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Tue 12	47°/23°	
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Roane State Program is a Dream for Night Owls

By Bob Fowler
Roane State staff writer

For night owls, this Roane State certification program is a dream. It's the polysomnography program at the community college's Knox County Center for Health Sciences campus in Knoxville, where students are taught to study, monitor and help unravel the multitude of ailments that can adversely affect sleep. Roane State is one of only two collegiate polysomnography programs in Tennessee. And Roane State graduates are the majority of sleep technicians at centers in our area. Nicole Coleman, director of Summit Sleep Services with Summit Medical Group in Knoxville, said "98% of our technical staff went through the polysomnography program at RSCC." She graduated from the Roane State program more than 20 years ago.

"We are very fortunate to have a program so close by that educates and prepares students for sleep tech positions in our sleep center," Coleman said. "We know the students coming out of the program will be a great asset to Summit Sleep Services." Roane State President Chris Whaley said the prevalence of Roane State sleep center graduates in the regional job market is a "testament to the strength" of the college's program. "The program was very well taught and prepared us for this field," said Shawn Hopkins, who received his sleep technician certification after taking the Roane State course. "It was very tough, especially the second semester with clinicals, but they helped me a great deal to be ready for what I was going to do." Hopkins has been a sleep technician at Summit Sleep Services since 2008.

Donna Plumlee, director of Roane's State's sleep center, said there are many different types of sleep disorders, from sleep apnea to narcolepsy to insomnia and "night terrors." She said the polysomnography program accepts 15 to 18 students each fall. Plumlee said those who complete the program will encounter a "good job market with good salaries." Enrollees learn the various types of sleep ailments and how to use the sophisticated equipment that monitors various stages of sleep along with breathing, leg and eye movements, and how much oxygen is in the blood.

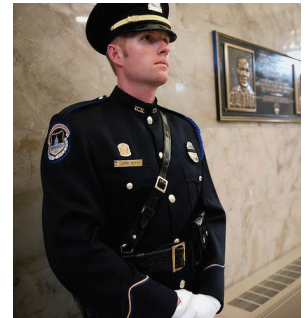


Roane State's polysomnography program is a one-year certificate program. Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for their registry exam administered by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists (BRPT). The program's four bed simulation lab and elaborate monitoring equipment are housed inside the college's Center for Health Sciences at 132 Hayfield Road in Knoxville. The college

program was launched in the late 1990s, and Plumlee has been its director since 2003. Students participate in small groups during lab classes in which they assume the role of either technologist or patient. The "technologists" prepare their classmates for the study. The "patients" take naps in darkened rooms with a myriad of electrodes, monitors and sensors applied to their heads and bodies. This exercise allows for real-time monitoring of their brainwave activity, eye movements, muscle activity, EKG, respiration, leg movements, and oxygen levels while simultaneously observing the "patients" via overhead cameras. The signals are recorded for subsequent review by the physician. Students also participate in clinical rotations at multiple sleep labs in the area as an important piece of the comprehensive curriculum. This enables the students to experience on-the-job training and accumulate hands-on, real work experiences with actual patients, better preparing them for the job market. Plumlee said it's important to remember that while there are a few dayshift positions available, most technologists work the night shift. Roane State is a two-year college providing transfer programs, career-preparation programs and continuing education. Founded in 1971, the college has locations in Roane, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, and Scott counties as well as a branch campus in Oak Ridge. For more information, visit roanestate.edu or call (865) 882-4554. Remember, eligible adults can now attend Roane State tuition-free with the new Reconnect grant. Learn more at roanestate.edu/reconnect.



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LEGISLATORS FILE BILL TO ALLOW FIRST RESPONDERS TO LIVE WHERE THEY CHOOSE

NASHVILLE – State Senator Brian Kelsey (R-Germantown) today filed SB 29 which would allow first responders to live where they choose. The bill would ban residency requirements statewide for police officers and firefighters. Kelsey says the bill is a matter of public safety and will allow police and fire departments to recruit top tier first responder candidates, regardless of where they live. The lawmaker says, in particular, it will help Tennessee address a deficit of police officers occurring throughout the country.

"This is a public safety bill. It will enable us to hire more police officers, which will help us fight our rising crime rates," said Kelsey. "This bill will support our police and fire officers who keep us safe by allowing them to live where they choose."

"This bill addresses the needs of our local law enforcement and emergency services agencies, ensuring they have one of the most valuable resources – sufficient personnel – to protect our citizens and keep our communities safe," said Representative Jerome Moon (R-Maryville) who is sponsoring the bill in the House of Representatives. "Removing residency requirements will greatly expand the pool of highly-qualified applicants."

In Memphis, major violent crime rates are up nine percent, and the city suffered from a record of over 300 homicides in 2020. In addition, a recent analysis by Drs. Richard Janikowski and Phyllis Betts of Strategic City Solutions revealed that the Memphis Police Department is understaffed by several hundred officers and that as the number of officers in

the police force increases, the levels of violent crime in Memphis decrease. In December, the City Council adopted a resolution acknowledging that the city is over 400 officers short of its hiring goal.

The new bill would seek to remedy the lack of law enforcement officers by applying the practices adopted by many local police departments statewide. The Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTA), which provides assistance and training to municipal officials and employees as part of the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service, says that most cities in Tennessee have moved away from residency requirements due to difficulties in recruiting.

The measure has received broad support from legislators and community leaders throughout Shelby County.

"I strongly lend my support to this common-sense legislation," said Senator Paul Rose (R-Covington). "Law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel across our state are on the front lines protecting us every day. They need the support of all citizens and legislators, and I believe when this legislation is passed, the leadership of these departments will be enabled to hire the staff they desperately need."

"Reducing violent crime, public safety and safe streets are the number one priority of the residents of Memphis," said Representative Mark White (R-Memphis). "This legislation enables Memphis to have a fully staffed law enforcement agency to give us those safer streets."

"Now more than ever, Memphis is in need of police officers to protect our community," said Representative Tom Leatherwood (R-Arlington). This piece of legislation will give more qualified men and women the opportunity to serve their neighbors and keep

Memphis safe."

"I think it is a mistake to limit ourselves when it comes to recruiting good men and women to serve and protect our communities," said Representative John Gillespie (R-Memphis). "We should be thinking regionally. This legislation will help to expand our pool of highly-qualified applicants, resulting in more boots on the ground serving constituents."

"Like many police departments, we continue to struggle with staffing," said Memphis Police Director Michael Rallings. "Although we work hard to hire within Shelby County, it is unrealistic to believe that we will be able to increase our number of officers if we do not broaden our scope of candidates. Dropping the residency requirement would allow us to hire more individuals who want to serve our great city."

"Eliminating residency requirements provides public safety agencies with an opportunity to consider a broader selection of candidates who have a desire to serve the citizens of Memphis and Shelby County," said Shelby County Sheriff Floyd Bonner. "This public safety-focused measure supports the interest of law enforcement and fire services leaders from across the state in providing safe communities for all Tennesseans."

"This law will help us keep our citizens safe by allowing us to hire an untapped group of the best and brightest candidates from across the entire region," said Thomas Malone, President of the Memphis Fire Fighters Association. "Potential fire fighters won't need to weigh their desire to protect the public against forcing their family to uproot and move due to an antiquated residency requirement."

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Hazel Pat Byrge, 79

Hazel Pat Byrge, age 79 of Lancing, died on January 1, 2021, Hazel was born on June 6, 1941. She was preceded in death by her Husband: Ezra Byrge, Mother and Dad: Myertal and Turney Lowe, Sister: Doris Lowe, Brother Ernest Lowe, Son: Rickey Byrge.

Hazel was a home maker and a member of the Liberty Baptist Church. She loved being outdoors, cooking, sewing and being around family. She loved to travel the beach was her favorite trip. She was the heart of the whole Family. She will be missed very very much.

She is survived by Children: Margie Hughs, Della Bell, Andy Byrge, Herbert Byrge and Jason Byrge.

Grandkids: Anthony Coffey, Danny & Shay Phillips, John & Liz Buttery, Destiny Bowman, Selena Byrge, Holly Byrge, J.T.

Byrge, Crystal Shadden, Tess Burgess, John Burgess, Rhonda & Chris Watson and Dwayne Headrick.

A host of Great & great great grandkids.

Brothers and Sisters: Sam & Ollie Taylor, Jerry & Lucy Lowe, Dellie Trimwell, Walter Lowe, Billy & Lings Lowe and Baniel & Hayley Taylor.

Also surviving are a host of other friends, family and church family.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 from 1-2 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 2 pm with Bro. Joe Liles officiating, interment will follow in the Union Cemetery, Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Hazel Byrge.

Ricky L Bertram

Ricky L Bertram passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He is preceded in death by: Father, George Bertram Brother, David Bertram Sister, Brenda Bertram Niece, Jennifer Lyons Brother-in-law, Harold Gallo-way.

He is survived by Mother, Virginia Cottrell (Bertram)

Son, Colton Bertram and wife Stephanie

Daughter, Emily Bertram Grandson, Colt

Sisters: Mary Galloway, Patricia Howard and husband Jerry, Beverly Bertram Hoover and husband Gene, Robin Hensley and husband Timmy

Brothers: Chuck Bertram and



wife Michelle, Jeffery Bertram Brother-in-law, Steve Bertram His special nieces, Kallie, Samantha, Aleia, Adrianna and Amelia A host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

To my special grandbaby Colt, I loved you more than life itself. You made my life worth living.

Love, Papa

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sun-bright from 12:00 - 1:00 with a memorial service to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Russell Jones officiating.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ricky Bertram.

Julia Luceille England, 57

Julia Luceille England, or Judy as most would call her, passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 57 years old on January 2, 2021.

She was born and raised in Greenville, SC to George and Elizabeth Williams. She was also the youngest of 11 siblings.

She leaves behind her greatest contribution to this world her beautiful children and grandchildren.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents, George and Elizabeth Williams of Greenville, SC. Two brothers, George and William Williams; three sisters, Linda Johnson, Jennie Dunn and Mary Ivester; one son, Harvey Williams, all of Greenville, SC. and four unborn grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey England of Sunbright, Tn., 2 brothers, Robert Ballard; twin brother, John Williams; 3 sisters, Susan Gib-

son, Faye Eskew and Patricia Williams all of Greenville, SC.; mother and father-in-law, Oscar and Eva England; two special sisters-in-law, Teresa and Denise England all of Sunbright; her children, Rusty England and wife, Christina of Greenville, SC., Jessie Ray England and wife, Tori of Wartburg, Tn., Julie Hensley of Greenville, SC and Samantha Matheson and husband, JR of Wartburg, TN.; grandchildren, Ethan Williams, Landon, Easton and Gabriel England, Harley and Justin Hensley all of Greenville, SC., Isaac Sills, Levi and Chloe England all of Wartburg, TN., great grandchildren, Langston Holder Brooks of Greenville, SC. and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will have a private service.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Julie Luceille England.

Glena Agnes Human, 86

Glena Agnes Human, 86 years old, of Lancing TN, passed away peacefully at home with her daughter by her side on January, 05, 2021.

Glena was born on March 26, 1934. She worked for the employment security for many years before retiring. Her most rewarding job was taking care of her family and community. She loved Jesus, family, cooking, and her flowers. She was also an active member at Pilot Mountain Baptist Church for many years.

Glena is survived by her daughter Elaine Human; son, Ronnie Human; daughter-in-law, Tina Human; granddaughters, Sherry Aderhold (Chad) and Ashley Davis (Wesley); great-grandchildren, Tyler and Olivia Davis, Greyson and Carter Aderhold, Taylor and Parker Cooper; sister, Marilyn McPeters (George) along with multiple family and friends.



Glena is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years James Howard Human; parents, Bessie and Earl Griffith; brothers, Arthur and Kenneth Griffith; sisters, Marjorie Griffith and Pearl Palko and grandson, Josh Human.

Funeral services will be held at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 with Bro. Charles Webb and Pastor Josh Baldwin officiating. Friends and family may call at Schubert Funeral Home until the time of the service. Interment will follow in the Forrestner Cemetery in Lancing, Tn.

The family of Glena Human wishes to thank Schubert Funeral Home.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glena Agnes Human.

Fayne Nelson, 83

Fayne Nelson left this world to rest with her Savior Jesus Christ on January 5, 2021.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life, Jay (Jay-Pop) Nelson; mother, Edith Aytes; father and stepmother, Myrle and Imogene Aytes; brothers, Bernard and wife, Faye Aytes, Dwayne and wife Yvonee Aytes, Johnny Mack Aytes; brothers-in-law, Doug Adams, Steve Hamby; sisters, Pauline McCormick, Genny Aytes, Cathy Howard and a tiny little angel Amelia Massengale, her great granddaughter.

She is survived by her children, Nathan and Ronita Beasley, Scot and Shelia Beasley, Dyke Beasley, Keith and Gina Beasley and Jeremy and Kelli Kell; brothers, Butch (Peggy) Aytes, David (Denise) Aytes, Bill (Vicky) Aytes, Jimmy Dean Aytes; sisters, Libby Adams, Nadine Hamby, Eva (Wayne) Morgan, Angel Bates; brothers-in-law, Christopher McCormick; 14 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren and of course Summer

Zentack, a very special friend and companion.

Fayne Nelson was Clerk & Master of Morgan County from 1984 until 2001. She loved to sing Gospel Music and to work in her flower garden and her embroidery work was an art in itself.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Doug Morgan and Bro. Tony Huling. Interment will follow in the Forrestner Cemetery in Lancing.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Wounded Warriors Association: United Service Organizations PO Box 96860 Washington, DC 20077-7677 (800) 876 7469 <https://www.woundedwarrior-project.org/mission/leadership>

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

Henrietta "Jeanette" Howard, 86

Henrietta "Jeanette" Howard, age 86, of Wartburg, went home to be with the Lord on January 7, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents; Denver and Zelma Cooley; sisters; Wawana Brooks and Guylene Peace, brother; James Cooley; former husband and father of her children; Oscar Curtis, and husband Donald Howard.

Jeanette is survived by her daughters; Lisa (Ben) Curtis, Diane (Bobby) Hurst; Step-children; Cheryl Laymance, David Howard, and Chris Howard; Grandchildren; Alicia (Chris) Williams, Brandon (Tammy) Bunch; Step- Grandchildren; Matthew Howard, Seth Howard, Erin Howard, Jonathan Laymance, Jesse Laymance, Patrick Howard, Josh Howard, Sarah Howard, and Melody Ryan. Six Great Grandchildren; Niece; Joy Plaster, Nephew Darrell Peace, and special friend Patty Fritts.

Jeanette lived on the farm, where she enjoyed gar-



dening and canning. She was a wonderful country cook. She loved watching westerns with her family. She was a member of Mossy Grove Baptist Church. In her younger years she was a Sunday School Teacher. She was active in the WMU and loved to sing in the Choir.

A special thanks to the staff of the Life Care Center of Morgan County for the love and excellent care that was given to Jeanette.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral service will follow at 7 pm with Bro. Jim Disney officiating. Graveside services will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 11am at the Morgan Memorial Gardens, Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Henrietta "Jeanette" Howard.

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

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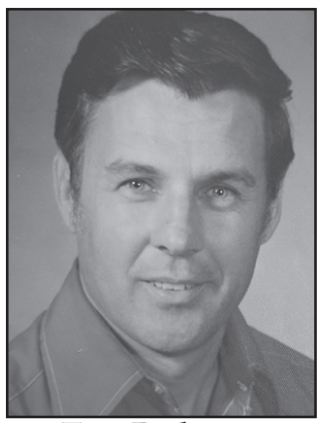
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The "Funny Side" of My Dad



Tom Redmon
Columnist

My Dad had many sides and the one most people like to talk about was his funny side. He was a natural

born comedian. We could say some of the same things he would say and it wouldn't be funny, but Dad kept people in stitches.

As I write this, I am trying to recall some of the comical things Dad said or did, and some that I am told by others, especially one co-worker of his, Joe Walls. All the men Dad rode to work with at Y-12 in Oak Ridge really got a kick out of exploits.

Dad was no carpenter but he did try to add a basement to our old house. He hired someone with a backhoe to start the digging and then he took over with a pick and shovel. He went so far to hit sandstone rock. Many times, they had used dynamite to blow stumps out of the ground on the farm and Dad felt pretty adept at using it so he loads about a half-shot of dynamite and placed it in the rock where he had dug a crevice. Dad had some other men to help him.

Now here's the picture. Mom is in the house doing her chores and here is Dad getting ready to set off a dynamite blast underneath her and that old house.

Dad got outside and pushed the lever-control. A great blast was heard and the house rocked. Dust and smoke came out from all sides of the house. Mom came running out of the house scared to death. She yelled, "Perry what in the world happened?" Dad laughed and said, "I guess I used a little too much." Luckily the house settled down on its regular foundation and Dad was able to finish his basement.

Dad really liked to fish and many of the things that were comical happened on fishing trips. Dad, Herbert and I were fishing one pretty evening on Watts Bar Lake in dad's boat. We were anchored about thirty yards off the shore and casting our lures over near the bank. I noticed that Dad got closer to the bank every time he would cast. I said, "Dad, you are going to get hung in those bushes if you are not careful." He said, "Oh don't worry we can go get it, we are in a boat you know."

Well sure enough he got hung up. Instead of him waiting for us to go get it, he was yanking on it as hard as he could. I said, "Dad you're going to pull that loose and it's going to come back and hit one of us."

Sure, enough it came loose and like a rocket it came back and hit dad in the leg. It popped like a firecracker. Dad looked down and said, "By gosh, what in the devil are we going to do now?" I got down and looked at the situation.



The treble hook had gone through his pants leg and stuck firmly in the loose skin of his left leg. I told him that we were going to have to cut his pants and cut it out. He said, "you're no doctor!" I said, "Well it's either that or the hospital." He said, "I ain't going to no hospital." Herbert was in front of the boat laughing at what Dad was saying. As I told you up front, Dad was funny when he didn't try to be funny.

Dad finally agreed to let me cut his pants so I could get a closer look. I saw that the hooks were stuck in very loose skin and probably no blood vessels would be involved in the operation. Now I'm no doctor and I probably would faint if I saw blood but I believed I could get the hook out. But we needed a razor blade and alcohol.

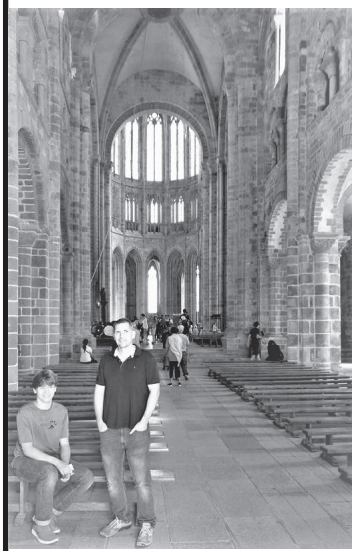
Herbert said we could take the boat to the house down the lake a few hundred yards and he would go in and try to borrow a razor blade and alcohol. That's what we did and now comes the operation.

Now here's the picture! We're in the boat in the middles of the lake and I'm about to operate on my dad who cannot stand pain. I got down to start and as my hand moved toward Dad's leg and he hollered, "OUCH!" I said, "Dad I haven't even started to cut yet!" And he said, "Yeah, but you're 'bout to."

Herbert was no help at all. He was in front of the boat rolling and laughing. When I did start cutting, I thought dad was going to jump out of the boat. He cried a little and moaned a lot, but I got the hook out and he didn't bleed a drop of blood. After it was over, I said, "Well Dad was that better than going to the hospital?" He said, "Not much."

Itchy Feet: Normandy, France, part two

By Janice Wilson



During our trip, in 2017, to Normandy we visited Jersey and Mont- St-Michel Islands. Two very different places just miles apart, but steeped in history.

Mont-St-Michel is a tidal island, owned by the French State, that is cut off from the mainland when the tide comes in. In the beginning it was a sanctuary built by Bishop Aubert in 708. Richard I, Duke of Normandy, invited the Benedictine Monks to settle there in 966. From the 11th thru 16th centuries the monks built the Abbey, which still stands today. Their occupation lasted until 1790, when the monastic orders were suppressed. Left abandoned, excepted for about a dozen people, the Abbey was looted, losing most of its gold, silver and rare books to looters. Not until the late 1800's did restoration begin, bringing it back to what we see today.

Guided or self-tours are available and you can even get married there. To get to the Abbey, one has to wend their way through stone streets, up many, many stone steps, with just eight or ten feet separating the buildings on the left from those on the right. Needless to say, there are no vehicles on the island. Besides all the basic tourist amenities, one can stay overnight on the island, in one of several hotels. The Harry Potter movies used the Abbey as one of their film locations.

After a very choppy ferry ride, we arrived in Jersey, even though

on the coast of France, it is a British Crown dependency, as are the nearby islands of Guernsey and Alderney. Jersey is just ten miles by six, but there is a world of history in it's past. They have their own government and print their own currency; but still answer to Parliament in London. The islands were occupied by the Germans for most of WWII, building communication facilities and anti-aircraft defense until in 1945 when they were liberated. The liberating forces found Germans and islanders, alike, on the verge of starvation.

Our first stop was to buy Cornish pasties, the size of half a pie, and so delicious we bought extra to take home for supper. Onto yet another Castle, with many, many more steps, Mont Orgueil Castle. Built in the early 13th century, it overlooks the quaint town of St. Martin, and was remodeled by the Tudors and Germans, both adding defenses against invaders. A short bus ride took us to an ancient burial mound, Le Hougie Bie. On one side one can scramble through a low tunnel to see where the ancients were buried. On the other, a German communications bunker, very well preserved. German war tunnels housed an underground hospital, now a museum documenting the trials and tribulations endured by the islanders under the occupying force. Touring the hospital took up a good part of our day. We saw a fully equipped facility able to handle all manner of injuries and diseases, though none of the equipment would pass muster by today's standards.

Yet another day of sightseeing and going back in time, was over. On Bastille Day, our ferry to us back over the channel to England.



Geneva Lynn Newport Melhorn, 72

Geneva Lynn Newport Melhorn passed away on January 5, 2021 at the age of 72, after a lingering illness. She was an employee of Roane Hosiery in Harriman for over 30 years. She later worked at the 27 Quick Stop Market in Wartburg until her retirement.



She is preceded in death by her husband, James Theodore "Ted" Melhorn and her father, Garland Newport, Sr.

Geneva is survived by her mother, Juanita Terry Newport; sister, Barbara Newport and Roberta (Keith) Price of Lenoir City; brother, Garland (Anita) Newport, Jr. of Jefferson City, TN.; nephews, Derek (Marla)

Newport of Maynardville, Craig (Candie) Price of Knoxville; niece, Rebekah (Dwayne) Massengale; grand nephews, Clay and Cale Newport, Landon Price and Brevin Massengale; grand nieces, Kalyn Newport, Allie Massengale and Savannah Price.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Graveside services will follow in the Camp Austin Cemetery in Oakdale.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Geneva Lynn Newport Melhorn.

William Seiber, 82

William Seiber, 82, of Devonia, Tennessee, went to be with his savior on January 3, 2021.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, John and Mary Seiber; sisters, Elsie Seiber and Ella Flemming; brothers, John R., Elzic and Pless Seiber; son, Justin Paul; daughter, Melissa Jackson, and grandson, Kyle Jackson.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Seiber; daughter, Julia and Rick Woods of Joyner; sons, William Michael and wife Mary Ann of Coalfield, and Jeffrey and wife Sarah of Devonia; grandchildren Shasta, Christina, Rebecca, Sarah, Courtney, Brandan, Zachary, and Olivia, 8 great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was a retired coal

miner, avid gardener, 50 year member of Black Diamond Lodge #625 F.& A.M., and Deacon of Free Communion Baptist Church. He loved his family deeply and enjoyed spending time with them.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Free Communion Baptist Church in Devonia from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Bro. Odis Phillips officiating. Interment will follow in the Seiber Family Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg is in charge of arrangements William Seiber.

Historically Speaking July 6, 1944: Oak Ridge responds to a troop train wreck park 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

This Historically Speaking column is the first in a series on the topic of this Troop Train wreck.

In late 1942, under the most unique and unusual circumstances, a city was born almost overnight, and 3,000 people had to find another place to live to accommodate the huge industrial effort to obtain sufficient quantity of Uranium 235 for an atomic bomb. Oak Ridge was born. In 1943 the city grew at an amazing pace never before seen.

The Oak Ridge community was a gated city, a "Secret City," as it was not on any map and badges were required of all who sought to enter the military area known to various people first as the Kingston Demolition Range, then the Clinton Engineer Works, and The Manhattan Project in Tennessee, and finally Oak Ridge.

The local people had no idea what was going on. They wondered about these unusual people coming to live where their small communities once proudly stood. Yet the surrounding communities knew by word of mouth that something very important was being done there and that it had to do with the war effort. Occasionally the surrounding communities interacted with the new and most unusual "Secret City," and often officials in surrounding cities exchanged communications with the military officers there.

This unusual collection of young energetic and educated individuals were placed in the midst of several communities of Appalachia that had been settled starting a century and a half ago by a mixture of people seeking freedom and independence without the crowded conditions of the coastal cities. They took the land from the Cherokees through various treaty negotiations and by just living on the land they wanted. Over the years, a proud heritage had developed in the area which was typified by the Overmountain Men's victory at King's Mountain.

A fiercely independent people who were, at the same time, strongly patriotic toward the young United States lived in the ridges and valleys of East Tennessee. It is these people who were removed in November and December 1942 with little notice and less consideration to make way for the new wave of highly educated and singularly focused people, the main leaders of whom knew their effort was dedicated to winning a race for the very life of the planet.

These few individuals, both the leaders and the primary scientists and engineers, understood the stakes. They knew the awful danger the world faced if they could not be the first to create an atomic bomb. Many other workers came only knowing that whatever it was that was being done in this secret location was extremely important. It is in this setting that the following story of uncommon valor in the face of danger and response to the need for help is set.

In researching the 1944 train wreck which is the subject for Historically Speaking, I had two primary sources for this material: Bill Sergeant, the person who personally went to Jellico late in the night as one of the leaders in the response from Oak Ridge to the Jellico Troop Train Wreck on July 6, 1944; and Scott Chippendale, a volunteer with the Oak Ridge Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Bill provided information about the troop train wreck and recalled for me the tremendously strong impressions he received about the enormous damage done by the train wreck. He quickly told me that the night he spent there helping organize the assistance remains a vivid memory firmly planted in his mind. During the research for this column, I found a Web site that is dedicated to the memory of the famous troop train wreck: www.trooptrain.com, titled "My Tribute to the... WWII Troop Train Wreck of July 6, 1944" by Phil Lea of Benton, Tenn. This Web site is extremely informative, with photographs of many of those who died as well as several of the survivors of the train wreck. Phil has also done an excellent job of document-



Steam Engine # 418 and four passenger cars are down in Clear Fork River near High Cliff, Tennessee, where the troop train wrecked on July 6, 1944 - Photo by Ed Westcott (Photo Submitted)

ing the train wreck.

This project has grown significantly and will require more column space than I first imagined. I hope you will enjoy the final product as much as I am enjoying learning the details about the train wreck and the response by Oak Ridge. It is yet another source of great pride in our city's support for our neighbors that started during the earliest months of the Manhattan Project's Clinton Engineer District.

Some details about the ill-fated train and the awful wreck will help put perspective on this disaster, often mentioned as one of the nation's major troop train accidents and placed in the top 25 United States railway accidents of all time. The overwhelming response by the citizens of Jellico and surrounding communities will make you proud to be a part of this special part of our country. A southbound Louisville-Nashville passenger train derailed at approximately 9 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 6, 1944, and plunged into the approximately 50-foot-deep Clear Fork River gorge at a place known as the Jellico Narrows. The train, No. 47, a south-bound second-class passenger train, consisted of steam engine No. 418, four Pullman tourist cars, one Pullman kitchen car, one Pullman troop-sleeping car, two Pullman tourist cars, one baggage car, three Pullman troop-sleeping cars, one Pullman kitchen car, two Pullman troop-sleeping cars and one baggage car, in the order named. All 16 cars were of steel construction.

The train was transporting new army recruits (the exact number is unknown to me as my research has found numbers ranging from 400 to 1006) from Virginia to Camp Croft, S.C. However, this was not common knowledge, as the exact destination of the train was kept secret.

In Cincinnati, a strange thing happened that surprised the riders in the last tourist car. A new locomotive, number 418, backed up to the car that was the last in line when they arrived. Some of these riders may well have chosen the last passenger car because of it being the

last one and thus thought by some to be the safest place to ride on a train.

Then in Corbin, Ky., another change may have taken place. Engineer John C. (Lyle) Rollins and fireman John William Tummins, both of Etowah, Tenn., had both just completed a 16-hour shift, and after the required eight-hour rest were now working this train back toward Tennessee. They could not know they had boarded and were running their last train. One reference indicated that another engineer was scheduled to have replaced Rollins at Corbin but did not show up. Later, Tummins would indicate that something happened at Corbin, Ky., that upset Rollins.

The change in terrain along the railroad right of way coming south out of Kentucky and entering Tennessee is dramatic. The Kentucky portion of the track is rather level with few curves and none of them with significant enough degree to present a hazard to a train traveling at a rather high rate of speed.

However, the curve where steam engine No. 418 left the track, taking four additional railcars with it to the bed of Clear Fork River and derailing four more railcars, is said to be the worst curve in the entire L&N railroad line. The curve is a specified 10 degrees (actually measured to be a little over an 11-degree curve) and is the point at which a train coming south at a high rate of speed (above 35 mph) would be expected to naturally wreck.

In the coming weeks we will examine the various investigations into the reason for the train wreck and the response Oak Ridge made to the disaster. We will look at an FBI investigation into sabotage, two accounts of the Oak Ridge Manhattan District response to the disaster, the Interstate Commerce Commission report, and several newspaper accounts of the epic event. We will also look at the Red Cross response and the history of the origin of the Red Cross in Oak Ridge.

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

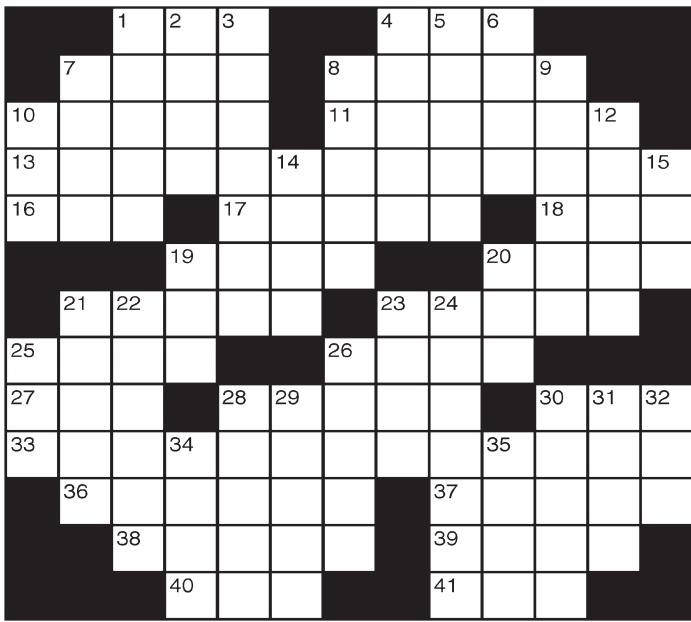
Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation's efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

This "Secret City" nestled in Appalachia near Morgan County and where many from Morgan County go each day to work, continues today to produce scientific discoveries used worldwide and still routinely makes history. These Historically Speaking stories will provide insight into the people of Oak Ridge and the work they do to help humankind. Historically Speaking is written by D. Ray Smith, Oak Ridge City Historian, retired Y-12 National Security Complex Historian and Vietnam Veteran.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Opening
- 4 Cartoon frame
- 7 Vend
- 8 "Dallas" matriarch
- 10 Sleep problem
- 11 Court hammers
- 13 1998 Bruce Willis thriller
- 16 Shock partner
- 17 Hoodwinks
- 18 Water tester
- 19 Gum flavor
- 20 Roll call reply
- 21 Fry lightly
- 23 Belted area
- 25 Cooking fat
- 26 Uttered
- 27 Chemical suffix
- 28 Up and about
- 30 Quilters' get-together
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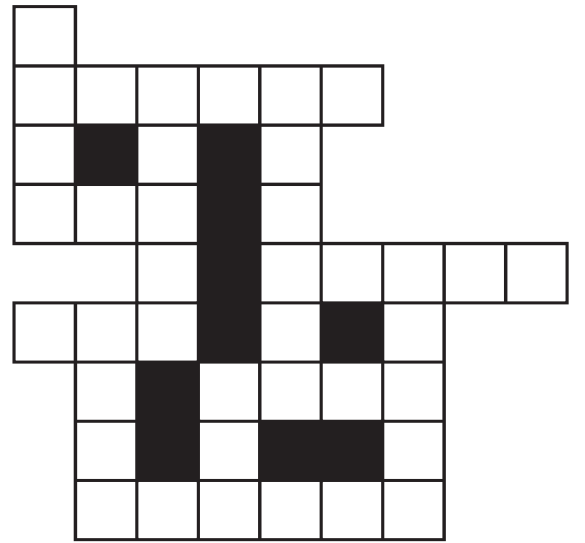


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 - 9 Upper crust
 - 10 Docs' org.
 - 12 Bull's sound
 - 14 Ancient letter
 - 15 "My word!"
 - 19 Wet dirt
 - 20 Secreted
 - 21 Less loony
 - 22 Sports venues
 - 23 Banshee's cry
 - 24 Delta, for one
 - 25 Actress Tyler
 - 26 Long-legged shorebird
 - 28 Wan
 - 29 Used a broom
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 - 31 Flightless birds
 - 32 Compass pt.
 - 34 Bruins' sch. "vidi"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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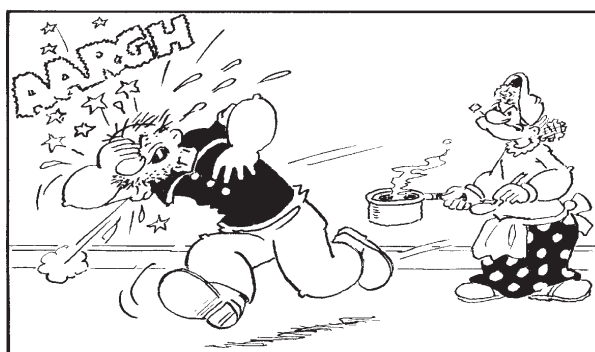
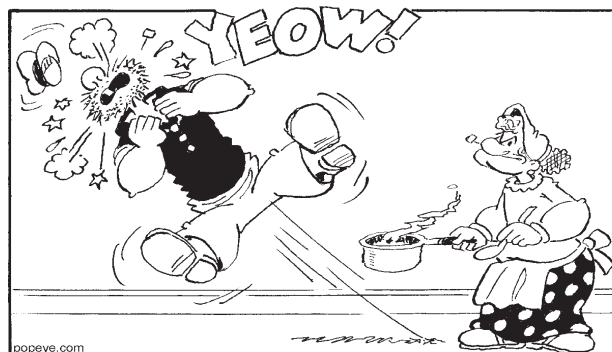
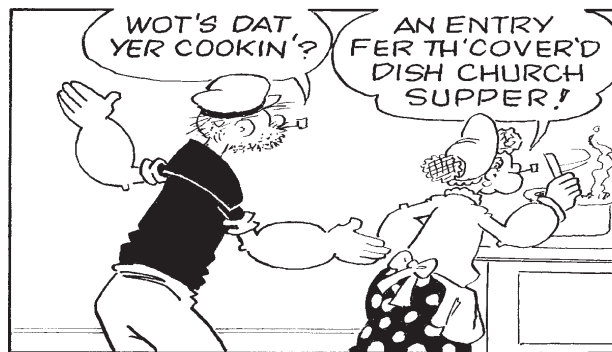
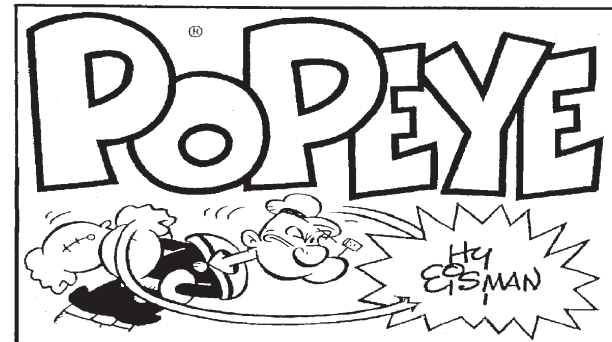
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- ◆◆ Challenging
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MSG Fred Mize

Today is Thursday, January 7, 2021 and my mind is still on yesterday's events (the storming of the U.S. Capitol building) that took place in Washington D.C. I can't believe the condition that our country is in today. Never in my life of forty-three-years have I seen our country in such turmoil and unrest. It pains my heart

and clouds my mind to know how politically split our citizens are because I know that last time our country was in such a state the civil war took place. States were against states and families were against families, fathers against sons, and brothers against brothers. I pray that those dark times never take place again in our great nation. Regardless of the events that took place just yesterday and regardless of what today or tomorrow holds

Blessed Assurance

By: MSG. Fred Mize

we as born-again Christians still have peace in Jesus Christ. He blessed me this morning prior to sitting down to

soul. He's blessed me with the Holy Spirit which comforts me in these sad times. I want to share Psalm 23 with you now.



write this article by causing me to read Psalm 23. What a beautiful picture He painted in my heart, mind, and

Psalm 23, 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he

leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the

days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Simply put my blessed assurance comes from the LORD (The good shepherd) he guides me and protects me with His rod and staff. He loved me enough to die for me and He loves me enough to come back for me. He is my blessed assurance and He can be yours as well.

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they have goals. The goal setting process is how you accomplish big changes in your life. Let's walk through it.

Goals need to be specific. "I need to lose weight in 2021". This isn't a specific goal. I need to lose 30lbs in 2021. Now we are talking. You have pinpointed a specific target achievement. Goals also need to be measurable. "I am going to lose 30lbs". When are you going to lose 30lbs? 10 years from now? If you are on my diet plan than that's probably the case. "I want to lose 30lbs by May 31st, 2021. You added a measurement to achieve your goal.

goals for others and you can't achieve a goal just because someone wants you to achieve that goal. They have to your own goals.

- Specific: Goals need to be specific.
- Measurable: Goals need to be quantifiable.
- Achievable: Goals need to be realistic.
- Written: Your goals need to be handwritten.
- Yours: Your goals need to be your own.

Good luck!

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Fitness centers, gyms, and training facilities are completely crowded the first week of January. The first warm day in February their all empty. Why? I have a simple explanation. New Year's Resolutions don't work. I am prime example of why they don't work. I start off every January telling myself, "2021 is the year I am going to eat healthier." The second week of January I am back to eating 5 slices of pizza, a bag of Dorito's, and 2 cokes. There is a simple reason why New Year's Resolutions don't work. You begin to change something in your life when you begin the goal setting process. Researchers say that people change and accomplish success once

You need to hand write your goals. Most people don't do this. People that hand write their goals get things accomplished. So, make sure you write out your specific goal. For example, "I want to lose 31lbs by July 2021 by reducing my calorie content. I will weight myself every month to track the progress." Your goals need to be reasonable and obtainable. "I want to lose 50lbs by January 9th." This isn't a realistic goal. You should set a reasonable goal that you know you can achieve. Does this mean it won't be hard? No, but your target goal needs to be difficult with the ability for you to hit that goal. "I want to lose 13lbs by June 1st, 2021." This goal is attainable and can be accomplished "I am never going to eat pizza, desserts, fried foods, or hot dogs for the rest of my life." This statement is unrealistic as well. You need set goals and measure them, but have reasonable ways to achieve success.

The goal you set needs to be YOURS. "My wife wants me to lose 30lbs, so I guess I'm on a strict diet starting, January 1st, 2021". The minute you smell a chocolate chip cookie your diet is going to go by the wayside. You can't make



zack Find your direction

What are you looking forward to in 2021?

As we pick up the pieces and move on, may the gift of the New Year be filled with hope.

DON'T BE A ZOMBIE

Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Hello Friends! It is my sincere wish that each of you are doing well. There is so much going on in our world right now so I am wishing peace, contentment and health for all of you.

Brady Bingham recently returned to Mobile, Alabama where he will earn his Master's Degree in May. It seems like he just graduated from OHS!

I apologize for the lack of news this week. Sadly, several people have passed away and I will mention the ones I know about. Maybe I will have happy news to share next time.

Last week I mentioned a couple of dear ladies who had passed away but their obituaries were not available at the time I did this column.

There will be no school in Morgan County Monday, January 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Mrs. Laura Helton passed away January 1. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Eldon, daughters and sons in law Kim and Gerald Clark, Karen and David McDonald and Marsha and Matt Hamby. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and her brothers David, Nathan and Larry Hammons along with several brothers in law and sisters in law, nieces and nephews and many, many friends. Services were held Tuesday, January 5 at Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston and a graveside service was held on Wednesday at Pine Orchard Cemetery.

Marilyn and China Hutchinson of Nolensville spent time in Oakdale Tuesday, January 5. They visited with their Aunt Ruth Headrick who really enjoyed seeing them. They visited Oakdale Library and donated some older copies of the Tennessee Blue Book.

Jay Bingham of Ohio recently spent a night with his parents, Mickey and Jeanie Bingham. Mickey and Jay were able to play golf while he was home.

Mrs. Frances Ladd passed

away January 2. She is survived by her husband Ronnie, daughters Sarah Foley Powell and Monica Foley Pierce and her son Mark Ladd. She is also survived by 2 sisters and 4 grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday, January 5 at Riverside Church in Harri-man and a graveside service was held on Wednesday at Roane Memorial Gardens. Fran worked at Trenton Street Daycare for many years and many Oakdale children loved her and were loved by her in return. Most recently, she worked at Mt. Pisgah Day-care.

is survived by his daughters and sons in law Karen and Keith Crabtree and Lisa and Larry Beets, 2 grandchildren and other family members and friends.

Mrs. Geneva Melhorn passed away January 5. She is survived by her mother, Juanita Newport, sisters Barbara Newport and Roberta Price and her brother, Garland Newport, Jr as well as many other family members. She was laid to rest next to her late husband, Ted Melhorn, Saturday, January 9 at Camp Austin Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Sydney Sexton who passed away last week.

There is so much to pray about. Our country and leadership, the many sick, our frontline workers, families who have lost loved ones, our schools, churches, homes and our military. Most of all, pray for the lost that they may be saved before it is too late.

Condolences to the family of Cherry Solomon Frost who passed away Thursday, January 7. She is survived by her daughter and son in law Pamela and James Sweat, sons and daughter in law Travis Frost and Cody and Rebecca Frost. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and her sisters, Rosa Lee Russell and Janise Humphrey and many other extended family members.

Brother Mason Goodman quoted Frances at her funeral last week and I think we should all have this attitude.

"I don't care who gets the credit as long as God gets the glory."

Frances Wampler Ladd

Sympathy to the family of Marion Kittrell who passed away Monday, January 4. He

Acts Chapter 14

(Acts 15:1-5) a problem with Judaizers: a major doctrinal problem now threatens the Christian movement. Certain Jewish disciples in Jerusalem obviously had heard of the success of the Paul-Barnabas mission effort among the Gentiles---where no circumcision was required of Greek converts. They were irate and came down to Antioch to confront the issue. Their dogma was: the gospel plus circumcision equals salvation. They demanded an amalgamation of Judaism and Christianity. The brothers in Antioch wanted Paul and Barnabas, with certain others, to go to Jerusalem to look into the matter. Clearly, Paul's apostleship was discounted; humbly, however, he went anyway.

Along the way they reported on the success of their recent trip and the churches rejoiced. When they arrived at Jerusalem, the other apostles, the church, and its elders listened to their report. Certain brothers, who had brought their Pharisaical baggage into the church with them, rose up---demanding circumcision as a divine obligation (v.5).

(Acts 15:6-11) the church convenes: a conference was assembled, and after much discussion Peter took the floor. He outlined his own experience. (a) He had been selected by God to take the gospel to the Gentiles. (b) The Lord sent the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles, just as he had the Jewish apostles on Pentecost, making no distinction between Jews and Gentiles, in terms of a miraculous endorsement and the conditions of salvation. (c) He cleansed their hearts by "the faith" (Greek), the gospel system---without the Mosaic law, precisely as he had on Pentecost (2:38). (d) Why would anyone now wish to go back to a burdensome system which no one was able to keep? (e) Salvation is to be bestowed through the grace of the Lord Jesus, not the Mosaic law.

(Acts 15:12-21) the response to Peter's speech: the multitude was silent and consented to listen to a report from Barnabas and Paul, who rehearsed their recent missionary endeavors. Their case was quick and to the point. (a) They had preached among the Gentiles and many had obeyed the gospel plan---without circumcision being required. (b) Their ministry had been authenticated by signs and wonders done by God through them. To argue against their ministry, therefore, would be an assault upon God. The point was devastating.

James, the half-brother of Jesus and an influential man in the Jerusalem church, spoke next. His argument was as follows: (a) Peter had informed them of God's work among the Gentiles. He was a credible witness. (b) This was precisely what the prophets foretold (Amos 9:11-12). (c) The "tabernacle of David" (the Jewish regime) was to fall. (d) A new, spiritual "tabernacle" would be built, in which the "residue of men" (the Gentiles) could seek the Lord. (e) The rebuilding would not be in the same material sense, but in a greater spiritual sense. (f) The fulfillment of this was to be accomplished in the establishment of the kingdom of Christ, the church (Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 3:7, 29; 6:16). (If the restoration of David's "tabernacle" is yet in the future, as premillennialists allege, then no Gentile may currently seek salvation---a conclusion no rational Bible student accepts.)

The deduction then was this: the Gentiles must not be "troubled" with the trappings of the Mosaic system. Instead they were: (a) to abstain from any association with idolatry; (b) to remain aloof from fornication (commonly

entwined with pagan worship); and (c) to refrain from all blood products (blood being affiliated with the atonement). James then reminds them of Moses' law that was taught each Sabbath in the synagogue (v. 21). The statement is puzzling and seems detached. The thrust may be that the instructions here given under the guidance of the Spirit are backed up by data in the law, which, though no longer legally binding, fore-shadowed the Christian age and embodied basic principles applicable to any age.

(Acts 15:22-29) the plan implemented: after these various discussions, it "seemed good" to the leading principals (the Pharisees excluded possible) that a statement should be issued---relaying the judgment of the apostles, elders, and the whole church---back to Antioch by a committee of several men. A document was prepared reflecting the collective sentiments. These points were pressed: (a) The rabble-rousers who went to Antioch (v. 1) did so without authority and were to be ignored. (b) The mission of Barnabas and Paul was endorsed and they were commended highly. (c) Two respected brothers were dispatched to lend support to Paul and Barnabas and to authenticate the letter. (d) The Holy Spirit himself had put his stamp of approval upon this action.

(Acts 15:30-35) the return to Antioch: the entourage of four departed for Antioch. A crowd assembled and the letter was read. The church was delighted. The Judaizers were wrong. The gospel of "non-required circumcision" would continue. Paul and Barnabas remained at Antioch for a while and their two companions, Silas and Judas Barsabbas, returned to Jerusalem. Some scholars believe that Peter's temporary problem involving refusal of Gentile association---which affected Barnabas---may have occurred at this time (see Gal. 2:11).

(Acts 15:36-41) plans for another mission trip: after some time, Paul suggested that he and Barnabas revisit the churches established on the first campaign to see how they were faring. Barnabas wanted to take John Mark; Paul disagreed. A "sharp contention" developed between the two, and they decided to go their separate ways. Barnabas would go to Cyprus, taking Mark along; Paul would solicit the help of Silas, and they would cross Syria and Cilicia. Regarding this split, we note the following.

(a) This division was not doctrinal; it was a personal dispute based on a judgment call. To their credit, neither Paul nor Barnabas let the disagreement distract them from their work of spreading the gospel. (b) Who was right? We do not know. Paul may have been guided by cool logic, while Barnabas was moved by a warm heart. Many may be a bit drawn to Barnabas when reflecting upon the fact that we ourselves occasionally have needed a second chance. Over the long haul, the decision of Barnabas may have proved best for Mark. Later, Paul finds him "useful" (2 Tim. 4:11, Col. 4:10). (c) The separation did not permanently affect the love and respect that Paul and Barnabas had for one another. Paul would later mention Barnabas as being worthy of financial support (1 Cor. 9:6). (d) The fact that this personal conflict is openly displayed on the pages of the New Testament is evidence that the Holy Spirit guided Luke in producing this narrative. Natural inclination would have led Paul's friend to omit this embarrassing rupture.



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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

This week we want to honor the first American soldier to be killed in combat in the war in Afghanistan. Nathan Ross Chapman (23 April 1970 – 4 January 2002) was a United States Army Sergeant First Class with the 1st Special Forces Group.

Chapman's military career spanned 13 years and included combat service in Haiti, Panama and the Persian Gulf War.

In 1989, he parachuted into Panama as part of the invasion during Operation Just Cause.

He also served in Operation Desert Storm and later attended the U.S. Army Special Forces School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group following the 11 September attacks, Chapman was directing troop movements from the back of a flat-bed truck when he was shot. He did not die instantly from the attack, which also saw a CIA Paramilitary Operations Officer from Special Activities Division wounded. Although originally

dubbed an "ambush", the military backed away from using the term.

He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Forward Operating Base Chapman was named after SFC Chapman.

On 18 May 2015, the CIA acknowledged Chapman had been detailed to a six-man CIA unit known as "Team Hotel" and unveiled a star on their memorial wall in his honor.

There have been over 2,000 U.S. military deaths and over 16,000 civilians in the War in Afghanistan. More than 1,856 of these deaths have been the result of hostile action. Over 20,320 American service-

members have also been wounded in action during the war. Let's never forget the sacrifice of SFC Nathan Ross Chapman and the sacrifices of the thousands that followed him.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

For this week's law enforcement officer of the week, we've decided to highlight and educate our readers on the history, mission, vision, and values of the United States Capitol Police.

The United States Capitol Police (USCP) dates back to 1800 when the Congress moved from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. A lone watchman, John Golding, was hired to protect the Capitol Building. After a number of incidents occurred in 1827 that could have been prevented with sufficient security and surveillance, President John Quincy Adams asked that a regular Capitol Police

force be established.

On May 2, 1828, Congress passed an Act that expanded the police regulations of the City of Washington to include the Capitol and Capitol Square. It is on this date that the USCP commemorates its founding. Today, the USCP embodies the best in American

policing and serves as a model in security, urban crime prevention,

dignitary protection, specialty response capabilities, and homeland security. They proudly protect the legislative process, the symbol of our democracy, the people who carry out the process, and the millions of visitors who travel here to see democracy in action each day.

Their Mission

Protect the Congress – its Members, employees, visitors, and facilities – so it

can fulfill its constitutional and legislative responsibilities in a safe, secure and open environment.

Their Vision

To be nationally recognized as a results-oriented law enforcement agency that demonstrates the highest standards of professionalism, security, safety, and management.

Their Values

The USCP's core values define our common beliefs and behavior as well as how we conduct ourselves in our work and interactions: Professionalism, Pride, and Effectiveness.



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If you missed the first two opportunities to receive your tax-free Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) cash, you have another chance.

The new COVID-19 stimulus act provides \$35 billion for first-time applicants. \$15 billion of

the loans is set aside for first-time applicants that have 10 employees or less and less than \$250,000 in low-income areas.

Many people hear that it's a loan and think "why would I want a loan that I would have to repay." However, this can be more like a tax-free cash gift that you will be receiving.

You will need to know how it works if you would like to take advantage of it.

First you will need to obtain your PPP tax-free money from a lender. It's called a loan. However, you can turn it into tax-free cash.

Next, you can spend all the PPP money on yourself if you operate as a partnership or are self-employed. The money should be spent on payroll (including pay to you, if that applies), and other covered expenses. Covered expenses include expenses such as rent, utilities, interest,

Another Chance for PPP tax-free cash

operations, suppliers, property damage, and worker protection.

And last, you will apply for loan forgiveness.

You can get 100 percent loan forgiveness if you spend 60 percent or more of the money on payroll (including yourself if you are self-employed or a partner in a partnership).

Generally, the limit for your PPP cash is 2.5 times your business's defined or deemed 2019 payroll. Deemed payroll for someone who is self-employed is based on the owner's profit on 2019 Schedule C. For partners, it's a more complicated calculation based on the 2019 self-employment income, with adjustments.

You can deduct the expenses that you paid with PPP loan that were forgiven.

There is a \$10 million dollar limit on your initial PPP loan.

The PPP program provides a great opportunity for partnerships and self-employed business owners.

Fortunately, the Small Business Administration has made changes to the loan application and forgiveness process which has helped to define the process and help make it easier.

If you plan to get the PPP cash, the deadline is March 31, 2021.

The money is available on a first-come first-served basis. Don't procrastinate and miss your

opportunity to receive tax-free cash.

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