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Tue 19	45°/30°	
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Jared Henry – “It’s all about these kids”



Coalfield Assistant Football Coach Jared Henry (Photo by Terry Futrell)

By Terry Futrell

Like most of the Coalfield community and Morgan County, I was shocked to get the phone call on January 13 telling me that Coalfield defensive coordinator Jared Henry had passed away. Just weeks after COVID-19 took the lives of his brother Keith and his mother Brenda, Jared’s two-month battle with the virus ended and shook the community to its core.

Over the next several hours, I watched as one person after another poured out their hearts on Facebook, treasuring the memory of this kind and gentle man. I struggled with my own emotions, reliving the past five years since I first met Jared. How could I characterize in a simple way what Jared meant to his community and to each of us who knew him. Then, I remembered what he had told me many times, “It’s all about these kids.”

Those weren’t just buzzwords for Jared – they conveyed the feelings in the depths of his heart for his players and were his primary purpose for living. I vividly recall one Saturday when I had posted the writeup of Coalfield’s football game the night before. Within five minutes after posting, my phone rang and it was Jared. He called not to criticize me, but to share how one of his players might be devastated by the article. Needless to say, I quickly edited the article. Just goes to show that even an old man like me could learn from this gentle giant who loved and cared for his players.

At the beginning of the 2020 season, I called Jared to talk about the Jackets prospects for the upcoming season. He emphasized that the Jackets had lost 16 players to graduation and highlighted the many challenges that lay ahead. At that point I told Jared that the Jackets would finish in the top two in the Region. My rationale was that the coaching, particularly of his defensive team, would be the difference-maker. Ever so humble,

Jared simply could not acknowledge that.

As the season progressed and the Jackets won game after game, I called Jared up after almost every big victory and the first words out of my mouth were “I told you so!” Taking no credit for himself, Jared would always give credit to the effort of his players and conclude with “It’s all about these kids!” As the record books show, the Jackets were undefeated all the way to the State semifinals, in no small measure because of Jared’s strong defense.

Though Jared will be remembered as a superlative football coach, I will remember him as his daughter Leeah’s biggest basketball fan. I had far more encounters with Jared on the basketball court than on the football field. When Leeah was playing, he would suddenly, quietly appear and stand against the wall at one corner of the court, never becoming the center of attention, yet beaming with pride over the play of his daughter that he loved so much.

One might wonder how the Coalfield community can survive this additional, horrific loss. I submit to you that the community will not only survive, but will thrive! You see, the character traits that Jared and Keith emphasized for more than a decade – excellence, teamwork, and personal accountability – are implanted in almost every young father in Coalfield and will be passed down to their children. It is a lasting impact that few people ever achieve.

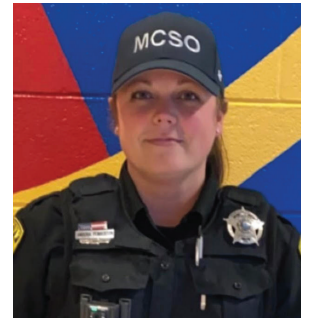
Jared’s passing is a loss, but it is a loss for us, not for him. As a man of faith, he has gained a victory far greater than any football game and walks in the presence of the Creator of the universe. I thank God for the opportunity to have known him and long for the day when we will meet again. Until then, farewell kind and gentle friend.

Hall & Nitzschke join MCT as Sunbright Area Sports Journalists

Retired Sunbright Teacher and longtime Basketball & Softball Coach for Sunbright High School Juanita Hall, steps back into the gym and on the sidelines in another capacity. This time, Hall and her nephew Zack Nitzschke are journalists for the Morgan County Today. The duo will be attending various Sunbright School ballgames and events in order to give Morgan County Today Readers the in-depth scoop of what happens on the field, in the gym, and around the school. Look for their articles on our Facebook Page and in future additions of the Morgan County Today.



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Wartburg



Sunbright

Dossy Clarissa Henry Hamby, 81

Dossy Clarissa Henry Hamby, age 81, of Wartburg departed this life January 10, 2021.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hamby; parents, Ed & Ethel Davis Henry; son, William Johnny Hamby; granddaughter, Jessica Lee Hamby; brother and sisters in law, Kinley Hamby, Dempsey Hamby, Freeman Hamby, Luther Hamby, Venus Griffith, Sylvia Beasley and Annie Melhorn.

She is survived by her children, Kathy & Don Storher of Seymour, Tn., Dennis & Tabitha Hamby, Joe & Patsy Hamby, Randy & Phyllis Hamby, Raymond & Cheryl Hamby and daughter-in-law, Brenda Hamby all of Wartburg; brother, Cledys & Shirley Henry of Heath, OH; brother in laws, Nathan & Diana Hamby, David & Judy Hamby, and George Melhorn; sister in laws, Josephine and Billy McGhee and Sue Hamby; 17 grandchildren, and a host of great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Dossy drove a special education bus for Morgan County Schools and worked in the Central Elementary School Cafeteria for years. She was employed at Red Kapp in Wartburg. She loved crocheting, swinging on the porch, and reading but most of all she loved being around her family.

Pallbearers: Joseph Hamby, Kinley Hamby, Denny Hughett, Jacob Collins, Trenton Brown and Blake Pappas.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Dustin Bonham and Bro. David Armes officiating. Graveside service will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Hamby Family Cemetery.

Masks will be provided. Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dossy Clarissa Henry Hamby.

Stanton Doyle Heidle

On Saturday January 9th, 2021 Stanton Doyle Heidle, Sr. of Wartburg TN., passed away quietly with his family in attendance at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville TN.

He was US Navy disabled Vietnam veteran and had retired as a Lieutenant from the Tennessee Department of Correction.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Herbert and Lois Heidle of Wartburg.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Maxine Heidle; sons, Stan-

ton D. Heidle II., and Travis Wes Heidle his wife, Carolee; brother, Herbert "Fox" Heidle and wife, Shirley; grandchildren, Levi Wes Heidle, Hannah Grace Heidle, Milas Campbell, Shelby Lynn Heidle, Lauren Michelle Heidle, Jubal Campbell and Stanton D. Heidle III., and nephews Craig, Bret and Jason Heidle.

The family is honoring Stanton's wishes to be cremated.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Stanton Doyle Heidle.

Michael E. Redmon, 72

Mr. Michael E. Redmon, age 72, went home to be with the Lord, January 14, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Kathy (Thompkins) Redmon; parents, L.E. & Dee (Ward) Redmon; sister, Sylvia (Tootie) Norman; and 1 granddaughter, Allison Tinker.

He is survived by his children, Tracy Redmon, Stacy (Tim) Ruppe, Dominique Hawn; brothers, Wendell & Gloria Redmon and Scott Redmon; grandchildren, Josh Walker, Megan Tinker, Savanna Walker, Dylan

Tinker, and Isaiah Redmon who was always by his side helping anyway he could.

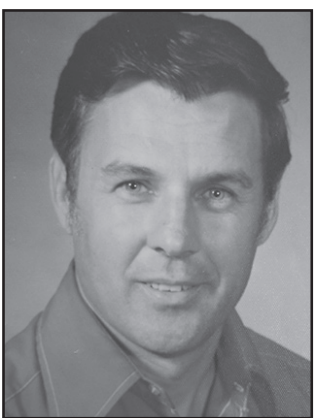
He loved his country and was a Veteran of the United States Navy.

The family will have a graveside service Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Union Grove Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. with Military Honors, American Legion Post #149 with Bro. Roy Langley officiating

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Michael E. Redmon.

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

A Mother That Cared



Tom Redmon
Columnist

I will tell you up front that my parents were not perfect.

for over seventeen years by hand. We drew our water from a well and heated it on our wood stove to wash dishes and take baths in a ten-gallon size tub. We hung diapers and clothes outside on a line in the summer and winter. Sometime in real freezing

mothers are seen in doctor offices with their children who have no more than a common cold. Mom nursed us back to health with medicine she bought at the store or someone put together in the neighborhood. I think we went months or years without

neighborhood who were sick or in need I'll never know. But she visited a lot. Since I bought a house up here in 1997, I have visited many elderly people who have told me how mom helped them out.

I knew I had mom's desire inside me because for over thirty years now I have been visiting and reaching out to the elderly. One lady, named Hazel said to me, "Tommy you're just taking over where your mom left off." Yes, Mama really cared.

What I missed most during this pandemic is I cannot visit the sick and shut in or the ones in nursing homes. I cannot visit the WWII or Korean War Veterans who are dying at an

I've not seen or heard of many that are. I just like to look at the good side of people and not dwell on the negative, and my Mom had a lot of positive.

Mom raised nine children; six boys and three girls. The first born in 1928, and the last 1945 so for seventeen years straight there was a baby in our home. We had no electricity, which means we had no refrigerator, no electric stove, no clothes washer or dryer, no furnace, no A/C, and no electric lights. Everything was done by hand. We had no store-bought diapers so mom had to wash cloth diapers about everyday

weather we would hang the clothes and diapers behind the stove.

Parents don't take their children to the doctor until it was really serious. Today

going to the doctor. When we were real sick mom fixed up a bed in the living room near the warm morning stove.

How my mother had time to visit others in the

alarming rate.



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Make America Great Again



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

This is the slogan of our current president. He is a successful builder and real estate developer. He has learned along the way how to use our laws to emerge from bankruptcy. He has been both a democrat and now republican over the course of his adult life. He has hosted a television show based on how he manages people. The title, Apprentice, no doubt comes from his understanding of the people who have built his

empire: The unions who supply his journeyman and apprentice tradesman. His religious convictions were gleaned from his Mother and honed over the course of his life's missteps. He does what we all do: Turn to God when things go south in a hurry. Today he has turned to the Amillennial Churches who supply our prosperity preachers in America. He has the largest American news organization in his pocket and he has a large number of proselytes ready to do his bidding. He is the archetype of the politician that America has created. But should we fear Him?

Fear is the opposite of faith. To practice fear while talking faith is ungodly at best. If God is our creator and we are his creation, then it is time to start believing in the God of the Bible again. It is God alone who can make America great again. Mr. Trump may understand our history and know about our founders but the only person present at America's founding who is still alive is Jesus Christ. He alone can restore the foundation that government has eroded.

With all of Mr. Trumps business acumen and political savvy, his building ability comes through most in my life. I remodeled Mar-A-Lago for him. He is an incredible builder who takes pride in His structures while promoting his bottom line. This is capitalism and this is the monetary path our country took after reconstruction. The industrial revolution gave birth to men like Trump. Should we fear them now? I think not. Fear God and you will begin to become wise and possess understanding on when to apply knowledge. Do not fear an American president.

Donald Trump is God's man on the American throne! No matter how emotional you get it is God alone who places men on thrones of nations for his purposes. If Trump is to make America great again, he must understand the foundations upon which America has been built. That means to accept our founding mythology he will never succeed. America was founded by Jewish believers in YHWH and Puritan Christians fleeing European monarchial persecution to include the persecution from within our reformation denominations. They came here wanting to establish a city on a hill from which the light of God would shine. If America is to be great again then that foundation must be Fixed. And Mr. Trump more than anyone, knows how to fix the footings upon which the whole house sits.

The President must restore God's word in public school. This will expose the Satanic nature of our political system. Politicians from both sides of the aisle will do anything to stop Mr. Trump from succeeding in getting the Bible back in the hands of our youth. It is the two-party system that legislated prayer and the Bible out of the lives of our children. No party has had the courage to recognize the terrible toll that decision cost America. First off, both Kennedy brothers were killed because they took on God. The seeds planted in 1963 have now reaped a harvest of lawlessness in our country, addiction rates in our working class never seen in world history. School shootings and our children survivors who have no access to the love and comfort of God. Our politicians are cowards! If Trump is to succeed then he must drain the political swamp from a Godly perspective. God's written Word must be presented as something our kids elect to learn in our public schools. Or Christian parents should rise up against the taxes you have paid to advance their unbiblical objectives. These charlatans, money launderers, must be replaced in our halls of congress. If they will not vote with God, then they should be voted out. If they look good on the outside, chances are they are complicit in the American political ponzi scheme to extort taxpayers and shift their private property to people who support them. Wages and money earned in investment is private property.

The Bill of Rights exists to remind men of how they must protect that private property. You alone control how money earned is spent according to who you see as your creator. Politicians have badgered you with the notion that they can spend your money better. Church always does better feeding, clothing, and sheltering the poor. Return to the Bible and the God of the Bible will return to our lives as a nation. Your idea of who is your creator, must change to believing in the God of the Bible. If Mr. Trump is to succeed, he needs us praying and voting for people who will fight to keep the Bible in our lives not legislate to get God out of our lives. No more time for democrats or republicans, just believers in God's plan of redemption. That plan requires that the Bible gets back in the hands of our children. Our march toward immorality began with the founding of our country in Philadelphia in 1776. The Joining of the Cult of Mithras to the Judeo-Christian Bible has caused every fight in politics. The Bill of rights was a reaction to citizens wanting private property protected from an incredibly powerful Government. The founders understood that it was God alone who Gives us our freedom and to legislate him out of our lives has destroyed the moral fabric in America. Single parent households, poverty, the rise of China, the destruction of our manufacturing base by globalist bent on practicing political elitist eugenics. They believe they are the chosen governing class and we deify them every time we reelect them. The power has gone to their heads and the God complex on display in politicians has to change. We need God not them!

Ten presidents since John F. Kennedy, all have pretended to love God, just not the God of the Bible. America is in the grip of political deception. They have created two national cults violating our constitution. While claiming separation of Church and State they have made

their Ideologies the State Religion. Politicians parade their Ideas in front of us promising to make our lives better. AT the end of their terms only their lives are better. The income inequality and loss of the Bible in our education system have coupled to make the American voter completely apathetic. Apathy always leads to bondage. It is the final step in the lifecycle of a nation. We have reached our Zenith. We either put God back in government or He will take our government out. The Bill of Rights was birthed to protect our liberty to worship God on and with our private property. This includes our money! Your wage is private property. Your God is who decides how wages are spent. If the God of the Bible is your God, then you decide who gets the first ten percent of your increase not government. The government will never wash any man's feet. They will however use your taxes to destabilize nations, abort foreign babies, support treaties that God abhors. They will use your taxes to trap your child in ungodly public education. Our public schools are indoctrination factories. Teachers purvey in Darwinian evolution and dumb down students through common core. They have maintained a steady march toward socialism and it is public school where they plant the seeds that they intend to water in your child's life. Then they can get them on one side or the other in the political Arena. Reactionary politics gave us an incredibly corrupt American system. We are in Need of a viable third party, focusing on placing a God-fearing man who listens to purveyors of the Bible on the American presidential throne.

Donald Trump has come closest to getting us out of our Apathetic system. The Goal of the Two-party system is to keep us in bondage to their lawless ways of thinking. Neither side has any legs to stand on from a Biblical position. Mr. Trump has embarked on a path the God of the Old Testament loves and he is also the God of the New Testament. If you think your problem is with Mr. Trump you had better get back in your Bible. Your problem is with God not our President. If you knew the times and the seasons from a Bible perspective, you would understand Judges! God sends them to the people he loves to get them to return to doing his will not heir own will. We have been doing what is right in our

own eyes for many years now. We have elected no Lovers of the Bible since Eisenhower. Reagan came closest but he failed to get us out of the conundrum of being a God-fearing nation who relies on our financial might and military power more than God. If Mr. Trump is following the Biblical paradigm of Jehu, then he will fail at getting us to return to dependence upon God wholly as a nation. He will serve out his term. But the golden calves of military might and financial power will still emanate in D.C. and New York City. I personally believe we are witnessing the manifestation of the Shemitah cycle to begin in 2021 when God will call in all the debts of our nation. You had better be prepared if he calls in our sin debt as a nation! America is under the abandonment wrath of God and Donald Trump says he wants us to return to greatness and that will take biblical Teshuva! Jared Kushner should be perfect to explain this Jewish phenomenon.

If America is to ever be great again it has to return to the 1600's at the onset of our founding as a nation. When Puritans enjoyed the access, they had to God and the Bible. When Jews once again enjoyed the protection and provision by Puritan Christians. When society had a Christian church and synagogue at the center of civilization and progress, when God's will, was alive in every home. When Children began public school and the Bible was their only textbook for learning math, science, language, jurisprudence and everything that God intended for our children. Everything your child needs to succeed was in the Bible before there was ever a need for public education. Parents need to return to teaching morality from the lives of Bible characters. America needs a King David. It Needs an Elisha. It needs Sons of Issachar to rightly divide the times and seasons as they pertain to Israel. It needs Jewish Roman Paul rightly Dividing the Greek Septuagent. America needed this judge and God has sent him amongst us. Our march toward Immorality is reaching a climax. If God does not soon judge America, he will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah. America exports everything God abhors.

Mr. Trump if we are to ever achieve greatness it will be entirely because we Hit our Knees and cried out to God for forgiveness. To fix America, draining the swamp requires voters change course and vote for men and women who love God and his Bible more than they love money. This is the system we created and God blessed. It has not existed in America for a long time. My dream is to see the bible back in public school and school shootings a thing of the past. I long to turn on my television and not hear about teenage pregnancy or teenage exploitation by sex traffickers. I long to see my family and friends remain married for a long lifetime. I long to see America returning missionaries to the foreign fields more than soldiers. I long to hear the name of messiah proclaimed in the halls of justice. I long to see Jesus Christ replace ungodly entertainers in the lives of our children. I most long to see my country cry out to Jesus Christ to pay their Sin debt. It is the only debt that matters when you die. Even so come Lord Jesus Christ!

Shema Israel Adonai Elohim Echad Adonai!
He was crucified upon a cross of wood yet he created the hill upon which it stood.

RLTW John Burns 5-26-2020

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an 11C Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.



Historically Speaking '44 train wreck drew quick Oak Ridge response

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Last week, we introduced the idea that Oak Ridge was unique by being a city formed in the midst of established Appalachian communities. We noted that from the early months of the Manhattan Project's Clinton Engineer Works, the relationship between Oak Ridge and surrounding communities has often been one of mutual help and support.

A case in point is the July 6, 1944, troop train wreck at Highcliff, Tenn., near Jellico. What happened during those few days has left major lifetime lasting memories of death and injury on those who personally experienced the train wreck — and those who responded to the disaster.

Within hours, Oak Ridge responded to the site with military support for the rescue and recovery effort. Bill Sergeant was a captain in the Army Services Forces, U.S. Engineer Office, Manhattan District, Oak Ridge, Tenn. He, along with several other officers, was summoned to meet the guard officer at the Guard Headquarters of the Clinton Engineer Works. Bill recalls that summons and the ensuing activity that kept him up for the rest of that night and all through the next day, working the disaster of a major calamity that occurred near a small community of Appalachia with few resources to handle such a major event.

The Manhattan Engineer District troops reached the scene at 3:15 a.m., and at the request of the Tennessee Highway Patrol relieved them of traffic control duties. They also guarded the personal and government property recovered from the wreckage.

The numerous spectators were prevented from interfering with the progress of the rescue and recovery operations. The Manhattan Engineer District's public relations officer was notified and came to the scene to supervise the access given to newspapermen and photographers.

Willard Yarborough was the Knoxville Journal's reporter who was quick to the scene and who documented the first impressions of the enormously confusing sight fraught with tragedy. His account of the response to the accident by the communities included details of the specific people from Highcliff who immediately immersed themselves into the ordeal of sorting the dead from the injured, laying out the dead along the tracks, and taking the injured by automobile to the Jellico hospital.

Ambulances arrived and began taking the injured to other area hospitals as well.

Speculation ran high as to what might have caused such an awful train wreck. Yarborough wrote about the early comments of the troops regarding the speed of the train. He captured the famous words uttered by the fireman, John William Tummins, who gave the newspaperman the simple explanation: "She jumped the tracks."

Tummins, who was a comparatively young man with a wife and small child, was interviewed by Yarborough on his deathbed. He had sent word to his wife to come to him, but he died at 5 a.m. July 7, 1944, well before she could get there.

On July 15, 1944, the Federal Bureau of Investigation closed the investigation conducted on July 6 through 8, 1944. The case was filed as "UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Wreck of Louisville & Nashville Troop Train No. 47, 3 miles south of Jellico, Tennessee, 7-6-44," with the character of the case listed as "SABOTAGE." Joe Ben Champion gave the synopsis of facts as "L&N Troop Train No. 47 left the track at approximately 9 p.m. on 7-6-44 on a 10-degree curve 3 miles S. of Jellico, Tenn. Investigation indicates cause of accident was the excessive speed of the train. No indication of sabotage."

The 11-page FBI report is extremely detailed regarding the train wreck and the ensuing investigation regarding sabotage. Special Agent Champion and Special Agent In Charge John R. Ruggles interviewed all three surviving crew members, as well as the management of L&N Railroad from the general superintendent of the L&N Railroad, M. H. Lockney, to the chief of the L&N Railroad Police, the wrecker foreman and the division engineer. One confidential informant, "I-1," gave the opinion that the engineer's excessive speed in attempting a dangerous curve caused the wreck.

Two special agents interviewed Dr. J.S. Ausmus at Jellico hospital, where John William Tummins died after being severely scalded by the steam from the wrecked engine. The doctor said that Mr. Tummins was treated for third degree burns but had no skull fracture or other head injury that would impair his mental faculties. He further stated that Mr. Tummins seemed to be very rational at the time the doctor talked with him about the wreck.

Tummins stated that the engineer had become extremely angry when he left Corbin, Ky., and from Corbin to the place of the wreck he gave the engine the throttle. On several occasions, Tummins stated he had cautioned the engineer to slow down. However, Tummins said the engineer paid no heed to him and continued at an excessive rate of speed.

This statement was made to the doctor just before the fireman died.

Mrs. William Turnblazer Jr., a registered nurse at the Jellico Hospital, was also interviewed and stated she was attending Tummins at about 11 p.m. July 6, 1944, when he told her he knew he was dying. During this conversation, Tummins again repeated that the engineer had been driving at a high speed since leaving Kentucky and that he had "again and again" asked him to slow down, but that he refused to do so.

The body of the engineer, who died on impact, was found under water beneath the steam engine. Also killed in the train wreck were 33 of the troops. A large number of the troops (references give a range of between 100



Ed Westcott photographed the train wreck in 1944 and provided these unpublished images for Historically Speaking. Volunteers are shown pulling the injured and dead from the wreckage. (Photo Submitted)



Ed Westcott took this photograph from the riverbank at night high above the train wreck. Volunteers are trying to get to the injured and everyone is trying to help. (Photo Submitted)



Bill Sergeant, who in 1944 was a captain in the Manhattan engineer District, personally recalls the tragic scene he witnessed in the early morning hours of July 7, 1944 (Photo Submitted)

to 200) were injured; the most official reports give the number of the injured at 98.

Many of the injured, especially those with the less serious injuries, were taken to Oak Ridge. To get a flavor of what it might have been like for these soldiers to visit Oak Ridge, the following account by one of the injured soldiers is provided.

In an e-mail to Phil Lea posted on his Tribute to the Troop Train Web site (www.trooptrain.com), Dick Murtz, one of the soldiers injured in the train wreck, stated in March 2005 that "part of the story ... was our trip to Oak Ridge, Tenn. They loaded us in GI ambulances and we went sailing to the Oak Ridge hospital to recuperate. This was a time when no one had any idea what was there. Not even people working there.

"Everything in this camp was free to all. The cafeteria had a spread you would not believe. Three choices of meat for breakfast and the other meals were also unreal. I told one

of the GI's that I don't know why I heard GI's complaining about the Army food. I found out later when we got to Camp Croft, S.C.

"While I was at Oak Ridge, they asked me if I had met a guy by the name of Red Maddox or Mattox. I said, 'Yes, we talked at the camp in Indiana before we got on the train.' They told me they had two bodies in the morgue that they needed to identify. We got in a staff car and started into town. We stopped at three gates on the way out and got papers at each gate in triplicate. We were told to be back before dark or not to even try to get back in.

"All the bodies were laid out on the floor and so bloated you had a hard time making out facial features. I had to get down and look up the side of the face and I could see the red hair roots and he had a fresh haircut. I gave this to the lieutenant, and he said that was fine, now they knew who the other GI was. I saw Red in the Barber Shop in Indiana. This will stick with me the rest of my life."

Many of the known details of this epic train wreck are captured in a book written in 1994 titled "She Jumped the Tracks" by retired railroad executive John P. Ascher. It was the first train wreck causing a passenger fatality on an L&N Railroad in 27 years. Based on the number of fatalities, it is among the 25 worst train wrecks in U.S. history.

One of the first persons to the wreck was a young boy of 16 from Highcliff named Jim Tidwell, who was standing in his yard watching the train go by when the wreck occurred. He quickly rounded up some friends and found some rope that they rigged from the top of the steep cliff to reach the river below. Harold Moon got torches from his Esso gas station to help light the area.

The kitchen car started to burn giving an eerie glow to the whole scene.

Tidwell told of seeing the engineer's body under water and remembers seeing his hair waving in the current. Some of the boys used rocks to build a makeshift dam to somewhat divert the river's flow around the wreckage. Soldiers were pinned in and screaming for help. At first, the only doctor at the scene was Dr. Ned C. Watts.

Dr. Watts didn't know the wreck had occurred until "a young man wearing only underwear briefs who was shouting" flagged him down. Watts' hospital in Jellico had only one phone, so staff went to neighboring houses to call other doctors only to discover that Watts was the only doctor available. He spent several hours as the lone doctor at the wreck. Later, several doctors came to the scene to help and some of the trapped soldiers were administered morphine and plasma while still trapped. The removal of bodies and the injured continued all night and throughout the next day.

Roe Chance, the railroad signalman at Highcliff, called Clyde McNeil at home. Chance told McNeil that the signal telling him that the troop train had just passed Highcliff had been triggered but had immediately gone out. They both knew what that meant — a train wreck. So, they got the motor cart, a small rail vehicle that ran on a gas engine, and headed toward the train. The first person they saw was the flagman who they observed "was scared to death and, this being his first trip on this route, he did not know where he was."

Chance and McNeil found that men from Highcliff, most of whom were coal miners and more accustomed than most to responding to emergencies, were already hard at work rescuing the injured. The two of them concentrated on severing a 600-volt live wire at the pole to keep anyone from being electrocuted. Before long, electric lights had been hooked up to help with the rescue efforts.

Next week we will publish the full text of the report on the involvement in the disaster by the War Department, U.S. Engineer Office, Manhattan District, Clinton Engineer Works, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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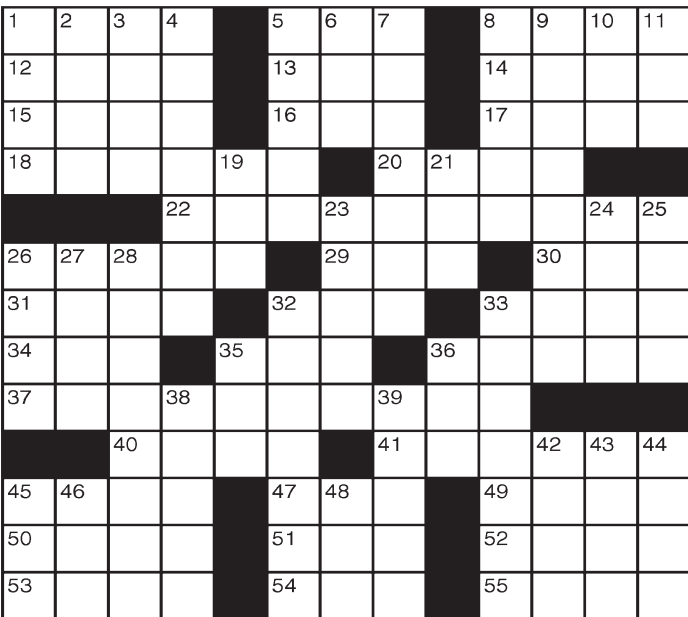
Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation's efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

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.

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ACROSS

- 1 Wordsworth work
- 5 Spasm
- 8 Billie — King
- 12 Against
- 13 Granada gold
- 14 Sea eagle
- 15 500 sheets
- 16 Chess piece
- 17 Right on the map?
- 18 On an angle
- 20 Dines
- 22 Donald Duck's outfit
- 26 Birth-related
- 29 "Exodus" hero
- 30 Vitamin stat
- 31 Prior nights
- 32 Pvt.'s superior
- 33 Grant basis, at times
- 34 Seminary subj.
- 35 Take to court
- 36 Smartens (up)
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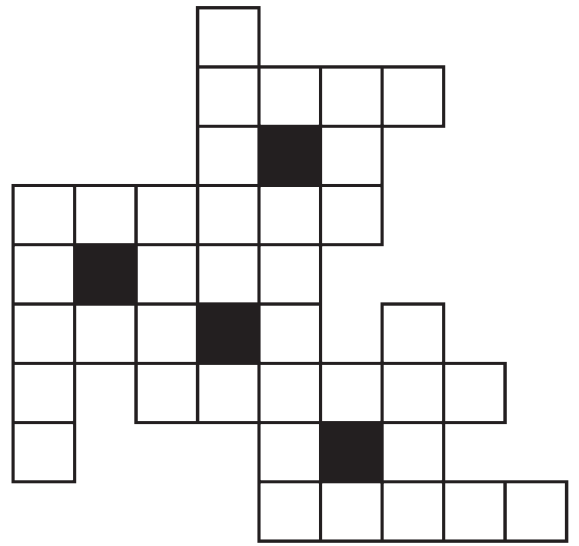


- 52 Bandleader
 - 53 Makes lace
 - 54 "Dig in!"
 - 55 Salty septet
- DOWN**
- 1 Law firm aide, for short
 - 2 Till bills
 - 3 List-ending abbr.
 - 4 Brunch cocktails
 - 5 "Only Love" actress
 - 6 Lyricist
 - 7 Monarch's spouse
 - 8 Army vehicles
 - 9 Test-paper smudges
 - 10 Reply (Abbr.)
 - 11 Court divider
 - 19 Chum
 - 21 Swiss canton
 - 23 Beer type
 - 24 Nantes notion
 - 25 Tiny amounts
 - 26 Soft ball?
 - 27 Say it's so
 - 28 Put on the air
 - 32 Be enough
 - 33 Blockheads
 - 35 That lady
 - 36 Golfer
 - 38 Closes
 - 39 Full-length
 - 42 Party cheese
 - 43 Greek vowel
 - 44 Seth's son
 - 45 Wager
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Weekly SUDOKU

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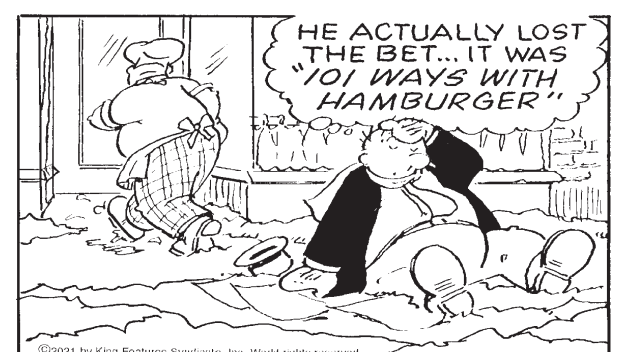
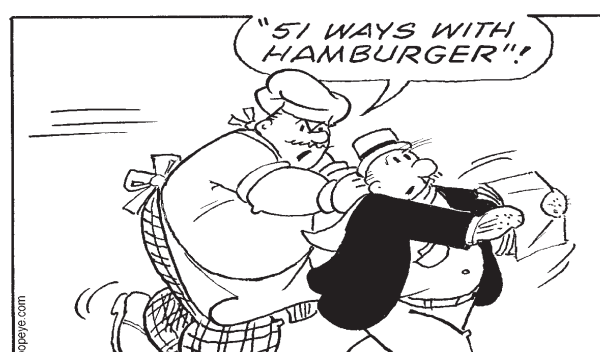
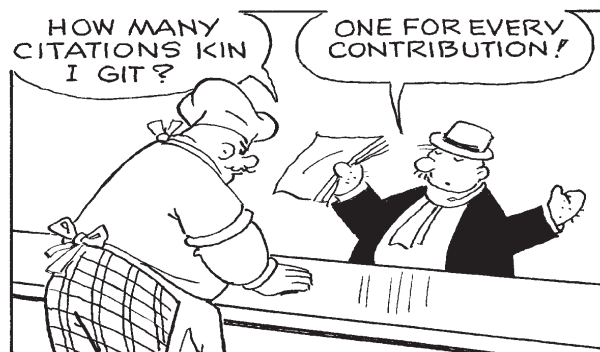
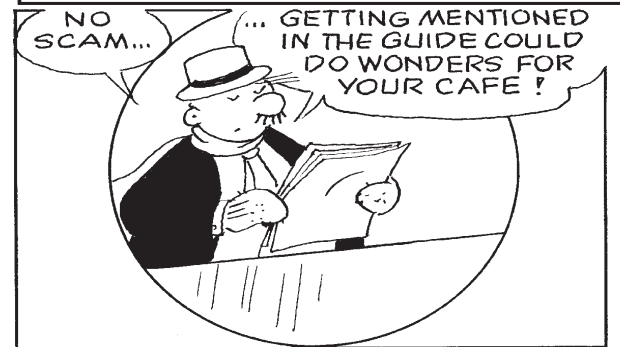
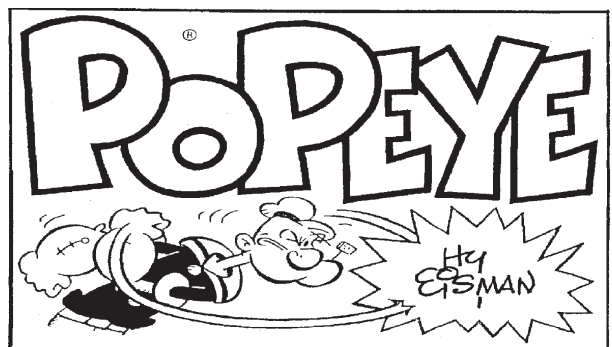
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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- ♦♦ Challenging
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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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MSG Fred Mize

I want to discuss truth but before I begin, we must know the definition of truth and of true. True is defined as; in accordance with fact or reality, accurate or exact, accurately or without variation. Truth is defined as; the quality or state of being true, that which is true or in accordance with fact or reality, a

fact or belief that is accepted as true.

The word truth is mention 224 times in the Bible. In my humble opinion the word truth is best explained in the book of John. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I'm so thankful for these two Bible verses because

they define Jesus as being "truth" for He is fact and reality, He is accurate and exact, He is without variation!

In today's time the truth isn't always clear. It most cases it is cloudy at best. I often find myself watching numerous news channels in order to try and figure out the truth but even then, I don't feel comfort-

Truth

By: MSG. Fred Mize

able with what I believe to be the truth.

Regardless of how clouded truth may be today the fact

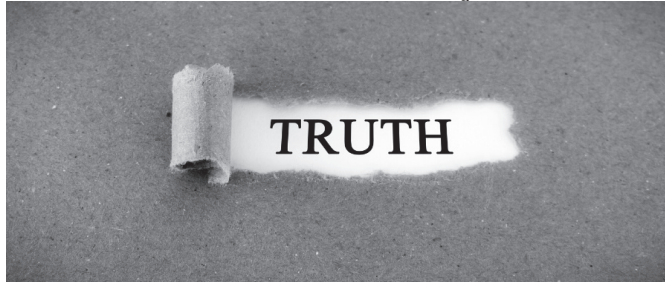
changed over time, nor will it ever!

We know this through reading, Psalm 100:1-5, 1 Make a joyful noise unto the

LORD, all ye lands. 2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thank-

ful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Get to know the truth today by turning off your television and reading your Bible. Jesus is waiting to open our eyes, minds, and hearts to Him, to the truth!



doesn't change that we can all know the absolute truth by knowing Jesus Christ and you can know God the Father through your relationship with Jesus.

This fact hasn't

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Miami



As I write this article, I Googled the weather in Wartburg, TN. It's a chilly 29F as we speak, and temperatures are expected to dip all the way down to 20F. That is some cold weather for the south. Winter has just started, and you may be already planning a warm weather getaway. I have been to Miami, FL several times and recommend it as a vacation spot. I just got back from a work trip and I wanted to give you some professional traveling tips.

I would stay in South Beach instead of downtown Miami. South beach is about a 25-30-minute drive with traffic from downtown Miami. There are many great

restaurants in the downtown Miami area, but my guess is your escaping cold weather for the beach. You'll have access right to the beach with a lot of hotels especially during the pandemic and limited business travel. Depending on traffic, the Miami airport is about 30 minutes from South Beach; this will again depend on what time of day it is. Miami traffic can be pretty crazy.

If you're traveling as a family, I would recommend blocking off a day to visit The Everglades Safari Park. You can purchase tickets for a ride on the airboat. They take you deep into the Everglades National Park and you'll

get to see alligators close up and personal. It's a pretty neat experience being that close to alligators in their natural habitat. They also have a pretty fun animal show where they feed the gators, present some information, and they give you an opportunity to pet a baby gator.

Miami is a great place for different cultures. There are many immigrants that live there from south America and during the winter there are a lot of European travelers. It's always a great experience to meet people from different countries and cultures. If you need motivation for the gym, Miami is the place to visit. South Beach is known for sculpted bodies, workouts on the beach, and everyone that lives there tends to be in top physical shape.

You have to eat Cuban food if you visit Miami, FL. My favorite Cuban restaurant is Havana 1957. It has authentic Cuban food. I recommend the black bean soup, a Cuban sandwich, and the Cuban roasted chicken. There are several locations in the area. Take a look at your food bill before you tip. Many restaurants in South Beach have an automatic gratuity of 18%. I would recommend restaurants away from the main

strip. Those tend to be the priciest and they often price gouge tourists.

Miami isn't the cheapest place in Florida. Depending on where you stay, it can be pretty expensive. If you plan a head, especially during the pandemic, you can pull off a nice trip to Miami without breaking your bank account. They have lots of outdoor malls for shopping. South Beach has really nice beaches and they are well maintained throughout the year. If you never been to Miami; I would encourage you to make it a destination vacation spot.

Zack graduated from Wartburg Central High School in 2001 and from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2004. Since graduation he has become a TedX Motivational Speaker, Author, and Career Consultant. He travels the world giving back and hosting seminars teaching people on various topics. Zack has established an ongoing annual scholarship at his Alma Mater, Wartburg, which has inspired others to give back as well.

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Happy 94th Birthday to Mrs. Bo Miles who celebrated her birthday on Friday, January 15. Ms. Bo is one of the ladies who inspired me to attempt doing this column. I always enjoyed reading her Pine Orchard News column and I looked forward to the words of wisdom she posted at the end of the column. After I began writing this column, she sent me words of encouragement via mutual friends and that was always a boost I needed. I hope you had a great day Ms. Bo.

Trace Wayne Miller was born January 5, 2021 weighing 7lbs 15 oz. Trace is the son of Colby Miller and Melanie Davidson. His maternal grandparents are Staci Davidson and Bobby and Erica Davidson. His paternal grandparents are Steve and Monica Miller. Trace is the first grandchild and great grandchild for both sides of his family. He is welcomed to the world by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members and friends. Congratulations to the family of Trace Wayne Miller!

Congratulations to Bobby and

Barbara Briggs who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on January 10. Wishing you many more blessed years.

Get well wishes to my buddy, Preston Headrick, who has had a very difficult time recovering from having his wisdom teeth pulled. Hurry up and get well soon Preston. Spring is coming and there is a lot of work to be done on the farm!

Oakdale Jr. Beta Club is participating in a fundraiser through Texas Road House. The rolls are \$6 per dozen and you can add the delicious butter for an extra \$2. You can also purchase gift cards for \$10, \$25, or \$50. Please support Jr. Beta. If you don't know a Jr. Beta member, call Oakdale School at 369-3885 and they will be happy to take your order.

In October, Together Morgan County did a fun event called #mocoindrandy. Randy Raccoon is the collaborative mascot and a picture of him was hidden around Morgan County for 5

days. Everyone who had their picture taken with Randy and posted it on Together Morgan County's Facebook page was entered into a daily drawing for a bucket of Halloween Candy. Together Morgan County plans to do the same thing in February and there will be daily drawings for boxes of Valentine Candy. Stay tuned for more details.

I will mention the few birthdays I know about. Robin Greer celebrated her birthday January 16. Happy Birthday to Cheyenna Hawn who has a birthday on January 22. Happy Birthday to Marsha Hamby who will celebrate her special day on January 23. Travis Langley also has a birthday on January 23. Happy Birthday to Evan Headrick who celebrates his birthday January 24. Barbara Snow will celebrate her birthday January 29. Goose Lindsey has a birthday on January 30. Jan Currier and Maverick Smith both have a birthday on January 31.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dossy Hamby who passed away, Sunday, January 10. She is survived by her children, Kathy and Don Storher of Seymour, Dennis and Tabitha Hamby, Joe and Patsy Hamby, Randy and Phyllis Hamby, Raymond and Cheryl Hamby and daughter-in-law, Brenda Hamby

all of Wartburg and 17 grandchildren, and a host of great and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. She is also survived by one brother, Cledys Henry of Ohio. Services were held Tuesday, January 12 and burial was Wednesday in the Hamby Family Cemetery.

Condolences to the friends and family of Patricia Wakefield who passed away Sunday, January 10. She is survived by her nephews James and Danna Axmacher and Michael Gamble and her nieces, Angie Gamble Reynolds and Karleen Briley Gamble. The family received friends on Wednesday, January 13 and will have a memorial service at a later date.

Daily I hear of more illnesses in our communities. Please pray for all the sick, those who have had surgeries, and those who are dealing with serious illnesses. Pray for our country and leaders, our pastors and churches, our educators and students, our families, our missionaries, our military and all the many situations affecting our lives. Most of all, pray for the lost.

"If you can't do great things, do small things in a great way."
Napoleon Hill

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Acts Chapter 16

(Acts 16:1-5) Timothy joins the team: Paul and Silas came to Derbe and then went on to Lystra, where Paul had earlier been stoned and left for dead. He did not hesitate to enter the danger zone again! Timothy lived in Lystra and was a Christian. Since he later is referred to as Paul's "child" in faith, it is a reasonable inference that Paul had converted him on his first trip to this city (14:8; 1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18). Timothy had an excellent reputation with the church in that area (v. 2), and Paul wanted him as a working companion on this trip. Since Timothy's father (presumably dead now) had been a Greek, for expediency sake the apostle had the young man circumcised to prevent offense to the Jews (v. 3). Circumcision was a Hebrew rite that signified Israel's covenant relationship with Jehovah (Gen. 17:11). It is likely that at this time Paul also imparted a spiritual gift to Timothy to assist in his ministry (2 Tim. 1:6). They visited churches in the area, informing them of the Jerusalem decrees regarding Gentile acceptance (Acts 15:23). Every day these congregations increased in the faith and in numerical growth.

(Acts 16:1-10) the Macedonian call: Paul, Silas, and Timothy traveled westward across Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to teach in the Roman province of Asia (not the area known as Asia Minor). When they attempted to enter Bithynia, the Spirit again blocked them. Note the emphasis on the personality of the Holy Spirit. There is no explanation given; one must conclude that God knows where the "fields" are the ripest (Jn. 4:35), and when they will be as Bithynia eventually was (1 Pet. 1:1). Finally, they arrived at Troas, near the site of ancient Troy. Here Paul had a night vision in which a man of Macedonia (a Roman province in northern Greece) pled for the missionary band to come and help them. Concluding that this was God's will, the company made plans to go. Luke now joins the group, as reflected by the "we" reference (10-17; 20:5-21:25; 27:2-28:16).

(Acts 16:11-15) the conversion of Lydia: the apostolic group sailed across the Aegean Sea from Troas to the island of Samothrace, where they stayed overnight. The next day, they went on to the port city Neapolis, and from there ten miles southwest to the Roman colony of Philippi. Since there apparently was no synagogue there, they sought out a group of Jewish (or proselyte) women who worshipped on the Sabbath near the Gangites River. The three men sat down and began to teach these devout women, one of whom was Lydia, a business woman (seller of purple cloth) from Thyatira in western Asia Minor. Lydia "heard" (listened carefully to) the gospel message, and thereby her "heart was opened" (26:18), so that she was motivated to "give heed" to the obligation set forth by Paul (v. 14). There was no direct operation of the Holy Spirit. "Given heed" is the equivalent of "obeying" (Heb. 2:1-2). She heard, she believed, and she obeyed. She was the first convert in Europe. Lydia and her household (possibly servants) were immersed for the forgiveness of their sins (2:38). So grateful was she for her salvation that she pled with the missionaries to use her house as their headquarters. They resisted; she insisted! (v. 15). She started her Christian life by serving others.

(Acts 16:16-18) the demoniac maid: later, as Paul and the others were going to "the place of prayer," they were intercepted by a slave girl who was possessed of a demon and who feigned the role of a fortune teller. A group of shareholders owned stock in her and made money from her alleged "prophetic" skill. For many days this girl pursued the brothers, disrupting their ability to preach without distraction. Though she spoke the truth regarding the apostolic

band (demons were never allowed to blaspheme the gospel), it was not the will of God that a satanic force lend support to the sacred cause; hence, Paul expelled the demon from the girl. The power of God is greater than that of Satan (1 Jn. 4:4).

(Acts 16:19-34) Paul and Silas imprisoned: this miracle of benevolence immediately produced a negative result. The girl's owners were incensed, seeing the source of their ill-gotten income vanished before their very eyes. Thus, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the town square. The unscrupulous slavers charged the brothers with creating a disturbance and teaching Jewish doctrines contrary to Roman practice (v. 21). The charge of disrupting Roman custom would be a sensitive issue with the authorities, for Rome insisted on peace in its communities. A crowd created a fomenting atmosphere, so the magistrates stripped Paul and Silas of their clothes, had them beaten with rods, and threw them into prison. They were deposited in the secure "inner" section, reserved for the most dangerous criminals. The jailor was charged with the solemn responsibility of holding them, even shackling their feet (v.24).

About midnight, Paul and Silas were heard worshipping God. The Greek construction suggests they were "singing prayers," and the other prisoners were listening to them. One can "teach" by singing (Col. 3:16). Suddenly and supernaturally, there was a great earthquake, shaking the prison foundation stones. The cell doors all were opened and even the prisoners' shackles were loosed. Incredibly, no one was injured. God was orchestrating this event with pinpoint precision. The jailor, who had been asleep, was jarred awake. When he saw the doors open, he concluded the prisoners had escaped, and to prevent his anticipated execution, he drew his sword to kill himself.

Paul, seeing what was about to take place, cried out: "Do not harm yourself; we are all here" (v. 28). Not a prisoner had attempted escape. Providence! The jailor was terrified and, recognizing the power of these men, asked: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" He likely did not have spiritual salvation in mind, but the brothers would expand his appreciation of that term. They replied that he, along with his household (kinsmen or servants), must "believe on the Lord Jesus" (v. 31).

This passage is commonly misunderstood; it requires amplification. (a) The man most likely did not have sufficient information regarding Jesus and the condition of his own soul; hence, more instruction was needed. Such quickly was supplied (v. 32). (b) "Believe" was a command; hence, salvation is not unconditional. (c) The verb is what grammarians call an ingressive form, "start believing," indicating action that is ongoing. (d) The command did not exclude baptism as a condition of salvation (as commonly thought) any more than it excluded repentance (not explicitly mentioned). Compare this same question, twice asked before (2:37; 22:10). (e) The jailor's "believing" action embraced his need for baptism (v. 33-34; 2:38; 22:16). In the book of Acts, saving faith is always a kind of faith that expresses itself in obedience, which includes baptism (2:38, 41, 44; 4:4; 2:38 with 11:17); see 14:1-2; 19:1-2; 22:16).

The urgency of obedience is illustrated by the fact that the jailor took them immediately to a place where there was sufficient water for the immersion.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Sergeant First Class (SFC) Malcolm Campbell as the veteran of the week.

SFC Campbell's military career began in August, 1987 when he enlisted as a Combat Engineer in the United States Marine Corps. He served three years in the USMC and enlisted into the Tennessee Army National Guard as a Field Artilleryman in May, 2000 and has served continuously since.

SFC Campbell's military duties have sent him overseas to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-2005. Throughout his tour of duty in Iraq he proudly and honorably served as a dedicated field artilleryman which ensured the safety of fellow soldiers serving in harm's way.

In 2008 SFC Campbell was selected to become a Recruiting and Retention NCO for the Tennessee Army National Guard. He's done exceptionally well in his recruiting career by being

self-motivated to help others better their lives and reach their goals by enlisting into the Tennessee Army National Guard just as he did in 2000. He is very thankful to be of service to our state and country. He's beyond appreciative for how his military service has helped improve and fulfill his life.

SFC Campbell has also been blessed to have the love and support of his beautiful wife Dena. They will be celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary on January, 31, 2021!

SFC Campbell Morgan County Today can't thank you and Dena enough for your service and sacrifices you've made for our grateful nation. We pray that you continue to help others benefit from military service as you have.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Ambie Pemberton as the law enforcement officer of the week.

Ambie's law enforcement career began in August of 2019 when she became a Correctional Officer for the Morgan County Sheriff's Office.

In July, 2020 Officer Pemberton attended the Police Academy at Walters State Community College and graduated from the academy in September 2020.

Since graduating from the academy she became the School Resource Officer for Wartburg Central Middle School.

She absolutely loves being a SRO and is motivated to do her very best everyday to make a positive difference in the lives of the children she vows to serve and protect. Her main goal is to keep drugs off the streets by inspiring and educating children to choose to never start drugs of any form. SRO Pemberton



stated, "I'm absolutely humbled to be selected as the law enforcement officer of the week and I'm beyond thankful for the grand opportunities and tremendous support afforded to me by Sheriff Wayne Potter and his administration." She is very thankful

to give back to our community by serving as a member of the Morgan County Sheriff's Office.

SRO Pemberton's husband also serves our community as investigator for the MCSO. They recently celebrated their thirteenth wedding anniversary on November, 9, 2020. They have also been blessed by God with three wonderful children; Emily, Aiden and Derek.

SRO Ambie Pemberton, it's an honor and privilege to know that you protect and serve our community's most prized possessions, our children. Thank you and may God bless and protect you!

Good news for businesses that received COVID-related relief



David Zubler

The IRS and the Treasury Department recently released good news regarding claiming deductions for expenses associated with the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans that have been forgiven. The news also applies to Economic Disaster Loan (EIDL) grants and EIDL advances.

In March of 2020, the Cares Act created the PPP to provide economic relief to small businesses that were negatively impacted from the financial crises caused by Covid. However, the legislation did not provide details on the deductibility of expenses paid with forgiven loans.

When the original IRS guidance came out, the ruling did not allow businesses to deduct expenses that had been paid with forgiven PPP loans. Since a significant amount of a business's expenses would not have been deductible, this would have resulted in taxes increasing substantially.

Fortunately, many organizations were concerned and confronted Congress about the tax effect the original ruling would have on

struggling businesses. A significant increase in taxes could be devastating for the survival of many businesses.

On December 4, 2020, the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) held a meeting to discuss PPP issues, which approximately 150 people attended. Speakers included representatives from the national accounting firm KPMG and the Tax Foundation. Both agreed that the current IRS guidance on the deductibility of expenses paid with forgiven PPP loans would undercut the purpose of the PPP loan.

Advocacy shared the need for a legislative fix to the House and Senate Small Business Committees.

Finally, Congress stepped in and stated that business expenses paid with forgiven PPP loans would be deductible.

The deductibility of business expenses paid with forgiven PPP loans is effective for subsequent PPP loans. Additionally, this ruling includes business expenses paid with Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) grants and EIDL advances.

The guidance in Revenue Ruling 2021-02 reverses guidance that was issued last year by the IRS. In the previous guidance, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin was opposed to the ability to deduct expenses related to forgiveness of

PPP loans. Mnuchin stated that "double dipping" by receiving aid and deducting the funds would not be allowed.

The new guidance will provide relief to many businesses who were concerned about a large increase in their tax liability due to receiving financial aid.

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