Miracles

Do you believe in miracles? I do. Several years ago our middle daughter, Kristi, had a tragic accident. She was six years old and in the first grade. I was working full time and had arranged for a sitter to meet her at school and walk her to aftercare where she would be until I picked up both her and her sister. There was one very busy road they had to cross. It had a signal and crosswalk. Once they entered the crosswalk, a car did not stop for the red light. The car slammed into Kristi and dragged her for 50-100 feet. Witnesses called 911 and ran to assist her. 911 operator called me at my office and told me go quickly to the hospital. Once we arrived at the hospital, the Doctors told us "IF" she lived, she would be blind, handicapped and brain damage. Besides several bodily injuries, she was suffering from a very bad concussion with a severe hematoma near the brain. Minutes turned into hours, hours into days, days into weeks. I will never be able to thank friends, family and medical staff that surrounded us during that time. Friends and family took our other two children and animals to care for as we set up a vigil at the hospital. We celebrated the smallest of victories, and those we sat with in the ICU, who were also waiting for news of their loved ones, became as family. We cried together and prayed together. Prayers never stopped, and when Kristi needed blood, the entire police and fire departments showed up at the hospital to give blood. Yes, I believe in miracles. God proved the doctor reports wrong. The day we left the hospital, the Doctors and nurses told us that it was a MIRACLE that Kristi was leaving the hospital a whole person. Kristi recovered completely and has grown into a beautiful woman, wife, mother of four and amazing teacher. She, in fact, excelled all through school in gifted classes. God had a plan for Kristi's life, as He has for each one of us.

Miracle definition:
noun

1. a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.

The following is a story of a miracle sent to me from a dear friend:

It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were dying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The creeks and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through. Every day, my husband and his brothers would go about the arduous process of trying to get water to

the fields. Lately this process had involved taking a truck to the local water rendering plant and filling it up with water. But severe rationing had cut everyone off. If we didn't see some rain soon... we would lose everything.

It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing and witnessed the only miracle I have seen with my own eyes. I was in the kitchen making lunch for my husband and his brothers when I saw my six-year old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort... trying to be as still as possible. Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again, toward the house. I went back to making sandwiches; thinking that whatever task he had been doing was completed.

Moments later, however, he was once again walking in that slow purposeful stride toward the woods. This activity went on for over an hour: walking carefully to the woods, then running back to the house. Finally, my curiosity got the best of me. I crept out of the house and followed him on his journey (being very careful not to be seen... as he was obviously doing something important and didn't need his Mommy checking-up on him).

He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked; being very careful not to spill the water he held in them... maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked closer as he went into the woods. Branches and thorns slapped his little face but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much greater purpose. As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw the most amazing site.

Several large deer loomed in front of him. Billy walked right up to them. I almost screamed for him to get away. A huge buck with elaborate antlers was dangerously close. But the buck did not threaten him... he didn't even move as Billy knelt down. And I saw a tiny fawn laying on the ground, obviously suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion, lift its head with great effort to lap up the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hand.

When the water was gone, Billy jumped up to run back to the house and I hid behind a tree. I followed him back to the house; to a spigot that we had shut off the water to. Billy opened it all the way up and a small trickle of water began to creep out. He knelt there, letting each drip of water slowly fill up his makeshift "cup," as the sun beat down on his little back. It was just last week he was punished for

playing with the garden hose and received a stern lecture on the importance of not wasting water. So, I'm sure that is why he didn't ask me to help him.

It took almost twenty minutes for the drops to fill his hands. When he stood up and began the trek back, I was there in front of him. His little eyes just filled with tears. "I'm not wasting," was all he said. As he began his walk, I joined him... with a small pot of water from the kitchen. I let him tend to the fawn. I stayed away... it was his job.

I stood on the edge of the woods watching the most beautiful heart I have ever known working so hard to save a life. As the tears that rolled down my face began to hit the ground, they were suddenly joined by other drops... and more drops... and more. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, Himself, was weeping with pride.

Some will probably say that this was all just a huge coincidence. That miracles don't really happen. That it was bound to rain sometime. And I can't argue with that... I'm not even going to try. All I can say is that the rain that came that day saved our farm... just like the actions of one little boy saved a life.

Addendum -- "This story is to honor the memory of my beautiful Billy, who was taken from me much too soon... but not before he showed me the true face of God; in a little sunburned body."

Author Unknown

I King 18:43-44

and look toward the sea," he said to his servant. So the servant went and looked, and he said, "There is nothing there." Seven times Elijah said, "Go back." 44 On the seventh time the servant reported, "There is a cloud as small as a man's hand rising from the sea." And Elijah replied, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'"

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.

Itchy Feet: Military Family

By Janice Wilson

Patriots Day is Friday 11th so I would like to deviate from the regular travel stories and say a little about the patriots in my family. They span two continents and four wars, starting with WWI. Though war is a terrible thing I celebrate the lives of those who, in many families, served with honor and either gave their all or gave some of their sanity.

During WWI my Grandfather was cashiered into the English infantry. However, he had his heart set on joining the Royal Horse Artillery. He applied for a transfer and was denied, applied again and again, but denied over and over again. Well Grandfather Bush was not to be deterred and so he went AWOL. At the time he was living in a London suburb Called Shepherds Bush, changed his name to Shepherd and joined the Royal Horse Artillery. Grandpa Shepherd was married under that assumed name in 1917. He rode the lead horse on a gun carriage through WWI and though was injured in the head by shrapnel, survived the war to return home. I remember him as a white haired friendly old gentleman in my early years.

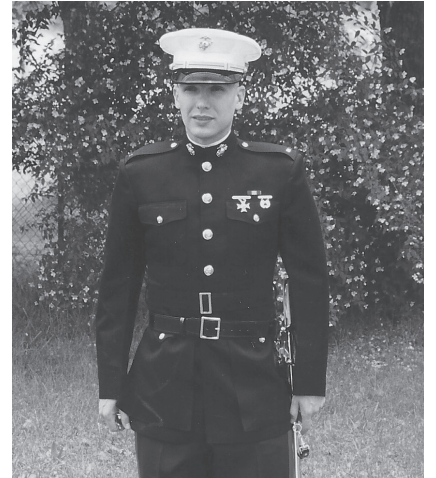
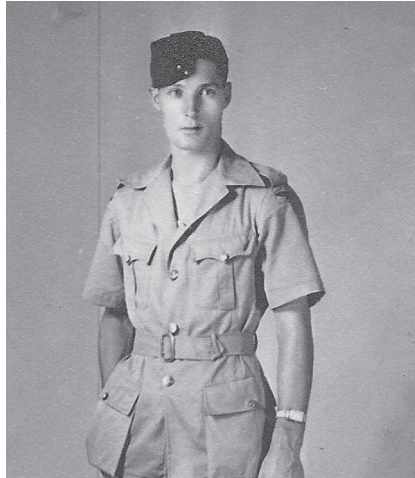
It is now WWII and the next generation had also joined the military. My Father signed up for the Royal Air Force before the war started and worked on the larger aircraft like the Lancaster. He was ground crew and took care of the electrical systems. We never heard the gruesome details of

arms and legs lying in the ditches, of men returning home blind or the horrors of men going insane. Instead my Father talked of the machines he worked on and how they helped win the war. On D Day he was on a boat bound for India, as part of the HQ RAF Bengal and Burma, which supported the troops in their fight against the Japanese.

My husband spent a year in Da Nang, Vietnam, as a member of the United States Air Force. I met him not long after he returned, in a place called Bournemouth, England. He spent almost twenty-one years in the service and retired in 1988. Joe still recalls memories of his time in Vietnam, some good, some scary. Beside dodging live fire, he managed to take some great pictures of his time there, I spent our early years together going through them and listening to the stores behind them.

Our son is the fourth generation to enter the military, this time it is the United States Marine Corp. Still in college with two master's degrees under his belt and working on a third, 9/11 happened. On completing his third degree he joined the marines, at the age of thirty-one. On the 5th August 2002 Joe and I proudly watched our son graduate from Quantico. He eventually completed three tours in Iraq. Now our Grandson, who will graduate high school next year is also looking towards a Marine life.

Then there is my Mother and uncle who also served in WWII, and my brother-in-law who went to Vietnam. Our family history in the military is not unlike many others today, and is something to look back on with pride.



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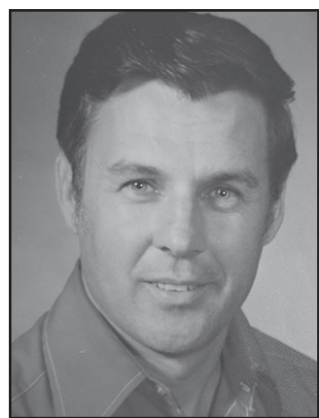
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The Greatest Rescue Mission of World War II



Tom Redmon
Columnist

As we know many soldiers perished on the Bataan death march in the Philippines in 1942. It was probably the most evil and horrid event authored by the Japanese in WWII. I have told you about the little town of Harrodsburg, Kentucky that lost 37 of the 66 good men they had sent to the Philippines in 1941. Many died on the march and the others died in the prison camps. Now I want

behind of how they had treated POW's.

One of the eleven POW's to escape was a man from Utah by the name of Eugene Nielson. He told his harrowing story to Army G-2 and this created a great concern for other prison camps on Luzon, the principle island.

The officials got word that a camp near Cabanatuan City had over 500 American POW's in it and that many of them had been in the Bataan death march. It was January 1945 and they knew what had happened on the island of Palawan could happen at Cabanatuan. They had to act fast to save these men.

A

Lieutenant Colonel by the name of Henry Mucci was chosen to lead a group of 121 Rangers in the mission. He chose a captain by the name of Robert Prince from Washington state as his assistant.

Before starting on the mission Mucci explained to the men that their lives would be in danger, that some of them might not return. He urged any man with any doubt to drop out. He recommended that all married men withdraw from the mission, but in the end, no one dropped out.

Lieutenant Colonel Mucci said one other thing, "there will be no atheists on this trip, and you will meet with the chaplains and pray on your knees." You will pray before God that you will die fighting rather than let any harm come to those prisoners."

On January 28 Mucci and the 121 Rangers left Guimba on their dangerous 30-mile trip through jungles, over rivers and across main roads used by Japanese troops. They would be behind enemy lines all the way. There would be Filipino guerrillas to help the Rangers. Much of the trip would be tortious in the heat and tall cogon grass. They couldn't take the roads because they were controlled by the Japanese, but the countryside belonged to the Rangers and

guerrillas. They didn't have to worry about the Japanese Air Force, because it had been destroyed on Luzon.

Lieutenant Colonel Mucci and the 121 Rangers had to go through several villages to get to Cabanatuan, and most of them were friendly. Some of the people even gave them food and a place to rest. They hated the Japanese even more than the allied soldiers did.

Mucci and Prince had maps of the camp and they had a good plan of how they were going to rescue the 500 prisoners. They also had their fears of something going wrong.

Most of the prisoners were in poor health, and many of them couldn't even walk. They would have to be carried.

When

the Rangers got to the camp, they got a little help from the air, from a black twin-tail futuristic plane that none of them had seen before. The plane a

P-61 flew over the camp so low that one prisoner said he could hit it with a rock. The Japanese guards' attention was on the plane and the guards in the towers were so frightened that they hit the deck. While the Rangers were getting in position for the attack the plane now called "the black widow" was scaring the Japanese out of their boots.

Lt. Murphy, was given the task to start the attack. He and his Rangers had worked themselves into position behind the camp near the barracks. When he fired the first shot the camp soon was lit up like a 4th of July fireworks display. The guard tower exploded and the barracks where the Japanese guards slept went up in flames.

Soon the Rangers were inside the camp telling the prisoners they were there to rescue them. One prisoner, kept saying "Boy oh boy, boy oh baby! Some prisoners were reluction to follow the Rangers' directions. Many Rangers had to carry the prisoners.

Lieutenant Colonel Mucci and Lt. Prince led the group of 500 prisoners

out to safety with only a couple of Rangers killed and two prisoners killed. But nothing was easy about the raid and rescue. Filipino guerrillas helped them out tremendously. Farmers came to their aid with their carts pulled by water buffalos. In one area they had to pass through was controlled by the Hukbalahop who were blood rivals of the pro American guerrillas. They refused to let the column of POWs pass through. Finally, they said the Americans could pass through but not the guerrillas. Lieutenant Colonel Mucci sent a message to tell



Captain Robert Prince (Photo Submitted)



Lieutenant Colonel Henry Mucci (Photo Submitted)

to tell you about the epic account of the rescue that saved some of the survivors of the Bataan march. It was a story that laid dormant for over fifty years.

The war was winding down both in Europe and in the Pacific. General Douglas MacArthur was about to fulfill his promise he had made in 1942 when he left his beloved Philippines. He said that he would return. On January 9, 1945 the monumental invasion that consisted of 164 ships, 3,000 landing crafts and some 280,000 men would take place on Leyte, 400 miles to the Southeast of Manila.

Meanwhile on the little island of Palawan a terrible thing had happened at the Japanese prison camp in December 1944. All one hundred and fifty prisoners were put into a bomb shelter, gasoline was flung into the opening and set a flame.

Only eleven men survived the inferno that followed. The Japanese knew that the war was going America's way and that MacArthur would be returning to the Philippines soon. They didn't want to leave any evidence

them we are coming through and if they have any objections tell them I'll get on the radio and call in American artillery. This village will be leveled. The bluff worked.

Mucci finally got some good news. The American line had advanced more than 15 miles toward Cabanatuan which meant the "life march" had fewer miles to go.

Many of these men had been in the Bataan death march. They had been in prison for almost three years. It's hard to imagine what they had endured. Many died in the march and in the prison.

I cannot express in words how I feel about this group of men – the prisoners and the Rangers. Many went into service at age 17 or 18, and gave what should have been the best years of their lives. Folks, our freedom was not free. I just wish everyone living could understand that.

To me all 621 men to come out of the jungle that day, both the prisoners and the Rangers were heroes. God bless our military men.

Historically Speaking Liane Russell – Oak Ridge icon, world renowned biologist and lover of wilderness

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

The Atomic Energy Commission, on January 1, 1947, officially took responsibility for the nation's atomic energy program from the Manhattan Project's General Groves and Colonel Nichols. This change resulted in Oak Ridge being changed from the central location for managing the entire atomic energy programs to being a smaller field office. Yet, Oak Ridge remained central to nuclear energy research. However, the momentum built up in Oak Ridge while helping to win World War II was slowing. Many of the scientific staff members were leaving. A small group of University of Tennessee professors and Oak Ridge scientists were attempting to keep the scientific brain trust at the Clinton Laboratories built during that amazing world changing period.

While working to establish increased credibility by creating a national laboratory in Oak Ridge, the leaders of Clinton Laboratories were expanding into new and exciting fields of study. The first major accomplishment came from the medical isotope program that was a collaboration of the calutrons at Y-12's Building 9731 Pilot Facility and the Graphite Reactor at the Clinton Laboratories.

One of the next major advances came when Bill and Liane Russell were convinced by Alexander Hollaender to come to Oak Ridge and start a research project that resulted in one of the world's most prestigious mouse-genetics programs. Ultimately, a census of some 250,000 mice was maintained at the "Mouse House" at Y-12.

The "Mouse House" at Y-12 has been closed and the research moved to a new facility on the western portion of the main campus at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory appropriately named, the William L. and Liane B. Russell Laboratory for Comparative and Functional Genomics. While Lee has retired in 2002 and Bill died in 2003, their legacy lives on and at present she remains on guest assignment at ORNL.

The ORNL Review reports that "under Hollaender, Bill and Liane Russell started a large-scale mouse-genetics project in 1947. They began to build up special mouse strains for study of the effects on offspring born to parents exposed to radiation. The mouse-genetics program eventually would accommodate a steady-state census of 250,000 mice."

The ORNL Review continues, "The Russells also initiated a project to study radiation effects on development. In 1950, Liane Russell reported that specific types of birth defects resulted from radiation exposure during 'critical periods' in embryonic development. In 1952, the Russells jointly informed the medical community that the stage of prenatal development at which radiation is introduced strongly influences the amount and type of damage to the human embryo and fetus. They made specific recommendations on avoiding risks to unsuspected human pregnancies from diagnostic X rays that were adopted worldwide."

At the age of 71, Russell received the Enrico Fermi award "for her outstanding contributions to genetics and radiation biology, including her discovery of the chromosomal basis for sex determination in mammals and her contributions to our knowledge of the effects of radiation on the developing embryo and fetus. Her findings have been the benchmark for the study of mutations in mammals and genetic risk assessment worldwide."

Born in Vienna, Austria, she became a U.S. citizen in 1946. She earned her B.A. from Hunter College in New York City and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She and her husband, Bill, came to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1947. In addition to the Enrico Fermi Award, her many honors include the international Roentgen Medal (1973), Hunter College Hall of Fame (1979), and the Environmental Mutagen Society's EMS Award (1993). Additionally, Dr. Russell was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1986. Although she has many awards and has been recognized, along with her husband, Bill, for their illustrious technical career, I think it is safe to say she is equally proud of their accomplishments in the preservation of our natural

resources. She and Bill were instrumental in forming a volunteer advocacy group that was then and still is second to none in effectiveness.

In political circles Liane's second career as a volunteer activist for the protection of wild and natural lands and rivers in Tennessee and the Nation may have brought her and Bill even more renown. With her late husband, William (Bill) Russell, she helped to found the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP) in 1966.



Lee Russell wearing a pendant that her late husband carved from sumac...it is beautiful piece and one she treasures(Photo Submitted)

Bill and Liane's efforts have led, among other things, to the designations of the Obed National Wild and Scenic River and the 125,000-acre Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. She has received the prestigious Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Award of the National Parks and Conservation Association.

On the main page of their web site, the following statement best describes her passion for preservation of wild lands and what makes this organization unique in the world of advocacy groups: "TCWP's strength lies in researching information pertinent to an issue, informing and educating our membership and the public, interacting with groups having similar objectives, and working through the legislative, administrative, and judicial branches of government on the federal, state, and local levels."

Recently Lee presented an overview of the history and successes of the TCWP to the 43 Club. I was pleased to attend and found her presentation rewarding and most interesting. She used a 35 mm slide projector and showed some color slides of beautiful locations in the areas where the TCWP has been instrumental in preserving.

She spoke about the early campaigns of TCWP as being:

1. Defeat the proposed dam on the Big South Fork river
2. Pass key state laws preserving rivers, trails and natural areas
3. Regulate strip mining
4. Stop destructive dams proposed for Little Tennessee and Duck Rivers
5. Protect wilderness in national forests

Early efforts of the TCWP were enormously successful – beyond the wildest dreams of those early founders:

1. The dam on the Big South Fork was defeated AND the area was protected through gaining national park status
2. The dam on the Obed River was defeated AND the area was protected through national wild and scenic river status

Other early efforts were also successful:

1. The Smoky Mountain National Park trans-mountain road was defeated – one of the two reasons the organization was initially formed, the other was the threat of the dam on the Obed
2. State laws were passed to create
 - a. Scenic Rivers System (1968, first in nation)
 - b. Natural Areas System (1971, 50+ areas now protected)
 - c. Trails System (1971)
3. Passed strip mine laws (state 1972; federal

1977)

Locally the TCWP is active in many areas:

1. Maintenance of North Ridge Trail
2. Care of Worthington Cemetery
3. Conduct annual clean up of Oak Ridge Cedar Barrens
4. Maintain Whites Creek Trail (TVA area)
5. Maintain the Nemo portion of Cumberland Trail
6. Hold annual March for Parks
7. Produce environmental films for schools
8. Conduct environmental lectures

Political action is integral to TCWP activities:

1. Publish an annual Political Guide
2. Encourage TCWP members to contact key legislators and government agencies
3. Provide pre-election information to identify candidates environmental record and/or platform
4. Support the lobbying arm of Tennessee's environmental movement

The mission of the TCWP is to protect natural lands and waters with a focus on the Cumberland Plateau and Appalachian regions. Some of the strengths of the organization are the meticulous research of pertinent information on a given issue, informing their members and the public, interacting with others who share their concerns and working through all branches of government.

One of my favorite trails for hiking is the eight-mile Oak Ridge North Ridge Trail. It was developed by TCWP and has subsequently been designated both a state and national recreation trail. It is literally within a mile of most of Oak Ridge and easily accessible in at least three well marked locations and even more if you know where to drop off the north side of Black Oak Ridge.

Lee Russell is an Oak Ridge treasure! She is unique, multi-talented, entertaining, exciting and energetic. We need more "Lee's" and we need more "Bill's." When Alexander Hollaender convinced them to come to Oak Ridge in 1947, he sure did us all a favor.

NOTE: Liane Russell passed away on July 20, 2019, at age 95. Here is a link to an article written by Emily Langer for the Washington Post: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/liane-russell-scientist-who-put-spotlight-on-danger-of-x-rays-for-embryos-dies-at-95/2019/08/23/1e251fca-c432-11e9-b72f-b31d-faa77212_story.html

I enjoyed knowing Lee and am proud of the documentary films we created featuring her and her beloved Biology Division. See them here: <https://www.y12.doe.gov/library/video/our-hidden-past-biology-part-1> and here: <https://www.y12.doe.gov/library/video/our-hidden-past-biology-part-2>

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.

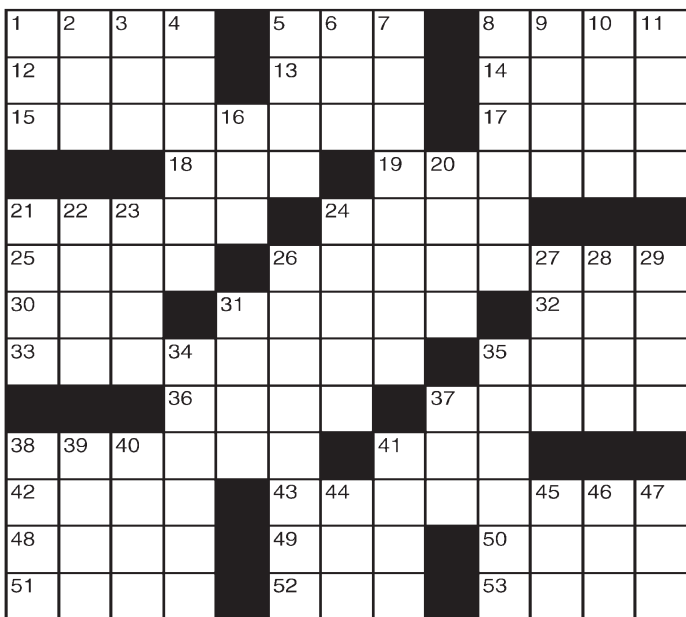
This "Secret City" nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge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

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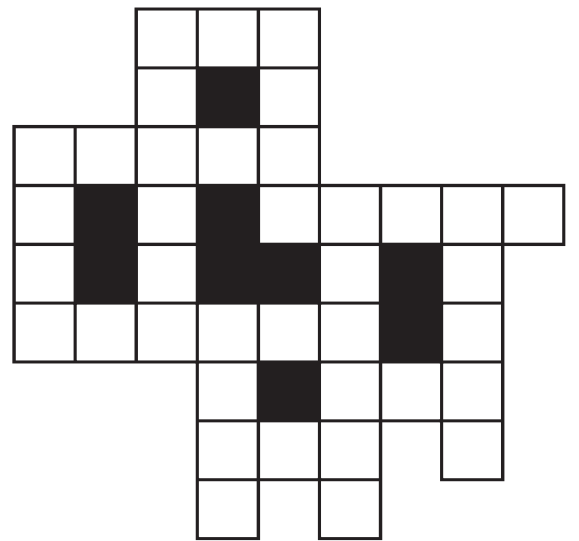
- 1 Drink heartily
- 5 Coffee, in slang
- 8 Snatch
- 12 Maze option
- 13 Possess
- 14 Elderly
- 15 Not all one kind
- 17 Clinton's Arkansas hometown
- 18 Delivery co.
- 19 Source
- 21 Song of praise
- 24 "East of Eden" character
- 25 Charged bits
- 26 Lit into
- 30 Explosive letters
- 31 External
- 32 Eisenhower
- 33 Lent a hand
- 35 Appear
- 36 Dud
- 37 Familiar form of address
- 38 1954 doo-wop hit for The Crew-Cuts
- 41 Pirouette pivot
- 42 Deserve
- 43 Transferred, in law
- 48 List-ending



- 9 Quite eager
- 10 Military visored hat
- 11 Paradise
- 16 Spinning stat
- 20 Bellow
- 21 Pocket bread
- 22 Half of the offspring
- 23 Picnic invaders
- 24 — in the right direction
- 26 Convert to computers
- 27 Told a tale
- 28 — out (supplemented)
- 29 Showroom
- 31 Norway's capital
- 34 "I wish"
- 35 Prolonged attacks
- 37 Japanese pond carp
- 38 Caraway, for one
- 39 Loathe
- 40 Cereal choice
- 41 Despot
- 44 Vast expanse
- 45 Sister
- 46 Mound stat
- 47 Pooch



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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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"If everyone does a little, no one has to do a whole lot."

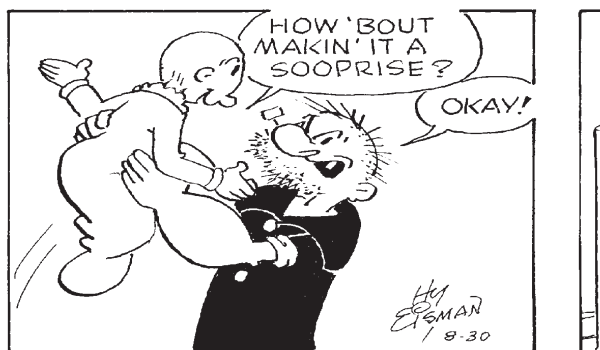
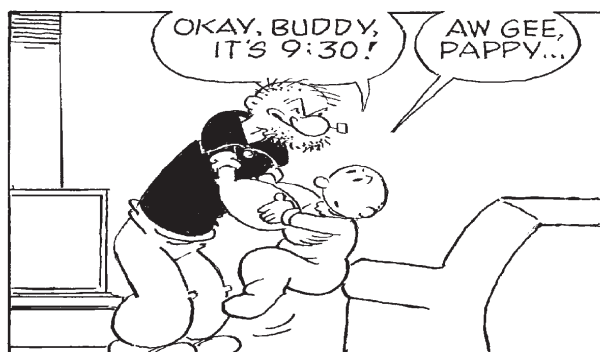
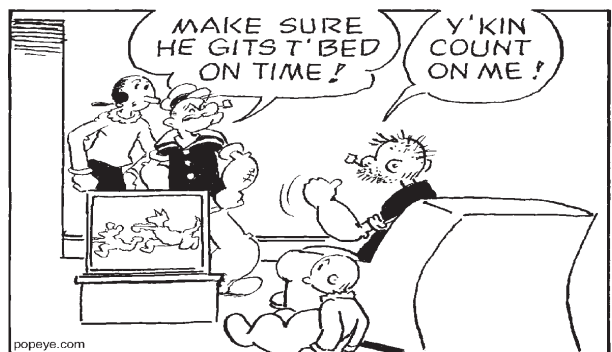
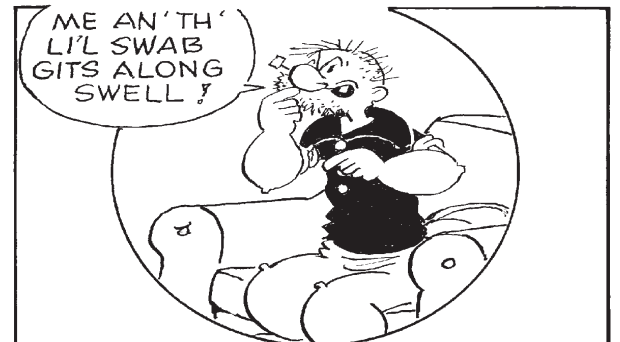
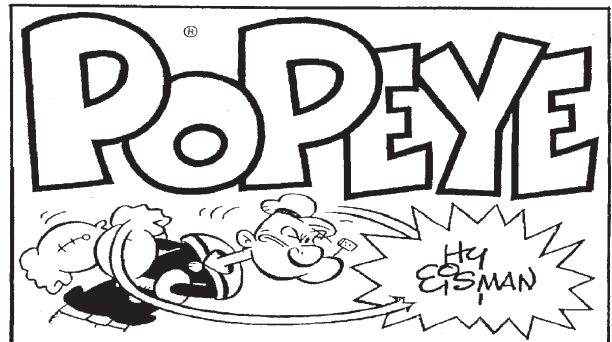
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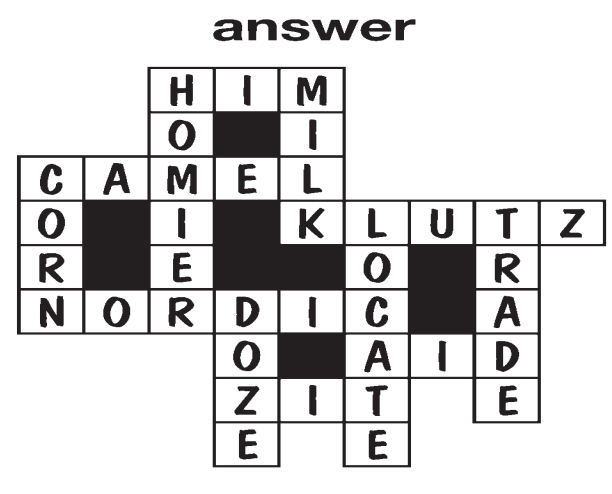
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Fred C. Mize III



Weekly SUDOKU

King Crossword



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Answers

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John 3:7

- Jesus

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MSG Fred Mize

As an anniversary gift my wife, Hollea gave me the book Words of Jesus for Men – 366 Reflections on the Words of Jesus. I just read the reflection for September 3rd and I decided to share it with you for this week's article. It reads...
John 15: 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. This comparison confirms the truth of choices

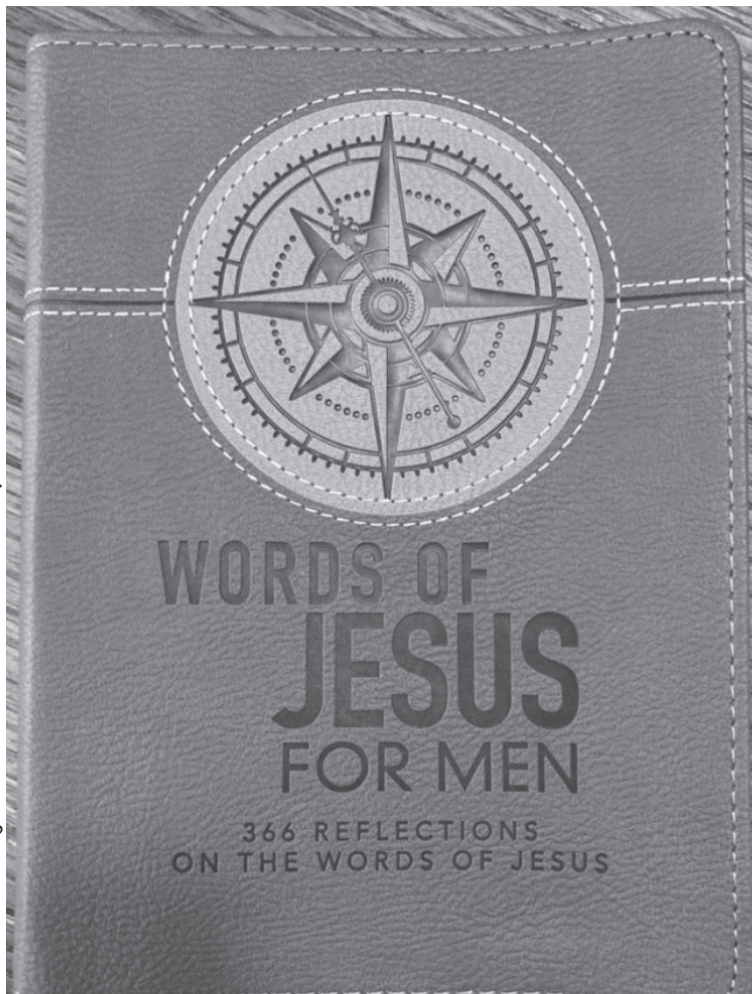
and outcomes. The choices that we make, good or bad, have inevitable consequences. It also explains an important issue about "salvation." To witness about choosing Jesus is wonderful, but it's not the only important thing. To choose Jesus is a continuous action, until the end. It is possible to choose Jesus, to be saved from the world and sin, and then to reject Him. The emphasis is not on "choosing" Jesus, but "remaining in

Him." Jesus encourages believers to remain in Him until the very end and never to wander away from Him. There is no life apart from Him. It's important to be

able to testify about your faith in Christ, but it's even more important to live and stand by it every day. Although no one can snatch me from His hand, I can still choose

to let go of Him. What a great reflection to ponder on. To me it's wonderful to know that no one can take me from the hands of God. No one can steal my salvation! But it causes me to stand still for a moment and consider the things I place before God. For many its different but can often be; the drive to earn more money, working hard toward a promotion at work, striving with all your might to earn a diploma or degree, etc. Whatever our good intentions might be we MUST NOT

put them before our relationship with God. Dear Heavenly Father I pray that You continue to be patient with us, your children and guide us, mentor us, teach us, and protect us from all evil so that we will not place anything or anyone between our holy relationship. I ask of these things in your Holy name, Jesus Christ. Amen!



Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

The Zack Ballinger Show

The Zack Ballinger Show debuted on Tuesday, August 25th, 2020. We debuted live on Facebook and YouTube. The show is based on helping people find their career direction through passion and purpose. The Department of Labor and Bureau and Statistics states there are 821 career pathways in North America. I would make an argument there are a lot more career pathways than just 821. My vision of the show is to make a career library to have every single career represented for anyone to watch for free. I will embark on this mission until the library is completed. If someone is interested in a career, they will be able to click our interview and see what the career is all about before exploration. It's the perfect one stop shop in the career development.

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HOW TO FIND A CAREER YOU LOVE

have a pretty firm idea if your skills, talents, and abilities align to that particular profession. This is a great first step in identifying a career pathway or changing occupations.

What kind of guests will be on The Zack Ballinger Show? What is the criteria? We will have white collar and blue collar workers from every profession imaginable. Everyone from a CEO to a contractor. From a concrete mixer to a mutual fund manager. The show is really designed to help you identify something your passionate about and how to pursue that particular career. The one stipulation and requirement is simple; The career guest must be passionate about their current career. You can tell already by the interviews posted

these guests are passionate and dedicated to their career.

How can I find or listen to The Zack Ballinger Show? The show will have 2 to 3 guests per week on various careers in The United States. You can listen live via YouTube by searching for Zack Ballinger and subscribing. The show is also streamed live on Facebook on www.facebook.com/thezackballinger. What if you want to listen to a podcast? The show can be

found on iTunes and Spotify: search for The Zack Ballinger show and you can find all the episodes. We have already had guest form Morgan County including, Dr. Jonathan Laymance, Dr. James Griffith, and Samantha Davis. Since I am from the Morgan County area, I will be featuring a lot of guests from the area. Next up from Morgan County is Jonathan Dagley, Dr. Dan Shoemaker, and Angie Pollard. Support the show and our vision!

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



Zack Ballinger



According to a Gallop Poll of 153,000 American workers, 70% admitted they hate their job. I can't imagine being stuck in a career where you spend 1/3 of your life working in a miserable environment with no hope of escaping. I am here to change the paradigm when it comes to workplace satisfaction. The Zack Ballinger Show guests will tell you what they love about their job, what skills you need, education, certifications, training, explain a typical day in their job, what they don't like about their job, etc. After one of the video interviews, you will



established an ongoing annual scholarship at his Alma Mater, Wartburg, which has inspired others to give back as well. Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.

Sandra Helton's weekly column
Oakdale Area News
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Make plans to attend the 82nd Annual Pine Orchard Fair on Saturday, September 12. This will be an all day event. Exhibits will be accepted from 9:00 – 11:00. Due to Covid precautions, the fair will look a little different this year. The turkey/ham dinner will be replaced with BBQ plates and Concession Style Dining. To-Go Plates will be available for anyone wanting to support the fair and the Community Center but is uncomfortable eating there. There will be craft vendors, fair exhibits and a 4-H Chicken Show. There won't be a chicken auction but chickens can be bought. The tradition of the quilt made by local ladies will continue. This year's quilt is a Dutch Doll Pattern and each person making a .50 donation will have their name entered into a drawing for the quilt.

Congratulations to the Oakdale Eagles on their 18 -8 victory over Jellico on Friday, August 28. The Eagles improved their record to 2-0.

Congratulations to the Oakdale Middle School Football team who went on the road last Thursday night to play Jellico. The Eagles were victorious with final score of 47-14.

Pine Orchard Clothes Closet is open today, September 8 from 10:00 – 12:00. The October Clothes Closet will be held on October 13.

Happy 85th Birthday to Mrs. Flora Walker who will celebrate her special day September 15. Wishing you a wonderful day Ms. Flora!

Dub Jones asked me to share this. ATTENTION CLASS OF 1959, 60 AND 61 MEMBERS: Our 2020 Reunion was postponed because of the COVID 19 VIRUS scare and other illnesses of members. We had thought we might recover by Fall and bring all our folks together for a delayed 2020 reunion. Because of my wife, Trish's, battle with pancreatic cancer, I cannot commit to any strict scheduling at this time. Unless someone else wants to organize and direct it, the 2020 reunion simply will not happen. I can help you by phone if someone wants to take that responsibility. My personal attention is now on 2021 and the last Friday before the 4th of Jul, which is when we always have our annual reunion. If I calculated correctly, Friday, July the 2nd will be that time for 2021.

Surely our nation will have made some better decisions by then and we will be in RECOVERED MODE. I really look forward to seeing all of you at that next reunion. W.C. (Dub) Jones, Class of 60.

Children's Programs at Harriman Public Library will begin September 9th. The Preschool Program will be on Wednesdays at 11:00. Homeschool Programs will be on Tuesdays at 10:00 for K-1st Grade and on Thursdays at 10:00 for 2nd – 5th Grade. Show and Share will be on Mondays at 11:00.

Election Day is November 3, 2020. Now is the time to make sure you are registered and to make any necessary changes to your registration. If you have moved to Morgan County or relocated within the county, call the Morgan County Election Commission to verify your registration and voting precinct. Everyone age 60 and older can vote absentee. Contact the Election Commission Office to request a ballot for application.

Early voting in Tennessee will be Wednesday, October 14 – Thursday, October 29.

There is much to pray about. Please pray for the condition of our nation and our leaders. Pray for our churches, pastors and missionaries. Pray for our schools and teachers. Pray for all the sick, those caring for the sick and the families who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Most of all, pray for the lost.

Many times, one who remains silent is heard more clearly than one who speaks often and loudly. - Unknown

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Morgan County Today Community Calendar

American Legion Post 149 upcoming events
September 12, 2020 Post 149 will conduct their monthly pancake breakfast from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. We will serve everything from pancakes and biscuits to ham and sausage. The cost will be \$8.00 per adult, \$4.50 per kid and \$8.50 for a to go box.
September 17, 2020 Post 149 Legion member's monthly meeting will start at 7:00 pm. We will also be celebrating the Air Force's 73rd birthday with cake.

Hebrews Chapter 12: 18-29

In principle, the Christian present location, as a member of Christ's church, is the vestibule of heaven itself. The following depiction is filled with descriptives that almost merge the church on earth with the redeemed who already have achieved the victory. It is mount Zion, a heavenly city, characterized by the accompaniment of angels (v. 22); 1:14). It is a community of firstborn ones, with special privileges for those who have experienced the new birth (v. 23; Jn. 3:3-5). God is no longer the stand-off God ("do not touch the mountain" (v. 20), but he is near, and there is the great assembly of the spirits of justified people who have been reckoned as having been perfected (v. 23). Christ is mentioned as well; he is the mediator of the new covenant, and the atoning effect of his blood is apparent (v. 24). The contrast between Abel's blood and the Lord's is ambiguous. The meaning may be that the former was taken by violence, while the latter was the gift of grace.

There is now a strong admonition that goes straight to the core of the matter. To those who are wavering on the brink of apostasy: "See to it that you do not refuse to listen to him who is speaking to you." Those under the old law who refused to listen did not escape divine wrath when they left him (2:2); much more is it the reality that those who now turn away will not escape either, and their judgment will be proportionately more severe (v. 25; 10:28).

A reference to the ultimate day of judgment is now introduced. Borrowing language from an ancient prophet, the writer contrasts the shaking of Mount Sinai at the time the law was given with another shaking (a spiritual one) that will involve both earth and heaven(v. 26; Hag. 2:6). At that time, some things will be destroyed; others will remain (v. 27). Those who have received God's grace and his kingdom and who have rendered service well pleasing to him will not be shaken. With those who have not remained true, it will be quite otherwise. God and his truth must be retained; those who stray from it will experience the consuming wrath of the Creator and ruler of the universe (v. 28-29).

(Hebrews 13:1-6) Moral responsibility: the theme of love begins this segment. First with a compliment: "Let love of the brothers (generic---all Christians) continue." The term for love is one of genuine, emotional affection. From the Greek word derives our English "Philadelphia." It recognizes a common family bond, by virtue of the new birth, and acknowledges that these Christians share that affection. Further, there is the ad-

monition that such be sustained.

Second, they must not forget to show love to strangers (v. 2). Many times in church services we are so anxious to visit with close friends, we forget to show warmth to visitors, and in so doing we miss golden opportunities. An example is used to support the point. On occasion, some entertained angels and knew it not (Gen. 18:1). To assert that angels are among us today in human form would be speculation for which there is no evidence.

Third, these saints were to remember their kinsmen in the Lord who were prisoners for the cause of Christ (v. 3). They should view themselves as chained to these victims, and treat them as they would want to be treated, caring for them physically, emotionally, and spiritually (v. 3).

Fourth, Christians should remember those fellows who are "ill-treated", reflecting upon the fact that we all are a part of the same body, and when one member hurts, other should help bear their burdens (v. 3).

Fifth, had immorality invaded the ranks of those tottering on the edge of defection? That would not be unusual. It must be recognized: (a) Marriage is a divine institution, and God has given the rules of engagement. (b) The institution must be regulated with honor, in accordance with divine law (irrespective of civil perversions). (c) Those who engage in illicit sexual activity with another person are fornicators (the term is generic); those who join in unauthorized sex as a married person or with a married person are "adulterers". All such impenitent violators will be judged by God (v. 4).

Finally, the saints should be free from the love of money. Some may have been suffering economic stress due to income loss on account of their faith. They must remain content with what they have and not sacrifice their conviction on the altar of materialism. Reflecting upon the Scriptures could help them through such trials. Jehovah had promised he would neither fail nor forsake them. Their daily motto should be: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear! What shall man do unto me?" (Dt. 31:6; Ps. 118:6).

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



This week's veteran of the week is Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ryan Lindsey. SFC Lindsey is an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Soldier in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Due to being inspired by a close friend's upcoming deployment to serve in Iraq, he decided to enlist himself on April 28, 2006. He enlisted as a Combat Medic (68W) into the 253RD Military Police Company. Throughout his military career he has also served in the Tennessee Army National Guard Medical Command and for HHT 2ND Squadron 278TH Armored Cavalry Regiment. He now

serves in the Recruiting and Retention Battalion as a Senior Recruiting and Retention NCO.

In 2010 – 2011 SFC Lindsey fulfilled his reason for enlisting by serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom just as his friend did before him. During his tour of duty in Iraq he served at both a Combat Support Hospital and in the Operations Section for the 253RD MP CO.

SFC Lindsey's is most fond of the relationships and close friendships he has gained with countless citizens and Soldiers throughout his military career.

The highlight of his military career is a moment he will never forget. It was the moment he first stepped foot back on U.S. soil in 2011 upon arriving home from Iraq. That moment is a life

changing moment for every military service member. It is a moment that one gains a newfound appreciation for being blessed by God for being an American.

SFC Lindsey, Morgan County Today, wants to take this moment to



thank you for your military service and to congratulate you and your beautiful Amanda on your precious one-month old daughter Aubrey. God bless you three and we pray that you get a good night's rest soon.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

Morgan County Today is pleased to announce Morgan County Jail Correctional Officer Billy Rigsby as this week's law enforcement officer of the week.

Correctional Officer Rigsby retired in 2017 from the Tennessee Department of Corrections as a Correctional Sergeant. He dedicated his life in the pursuit to protect others and to ensure their security since 1980. He now lives in Lansing with his lovely wife Maria Cristiana Rigsby. She has supported him in his career since they married in 2013.

Although Billy retired in 2017, he has now served Morgan County as a Correc-

tional Officer for the Morgan County Jail since May 2019.

He has a specialized duty where he is responsible for coordinating lawn care operations and procedures while overseeing a work crew of inmates.

Billy enjoys his new line of work because he's thankful to



play a helpful role in keeping Morgan County beautiful, clean and orderly. He's most thankful to be able to help those in Morgan County who have need for firewood during the cold winter months. Billy's work crew maintains the properties of thirty cemetery's, walking trails, fire departments, health departments, the Lions Club, the senior citizen's center, and the list goes on and on.

There a literally too many locations to list. His crew has maintained 105 different locations in the past 30 days. When the grass stops growing in the winter Billy and his crew don't slow down but shift their focus on cutting firewood for those in need. Billy wanted me to note that his work crew's efforts are made possible by the support of Sheriff Wayne Potter and County Executive Brian Langley. Morgan County greatly benefits from these men's hard work. Thank you, Correctional Officer Billy Rigsby, for all you've done and continue to do for Morgan County. Your untiring work ethic is inspirational.

Check your federal tax being withheld



David Zubler

The IRS is encouraging all taxpayers to review their federal withholding. This will help to make sure you are not having too little or too much federal tax withheld.

Don't wait until it's too late in the year.

Waiting makes your adjust larger since you will have a shorter period to correct your total amount of federal withholding for the year. By making the adjustment earlier in the year you will be able to make a smaller adjustment and won't notice the change nearly as much.

Unfortunately, there are taxpayers who never check their federal withholding and then are surprised when they file their tax returns.

Taxpayers should review their withholding annually.

The IRS provides a tool called the IRS Tax Withholding Estimator to check your federal tax withheld. The helps to provide workers, retirees and self-employed people with a step-by step method to determine if they should adjust their federal taxes being

withheld.

It is harder to determine the correct amount of withholding for certain people. This includes people:

- who are part of a two-income family working two or more jobs or who only work for part of a year
- with children who claim credits such as the child tax credit and education credit with older dependents, including children age 17 or older
- who itemized deductions on their 2019 tax return
- with large refunds or large tax liabilities for 2019
- who received unemployment at any time during the year

The IRS Tax Withholding Estimator will enable you to review your withholding and calculate whether you should complete a new Form W-4.

Additionally, it will help you determine what information you should put on your new Form W-4.

The Estimator can save you time because it does all the worksheet calculations. Having your most recent pay statements, information for other income sources and the most recent income tax return will help to figure out your correct withholding.

If you need to make an adjustment you should complete a new Form W-4 and submit it to your employer as soon as possible. If you need to adjust the withholding from your retirement distribution, submit the new Form W-4 to the retirement company. If you use a tax professional, they may be able to help you calculate your withholding and determine the amount of adjustment required.

Checking your withholding now will better enable you to know what to expect when you are filing your tax return. This will help you to avoid being surprised and unnecessary stress at tax time.

David Zubler is a tax accountant and Enrolled Agent in East Tennessee representing clients before the IRS and has over 25 years of tax experience. He is the author of four tax books and is the founder and president of Your Tax Care. The company provides business and tax education to the public at its website, YourTaxCare.com. David can be reached at (865) 363-3019 or contacted by email at zublerdavid@gmail.com.

Veteran of the Week

Davis Funeral Home is proud to sponsor Morgan County Today's feature, Veteran of the Week. Each week, a different local Veteran will be spotlighted, and honored and appreciated for their service. The Veteran's name, branch of service, service dates and other pertinent data should be emailed to Editor@mocotoday.com or Publisher@mocotoday.com. Submissions will be printed in the order in which they are received, pending verification of information.



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Budget Committee Meeting Monday September 14th @ 6:00pm
Commission Meeting Monday September 14th at 7:00pm

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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

The Morgan County Highway Department is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate
The Morgan County Highway Department reserved 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:

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.

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:

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.

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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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Morgan County's Influence on John Muir and the National Park System

By Terry Futrell

John Muir was only 29 years old when he walked across Morgan County in September 1867. Muir had just embarked on his first major nature adventure, walking 1,000 miles from Kentucky to Florida. Muir would later become America's most notable naturalist and conservationist and is considered "Father of the National Parks."

In his book *A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf*, Muir recounts his travel through Morgan County on September 11 and 12, 1867. Muir traveled from Kentucky into Tennessee on September 9 in late afternoon. On September 10, Muir began to ascend the Cumberland Mountains and in his own words, these were "the first real mountains that my foot ever touched or eyes beheld." Muir's travels brought him through Burkesville, Kentucky and on to Jamestown, Tennessee, which Muir described as a "poor, rickety, thrice-dead village."

The Civil War had ended only two years earlier, and Muir's writings provide much insight into the terrible ravages of war in the area. After passing through Jamestown, Muir stopped at a log house. When he asked if there were other houses on the road, he was told "Yes, it's only two miles to the next house, but beyond that there are no houses that I know of except empty ones whose owners have been killed or driven away during the war." Stopping at another house along the way, Muir was cautioned that "although the war was over, walking across the Cumberland Mountains still was far from safe on account of small bands of guerrillas who were in hiding along the roads."

Muir headed for Montgomery, the Morgan County seat at that time. Entering Morgan County on September 11, his pathway would have brought him on Gatewood Ford Road to Deer Lodge and along the present Rome Road to Lancing (then called Kismet) and on to Montgomery.

As Muir drew close to Montgomery late in the day on September 11, he "suddenly came in sight of ten mounted men riding abreast." Muir described the men as "mounted on rather scrawny horses, and all wore long hair hanging down on their shoulders. Evidently they belonged to the most ir-reclaimable of the guerrilla bands who, long accustomed to plunder, deplored the coming of peace." Muir boldly bluffed his way past the men, who apparently decided he was not worth robbing.

After passing through Montgomery, which Muir called "a shabby village," on the morning of September 12, Muir obtained breakfast at a "clean house". Presumably, this would have been in Wartburg where all houses were relatively new. Muir then began his descent of the mountains.

Muir's exact path to Kingston is unclear. The main road to Kingston passed through Cassell Road, across the Gordon Wilson property, then a short distance on Fairview Road, and then descended the mountain on High Rock Road, which becomes Kring Hollow Road that parallels the Little Emory River for some distance. Kring Hollow Road intersects Coal Hill Road a short distance before it passes through DeArmond Gap into Roane County. Currently, part of Gordon Wilson Road and part of High Rock Road are no longer public roads.

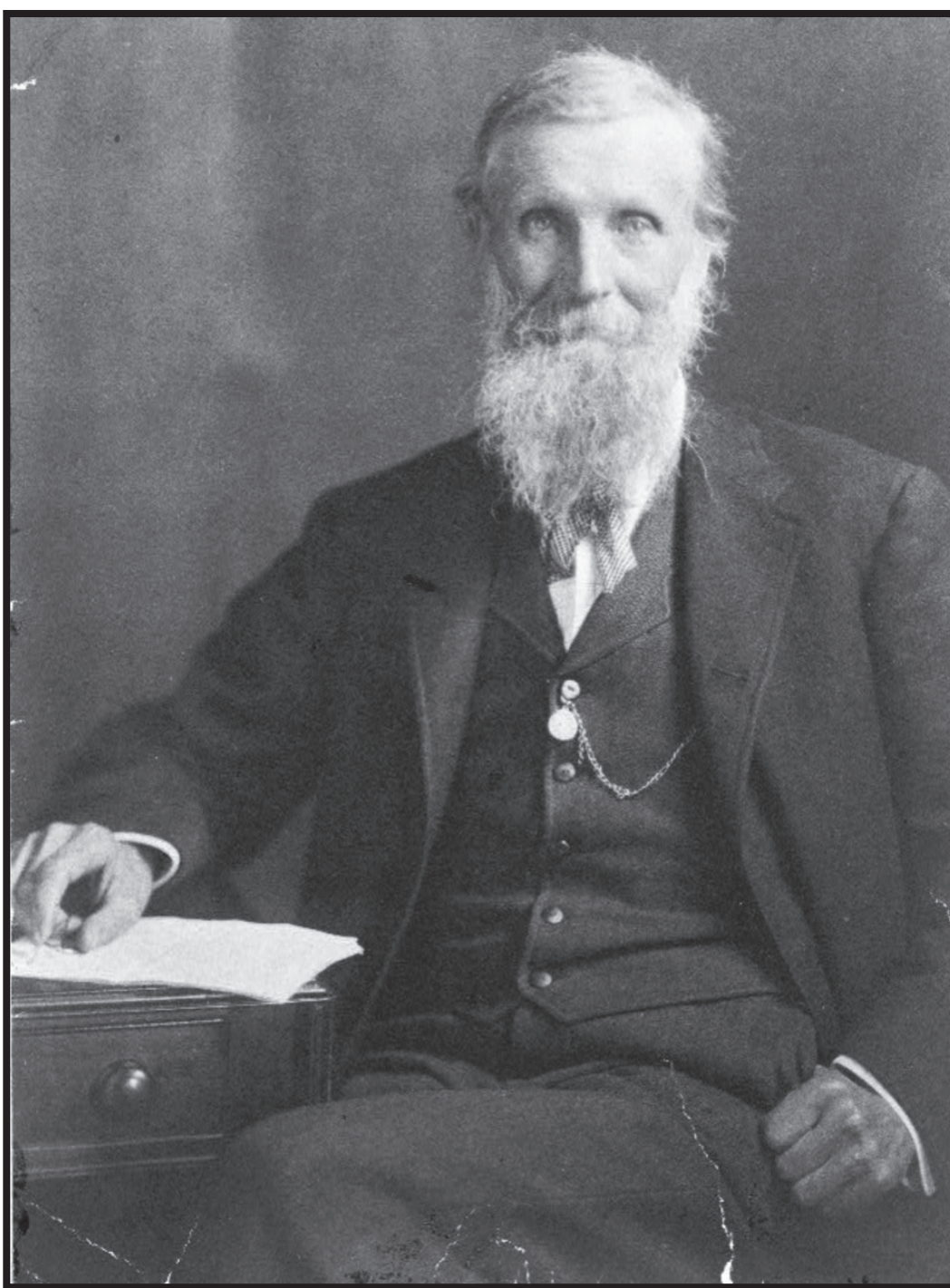
Others have suggested that Muir traveled Liberty Road on to Mossy Grove and then down Whetstone Road to the current path of Highway 27. Another alternate route that has been suggested is through Armes Chapel, across the Emory River, and then through the Oakdale area to Kingston. Because Muir tended to travel primary roads on his trip, I personally believe he took the main road to Kingston through Cassell Road.

Muir mentioned crossing "a wide cool stream" after descending the mountains and mentioned that this was the first mountain stream he had ever seen. Editors who published his book after Muir's death inserted "Emory River" as the name of the stream, but that was apparently not in his original notes. Professor Daniel Styer of Oberlin College has done extensive

research on the travels of Muir and believes the mountain stream was the Little Emory River that flows through Kring Hollow.

Muir then "spent some joyous time in a grand rock-dwelling full of mosses, birds, and flowers. Most heavenly place I ever entered." The location of this rock-dwelling remains a mystery – Professor Styer concluded that it must have been within DeArmond Gap and was apparently destroyed when Highway 27 was built through the gap.

Morgan County clearly had a profound effect on John Muir as he traveled through the county in his first cross-country adventure in 1867. It is quite possible that seeing his first mountains, his first mountain stream, and the most heavenly place he ever entered in Morgan County influenced Muir to devote his future life to nature and conservation of natural beauty. I like to think that Morgan County, in perhaps a small way, was responsible for Muir's love for nature and his advocacy for a national park system to preserve some of our nation's most beautiful natural resources.



At the age of 29, John Muir traveled across Morgan County in his first great adventure with nature. (Photo Library of Congress)

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