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**MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK**

Tue 26	62°/41°	
Wed 27	56°/27°	
Thu 28	38°/22°	
Fri 29	47°/30°	
Sat 30	47°/43°	
Sun 31	51°/36°	
Mon 01	43°/29°	

## Helton Receives DAR Literacy Award



Sandra Helton, Left, Receiving her award. (Photo Submitted)

By Jo Hardin

Avery Trace Chapter NSDAR was honored to award Sandra Helton of Oakdale with the Literacy Champion Award at their December meeting. The award recognizes “those individuals who contribute within her/his community in an outstanding manner through service or by organizing or participating in community activities that promote Literacy.”

Sandra works for Save the Children under the umbrella of Morgan County Schools and heads Together Morgan County.

Together with Sandra, we can transform lives through literacy.

Submitted by Jo Hardin, Avery Trace member



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As the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has chosen to “Shine a Light on Literacy,” Avery Trace wishes to shine a light on the work of Sandra Helton.

Highlights of her initiatives and/or involvement include:

- Preschool Hour at Oakdale and Sunbright Schools; Wartburg Public Library, Lancing Preschool Hour
- Race into Reading Spring Event (Sunbright)
- 100 Days of Reading Summer Reading Challenge
- Save with Stories (Facebook, with local and celebrities reading)
- Dr. Seuss Read Across America
- 50th Year Anniversary of The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Gus the Bus book distribution
- Kindergarten Readiness Kits
- Oakdale Little Library (Avery Trace NSDAR)
- “The Night Before Christmas” living literature event (Frozen Head State Park).

**Announcements**

There will be a community meeting for anyone that is interested concerning the potential sale of property on Corbin Hill Road by the Morgan County Government. All who are interested are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held Friday, January 22, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the Coalfield Fire Hall. If you have any questions, you can call the Morgan County Executive’s office at 346-6288.

The Morgan Courthouse Covid-19 schedule contained an error in our last update. The Property Assessor’s office is opened as normal. No appointment is necessary, citizens are welcome to come to the Property Assessor’s Office during normal business hours (8am-4pm, Monday-Friday). If a citizen if uncomfortable coming to the Property Assessor’s office because of Covid-19 concerns, they can call the Property Assessor’s office at 346-3130 and make other arrangements to be sure they can conduct the business they have with the Property Assessor.

There will be a County Commission Meeting February 8th at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a Budget Meeting on February 8th at 6:00 p.m

## Randy Raccoon is Back

It is time for another fun #mocoindrandy event brought to you by the Morgan County Community Collaborative, Together Morgan County. During the week of February 1-5, Randy Raccoon will be hiding in the Coalfield, Oakdale, Petros, Sunbright and Wartburg areas. He will be in a different location in all five areas each day. Clues will be posted on Together Morgan



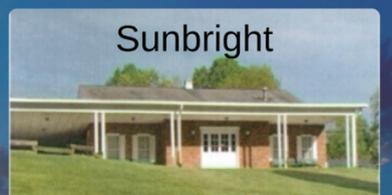
County’s Facebook page each day. Everyone finding Randy should take a selfie, post it to Together Morgan County’s FB page along with #mocoindrandy and the community where he was found. There will be five daily drawings from pictures submitted from each community and the daily winners will receive a box of Valentine Candy. Have Fun and Find Randy!

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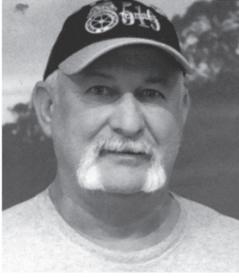
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**Gary VanNostran, 67**

Gary VanNostran, age 67, of Harriman passed away January 14, 2021 at Roane Medical Center in Harriman. Gary served his country while being in the Army, Navy and National Guards. He loved serving his country and also loved his family dearly.



He is preceded in death by his parents, Johnny VanNorstran & Lucy Bunch; mother & father-in-law, Anna Mae & Clayton Francis who he called "Mom & Dad"; 3 sisters, Gail Hall, Betty Jeffers and Dee Greer; son-in-law, Scott Scarborough.

He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 47 years, Nina VanNorstran; children, Tracy Kennedy, Tina Scarborough and Jerome Graham; grandchildren, Kristen (Marcus) Hamby, Scotty Kennedy, Dalton Austin, Dylan Scarborough,

Allison Scarborough, Lakota Graham, Kristin Scarborough, Tyer (Hannah) Scarborough, and Emily (Cory) Freytag; great grandchildren, Roman Alexander Hamby, Kyler & John Sawyer Scarborough; 1 brother, Jerry (Sue) VanNorstran; special uncle, Sam Bunch; brother-in-laws, Wade (Kathy) Francis, Jabo Francis, Clayton (Mary Beth) Francis and Ray Francis and Bill Hall; sister-in-laws, Carolyn (Eddie) Walker, Ida Murray, and Mary Bell and Ricky Matheson; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family is honoring Gary's wishes to be cremated, no services scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gary VanNorstran.

**Lozena Pearl Poe, 88**

Lozena Pearl Poe, age 88, of Deer Lodge, Tn. passed away January 15, 2021 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother who loved her gardening and who also loved her roses. She was known as being a great cooked who enjoyed cooking for her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by Ernie & Christine Patton; children, Terry, David Langley and Robin Bonham; brothers, Bobby, Frank and Jackie Patton; sisters, Linda Tinch.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Bob Poe; children, Mary (Jerry) Simpson, Roy (Pud) Langley, Eddie Langley, Carolyn Langley, Te-

resa (Lee) Holiday, Becky (Michael) Stringfield, Darrell Langley, Bobby (Sherry) Poe, Lisa Poe and Danielle Dyer; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; sister, Wanda Jones; brother, Billy (Carol Ann) Patton and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the funeral at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Shawn Durham and Bro. Roy Langley officiating. Graveside service will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Poe Family Cemetery.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lozena Pearl Poe.

**Gary Earl Kennedy, 52**

Gary Earl Kennedy, age 52, of Wartburg, TN passed away December 27, 2020. Gary loved animals and enjoyed taking care of them.

He is preceded in death by his father, Olen Kennedy.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn Mosier; sisters, Sheila Wares of Ohio and Kimberly Pennington of Kansas;

brothers, Brain and Dale Kennedy of Ohio; precious grandmother, Mable Norris.

The family had a graveside service December 30, 2020 at Mt. Hope Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gary Earl Kennedy.

**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 J. (Tompkins) 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.

**Sammy J. Maner, 77**

Sammy went home to be with our Heavenly Father on January 16, 2021. He was born August 5, 1943 in Heiskell, Tennessee. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He earned Bachelor's Degrees from the University of Tennessee and Georgia Tech University. He was an electrician and retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Department of Energy Y12, and Denso Manufacturing. He was a member of Lone Mountain Baptist Church in Robbins, TN.

He is preceded in death by his father Howard and stepmother Edith Maner, mother Anna Marie Franse, sister Phyllis Furnish, brother Carl Maner, brother Wayne Maner, stepdaughter Karen (Lindsay) Hamby, granddaughter Amber Kyle.

He is survived by his wife of over 40 years Pernie (Grif-

fith) Maner, brother Jim Phillips (Little Rock, AR), sister Elaine Casey (Arizona), brother Glen Maner (Loudon, TN), stepdaughter Debie (Lindsay) and David Rausch (Nashville, TN), stepdaughter Betty Jo (Lindsay) and Richard Summers (Wartburg, TN), stepdaughter Patty (Lindsay) and Martin Tanguay (Knoxville, TN), and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Family will receive friends Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 12:00 p.m. with Bro. Jeff Chaney officiating. Interment will follow in the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Robbins, Tn.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sammy J. Maner.

**Edward "Ralph" Liles, 88**

Edward "Ralph" Liles, age 88, left for his Heavenly home on January 12, 2021. Having valiantly fought a number of health issues over the past few years, he passed away at Methodist Medical Center with his daughters and son-in-law by his side, from complications related to the COVID-19 virus.

Ralph is survived by his wife of more than 65 years, Sueanne Bradley Liles. He is also survived by his daughters Sherry Liles of Petros and Theresa Hall (Marvin) of Signal Mountain, Tennessee; grandsons; Jonathan Edward Hall (Hannah) of Ooltewah, TN, Captain David Andrew Hall (Emily) of Liberty Hill, TX and Matthew Neal Hall of Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He is also survived by his sister Judy Layne (Bill) of Joyner, Brother-In-Law Bobby Weiford and sister-in-law Carolyn Liles and many beloved nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, William and Ettie White Liles, brothers, and sister in laws; Roy Liles (Helen) of Petros, Reece Liles of Petros, Roger Liles (Peggy) of Mossy Grove; Sisters; Rema Ladd (RC) of Rockwood, Wilma Davis (Henry) of Petros, Fema Weiford of Petros, and Linna Long of Nashville.

Ralph retired after working more than 25 years from Martin Marietta - Y-12. He worked as an electrician and was a member of the IBEW Local # 670. Though he worked as an electrician, he was a master of all trades. Ralph and his brothers together built their own houses and helped maintain and repair many others. He was always happy to help family and friends and he gave liberally of his time and abilities whenever needed. He enjoyed hunting with his brothers and many friends, working in the yard and garden and on his numerous ongoing projects. He enjoyed being in the woods and sharing memories of his youth and days in the military. He had many entertaining and amusing stories.

Ralph was proud of his military service. He served during the

Korean War from Feb 1953 until January 1955. He rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant prior to his discharge.

What he loved most and what he was most proud of was his family. He was a devoted husband. His last request to his daughters was to take care of their Mom. He was a loving and supportive father to his two daughters (who adored him) and a doting grandfather to his three grandsons. They were his pride and joy. He always enjoyed spending time with family. Holidays and vacations were often characterized by Rook tournaments and round robin billiard contests - everyone sought to partner with Ralph to ensure they were on the winning team!

Ralph was a member of Petros Baptist Church for more than 60 years. He willingly served in numerous positions wherever he was needed through the years. Ralph loved his church. Until his health prevented, he was faithful in attendance and always there when the doors were open. He was certain to be standing at the entrance on Sunday morning with a ready handshake, a current bulletin, and a warm smile. Through all of his recent health challenges, his faith never wavered.

The Family wishes to thank all of the compassionate caregivers who came to his home over the past several years. We are truly blessed not only to have met such caring people but to have made lifelong friends.

Due to the ongoing global pandemic, the family decided to have a private memorial service. The family very much appreciates all the love and support they have received and are disappointed to be unable to celebrate Ralph's life in concert with the many others who loved and respected him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Petros Baptist Church at 321 Main Street, Petros, TN 37845.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edward "Ralph" Liles.

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

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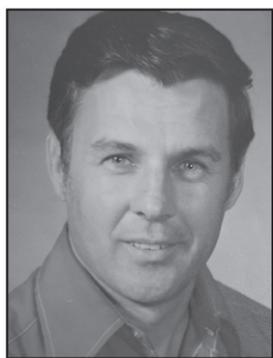
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## You're Never Too Old



Tom Redmon  
Columnist

My theme to you this week is to never give up. You might be eighty-years-old or older,

but if you still have your mind you don't want to retire completely. Physically you might not be able to do much; maybe about one third of what you use to do, but mentally with your wisdom and good ole common sense you might be able to do a lot. If I ask you if you have ever heard of a woman by the name of Anna Mary Robertson you would probably say no. But if I ask you if you have ever heard of "Grandma Moses" her nickname you would say oh yes, I've heard that she was an American painter.

This lady was an American folk artist who began painting in earnest when she was 78 years old and she was very successful.

Grandma Moses was born September 17, 1860 and died on December 13, 1961, at 101 years of age. She exhibited her work internationally into her 90's and painted a few months before her death at age 101. Her printings became immensely popular and were appreciated for their nostalgic charm.

When she first started painting, she worked with what material she had on hand, used house paint and leftover canvas or fireboard. As a self-taught artist, Moses had little concern for perspective or proportion.

If you ever saw a picture painted by Grandma Moses you would find out she painted happy scenes illustrating her happy childhood memories of fields and storms, barn dances and holidays in rural New York. There were no scenes about the hardships and sorrow of farm life. Two of Grandma Moses'

pictures sold for a very high price. The Checkered House sold for \$60,000 and Sugaring Off went for 1.2 million. So, you see it pays not to quit.

Another person who made it big in his later life was Colonel Sanders. At age 65 he retired and felt like he had been a failure in life. He really contemplated committing suicide. Paul Harvey had this on his popular radio show, "The Rest of the Story." While he was writing his will, he said he

had other thoughts about being a good cook so why couldn't he make it. He borrowed \$87.00, fried up some chicken using his special recipe and took it around to

some restaurants to see how folks liked it. He founded Kentucky Fried Chicken and at 88 years of age he was a billionaire.

Joan MacDonald might be a woman who you have never heard about. Joan at age 70 felt that she needed to lose a lot of weight so she started a business called Fitness Journey and lost 40 pounds in six months. Soon she had over one-half million followers and needless to say she is now rich. She said, "There is no right age to start your journey."

Stan Lee at age 95 was considered the Godfather of Marvel Comics. Ray Kroc started McDonald's late in life. It grew to be the leading fast-food restaurant in the world. Julia Child became famous when she was over 50.

I want to tell you about a friend of mine who didn't become successful at an old age, but taught me and others how to keep living until the LORD calls you home. His

name was Billy Christopher and I wrote an article about him. Billy came down with cancer in 2017. He didn't tell us about his cancer until one day we were jamming at my house, he said, "boys I want to tell you I'm living on borrowed time." We were all shocked but Billy didn't want to talk about it. He kept telling me he wanted to live "wall to wall." This meant he wanted to keep living and doing all the things he loved to do which was the LORD's



work. He never quit working in his church and community. He never wanted to neglect his wonderful wife, his three children and 12 grandchildren who could play some great gospel songs on several instruments. He was able to do this until he went to the hospital in late December 2017. Billy died on January 4, 2018. I really miss him. I can honestly say that Billy Christopher influenced me at how I look at my final years of life.

Since I retired from my job in Manatee County, Florida in 1995 I have tried to keep busy with a hobby and service to my community and church. I started teaching an adult class at my church and something I really enjoyed was visiting the elderly at their homes or in nursing homes.

In 1997 I purchased a home in Tennessee and started raising a big garden for 17 years. I never considered raising a garden work. To me it is

more like a hobby. You can learn a lot about how great our God is when you put a little tomato seed in the ground and around fifty days later you find on that tomato plant that came from a tiny seed now producing several big red tomatoes. Do you think man can do this? I love to see plants grown and I love to see God at work.

Three or four years ago I had to quit doing something that I loved to do. I had to put my guitar in mothball and quit singing because my voice was gone. I had already quit planting a garden because of my physical condition. I didn't like to fish although at one time in my life fishing was number one.

I needed to find another hobby that would keep my mind active. I sure didn't want to end up with dementia. So, at the ripe ole age of 82 I started writing for the local papers and here at the age of 85 I have had a book published. It is doing well. I also still have articles in the Morgan County Today.

I was over 70 years of age when I recorded three country gospel CD. At first, I was just recording for my children until someone said, "Tommy I believe these will sale." One CD sold and earned me over \$7,000.

So, folks you're never too old. If Grandma Moses could do it and if Colonel Sanders could do it there is no reason that you can't do something beneficial to you and those around you. Never give up. Maybe we won't get rich or famous, but if we enjoy it and it keeps us out of the nursing home then we are successful.

A lady that some of you might remember wasn't the kind to give up. Willa Mae Heidel Perry got a garden tiller on her 90th birthday. I don't know how many years she made a garden but I know she used it several years. I love that type of attitude. I made a small garden last summer at the age of 84. I've got many years to go to keep up with Willa Mae.

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### Roy Ray Longmire, 82

Roy Ray Longmire, age 82, passed away January 22, 2021 at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a member of Union Baptist Church in Joyner. Roy loved spending time with his family and friends. He also loved working with his heavy equipment.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Anna Marie Longmire; parents, Luther & Annie Murray Longmire; daughter, Karen Sue Longmire; brothers, Ed White, Elmer, Verlin, Harold, Cordell and Delbert Longmire; sisters, Edith, Thelma, Hazel White, Bobbie, Juanita and Barbara Longmire.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Keith (Missy), Kenneth (Cathy) Longmire; grandchildren, Jeremiah (Elizabeth) Heidle, Brittany (Jordan) Hamby, Zachery (Ana) Heidle, Miranda (Cody) Tapp, Elijah

(Andrea) Niner, Brandon Longmire; great grandchildren, Maci & Wyatt Hamby, Emory Heidle, Kelly & Ezra Heidle, Sadie & Kelsey Tapp and Elliott Niner; brother, Wayne (Joyce) Longmire; sisters, Betty Seaton and Ruth Draughn and special friend, Dollie Morris.

The family will receive friends Sunday, January 24, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 4:00 p.m. with Bro. Jason Lowe officiating. Interment will follow in the Union Cemetery in the Joyner Community.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Roy Ray Longmire.

### Lois Emma Olmstead Cromwell, 99

Mrs. Lois Emma Olmstead Cromwell, age 99, of Burrville passed away January 21, 2021 at Life Care Center of Morgan County. She was born October 19, 1921 to Clarence & Louvena Olmstead.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Cromwell; parents, Clarence & Louvena Olmstead; brother, Ross Olmstead and wife, Juanell; sister, Irene Bostic and husband, Miles; son-in-law, Quenton Henry; sister-in-law, May Olmstead; grandson, Jason Cromwell; great grandson, Kyle Duncan; 2 great granddaughters, Megan Cromwell & Emily Branstetter.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Brenda Smith and husband, Tim and Mary Lou Henry; 3 sons, Leroy and wife, Carole, Jim and wife, Sherry and Wayne and

wife, Etta; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and brother, Eugene Olmstead and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

A special thanks to all the staff at Life Care of Wartburg for all their love and caring service to our Mom and Grandma. She was the center of our family and will be greatly missed and forever loved.

The family will receive friends Monday, January 25, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Burrville.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lois Emma Olmstead Cromwell.

## Historically Speaking Oak Ridge military reports on 1944 troop train wreck, Part I

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

For the past two weeks, we have introduced the concept of Oak Ridge coming into existence among Appalachian communities and the relationship of mutual aid in response to disasters such as the July 6, 1944, L&N troop train wreck at Highcliff, Tenn. We have looked at the 35 deaths and 98 injuries and noted that Oak Ridge was involved in the response in a number of ways. We have also seen the FBI investigation of possible sabotage that resulted in a finding of no sabotage but also resulted in uncovering details of the potential reasons for the wreck.

This week we will explore further the Oak Ridge response by looking in detail at one of two reports created by the Manhattan Engineer District regarding their involvement in the response to the disaster. These reports were provided me by Bill Sergeant, who personally supported the troop train wreck as a captain in the Army Services Forces stationed at the Manhattan District in Oak Ridge.

Here is the Army Service Force's report:

From: Army Service Forces, United States Engineer Office, Manhattan District, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

11 July 1944

Subject: Troop Train Disaster at Jellico, Tenn.

To: Chief, Intelligence Division, Manhattan Engineer District, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

1. At 11:45 p.m. on 6 July 1944, C. T. Vettel notified the Guard Officer, Maj. L. R. Block, of a commercial radio report concerning the wreck of a troop train near Jellico, Tenn. Maj. R. J. McLeod, Deputy District intelligence officer, was notified and the following officers were ordered to meet the Guard Officer at Guard Headquarters: Capt. G. W. Barnes, Capt. W. T. Sergeant, 1st Lt. A. J. Hayes, 2nd Lt. T.H. Leahy. On orders of Maj. Block, Capt. Barnes readied one platoon of the 264th M. P. Company and at 12:55 a.m. 7 July 1944, a convoy of two radio police cars, two 2-1/2 ton cargo trucks, one scout car, and one Jeep cleared the Elza Gate of the Clinton Engineer Works.

2. Troops of the M.E.D. reached the scene of the wreck at 3:15 a.m. and relieved the State Highway Patrol in traffic direction at their request. Troops were also used to guard the personal and government property recovered from the wreckage and to prevent numerous spectators from interfering with the progress of removing dead and injured from the coaches.

3. Clearance was given very shortly to newspapermen and photographers. The public relations officer of the M.E.D. was notified and came to the scene to supervise this activity.

4. At 4 a.m., 7 July 1944, a detachment of Military Police from Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., arrived

under the command of Maj. Hickey (initials unknown). They were followed shortly by the Commanding Officer, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. Since Military Police from the M.E.D. had arrived first and were from a closer Military Area, the C.O., Ft. Oglethorpe, directed the guard officer, M.E.D., to assume charge and the Oglethorpe M.P.s were returned to their post. Medical officers and ambulances remained to render assistance.

5. Last live victim was removed from the wreck at 11 p.m., 7 July 1944, and arrangements were then made for the removal of the wrecked coaches by the L & N Railroad in order to recover other bodies trapped within the wreckage.

July 1944 when the cranes removed part of one coach to permit the recovery of five additional bodies.

7. On 9 July 1944, the train wrecking crew arrived at 7:30 a.m. and remained until 5:30 p.m. and all bodies were recovered. Train traffic was rerouted during the day permitting the crew to work uninterrupted.

8. Many volunteers were on hand to lend assistance. The following named men were present almost continuously day and night and many volunteered for the most for the difficult tasks of removing bodies from the wreckage:

- Lee C. Ely, Service Motor Company, LaFollette, Tenn.;
- Hersel Treece, Service Motor Company, LaFollette;
- Leonard T. Ferguson, Service Motor Company, LaFollette;
- Arthur A. Ames, Route 3, Clinton, Tenn.;
- Fred Haynes, Route 1, Duff, Tenn.;
- Bill Hatmaker, Route 1, Duff;
- Fred Craig, Marion, Tenn.

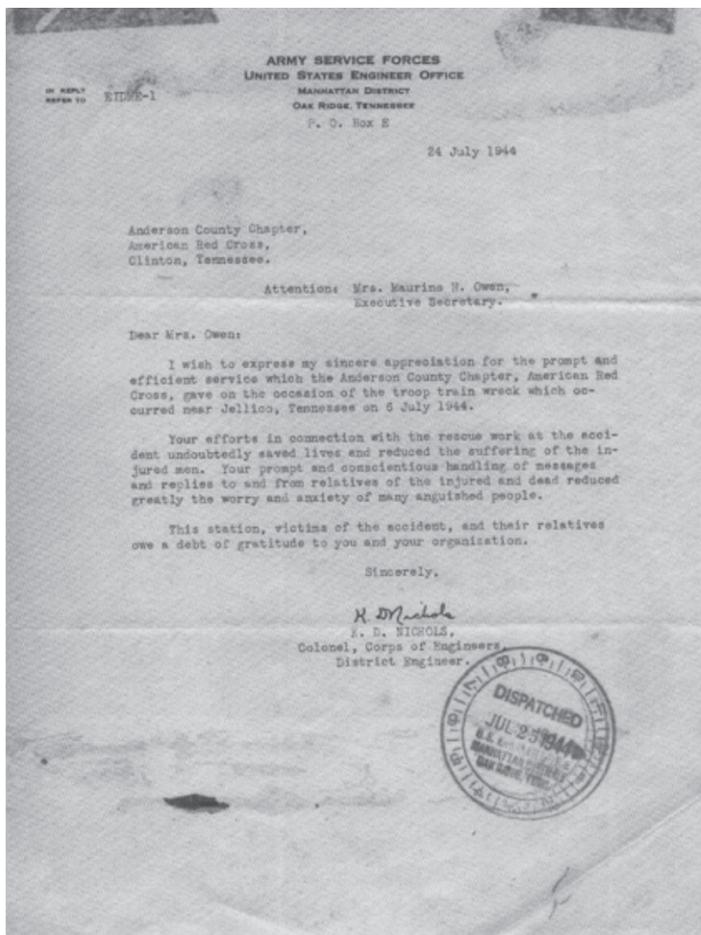
9. The work of the Red Cross of Jellico, LaFollette, and Jacksboro was outstanding. Without their aid, the Military Police would have been faced with the difficult problem of messing. The cheerful assistance of volunteer Red Cross workers contributed greatly to efficiency of the military troops. Assistance in traffic control was also given by the State Highway Patrol, who cooperated in every way with the military authorities.

10. It is suggested that letters of commendation be written to all parties mentioned in paragraphs 8 and 9 for their help in this emergency.

11. At 8 p.m., 10 July 1944, all troops were withdrawn from the scene of the wreck and returned to the Clinton Engineer Works. All personal and government property and all bodies had been recovered at this time.

L. R. Block, Major, C. E., Guard Officer.

Next week we will publish the War Department report concerning the accident.



This is one of the letters of appreciation suggested by the Army Service Forces report and is written by Colonel Kenneth Nichols of the Manhattan Project Clinton Engineer Works (Photo Submitted)

Work continued until 11:30 p.m., when a Mr. Howard of the train crew ordered operations to cease and all spotlights to be turned off. Efforts were made by the M.P. officers to have the train crew continue to work but with no success. Request was made of Mr. Howard to leave the spotlights on in order that the personal and government property in the wreckage could be protected by the Military Police; but this request was refused. As a result of these actions, progress in removing bodies was delayed for at least eight hours and security of property was hampered by lack of lighting facilities. Oak Ridge military reports on 1944 troop train wreck, Part I By: D. Ray Smith | Historically Speaking | The Oak Ridger | June 6, 2007 2

6. On 8 July 1944, two cranes were returned to the scene but little was accomplished as the wrecking crew was only able to work for a few hours at a time before leaving to permit both north and south bound trains through. No progress was made until late in the afternoon of 8

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

### Pilar N. Reynolds, 70

Pilar N. Reynolds, age 70, of Oakdale went home to be with the Lord at 11:19 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021. She was with family at her passing. She was born in Legaspi City Philippines, September 19, 1950. She later moved to Manila Philippines where she met her late husband, Clarence Reynolds, Jr. of Oakdale who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

She is survived by her 4 children, daughter Jennette Lopez of Crossville, Tn.; son, Clarence Reynolds III. of Kingston, Tn. son, Joey Lynn Reynolds of Rockwood, Tn. daughter, Jennifer Renae Gooch of Douglasville, GA; 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Reynolds was a long-time resident of Oakdale,

Tn. since leaving her childhood home in the Philippines at the age of 18. She became a nurse and physical therapist here in the United States. She loved helping others.

She enjoyed being with family and friends and singing on her karaoke machine. She loved talking to others and telling them stories of her childhood, she loved to draw and make arts and crafts. She loved being with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed life to her fullest. She was a loving mother very kind and tender hearted; she would help who she could and prayed for all. Her faith in the Lord was strong and unwavering, as she has gone home to be with the Lord. She will be loved and missed by all who

### Bayarn "Jack" Goad, 72

Bayarn "Jack" Goad, age 72, of Sunbright passed away January 19, 2021 at his home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William & Gladys Goad; brother-in-law, Perry Hutson.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Bonnie Goad; children, Brian (Bridget) Goad, Matthew (Ester) Sexton, Jennifer Sexton and Jamie Graves; 7 grandchildren, Lily, Briley & Lucy Goad, Brettney Sexton, Tamelea Hardwick, Anthony Sexton and Matthew Sexton, Jr.; 2 great grandchildren, Saphira Sexton and Bentley Hardwick; brother, Bernard Goad; sisters, Betty (Jim) Weber and Barbara Hutson; sister-in-law, Artie (Titus) Burkholder, Don (Bessie) Jolly, Kenny Chambers

and J.E. (Florene) Byrd; life long friend, Bobby Gibson; fur babies, Boots, Scooter and Chloe and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends Sunday, January 24, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Sunbright from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 3:00 p.m. with Bro. Doug Morgan officiating. Family will have a private graveside service.

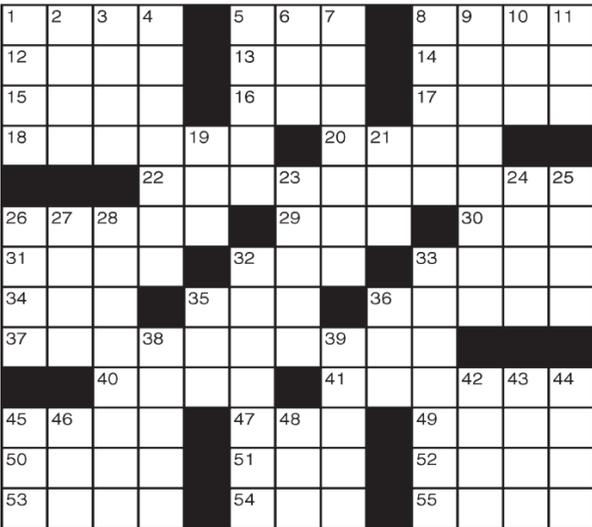
The family would like to thank Quality Private Duty and especially his favorite nurse Barbie Doll for the love and care during this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bayarn "Jack" Goad.

## King Crossword

**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)
- 37 Produce aisle display
- 40 Pan handler?
- 41 Rookie
- 45 Boyfriend
- 47 Business mag
- 49 Press
- 50 Formerly, once
- 51 French vineyard

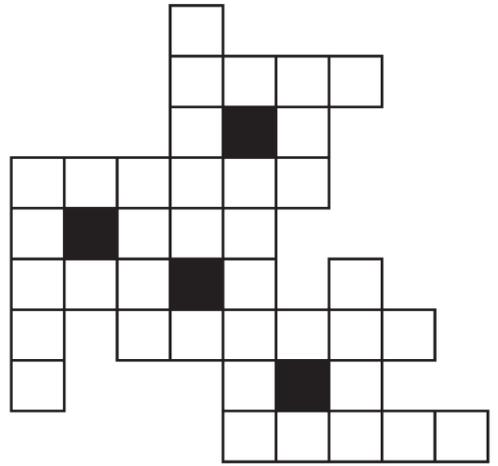


- 52 Bandleader
  - 53 Makes lace
  - 54 "Dig in!"
  - 55 Salty septet
- DOWN**
- 1 Law firm aide, for short
  - 2 Till bills
  - 3 List-ending abbr.
  - 4 Brunch cocktails
  - 5 "Only Love" actress
  - 6 Lyricist
  - 7 Monarch's spouse
  - 8 Army vehicles
  - 9 Test-paper smudges
  - 10 Reply (Abbr.)
  - 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
  - 46 Historic period
  - 48 Big D.C. lobby

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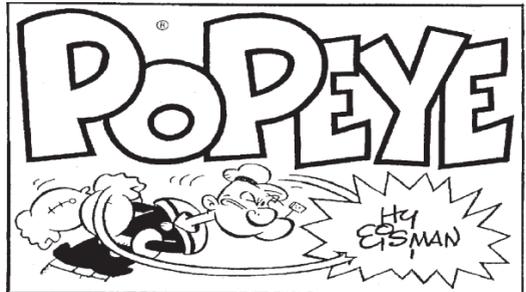
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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### King Crossword

Answers

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MSG Fred Mize

Before I dig deep, I want to share with you the definition of a federal pardon which is the action of the President of the United States that completely sets aside the punishment for a federal crime. The authority to take such action is granted to the president by the U.S. Constitution. Just hours before

leaving office President Trump granted 74 people presidential pardons. You can view a full list of the 74 pardons that he granted on [www.NBC-news.com](http://www.NBC-news.com). The pardons that he granted were for federal crimes ranging from; bank fraud, firearm related crimes, drug offenses, health care fraud to obstruction of justice. The list goes on and on. As I watched the

news and heard of the people being granted presidential pardons, I couldn't help but ponder on

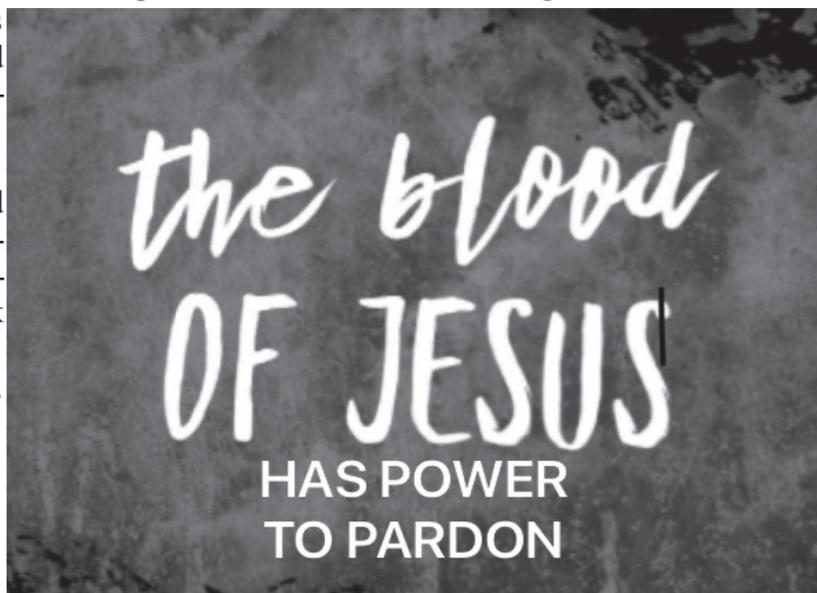
and grace that he bestowed upon a sinner like me. You see a presidential pardon does not change

a crime that deserves punishment but it does remove the punishment for the crime which was committed.

that I deserve punishment for the sins which I have committed throughout my life but I've received a full pardon by Jesus Christ which relieves me of the punishment for my sins. Our president gains his authority by the U.S. Constitution but Jesus Christ gained His authority through His very blood which He freely bled for sinners like me. His blood washes our sins away. We learned this in the Holy Bible.

## Pardoned

By: MSG. Fred Mize



the LORD Jesus Christ's mercy

the fact that someone didn't commit

thought humbled me in knowing

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## Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

### Am I Good Enough?

I hate it when that nasty self-limiting belief crawls out from under its rock and sits on my shoulder. I especially hate it when it rears its ugly head just when I'm thinking about doing something out of my comfort zone and I really want to do well.

- "Do I deserve that new job?"
- "Do I deserve to be successful?"
- "Do I deserve to be happy?"
- "Do I deserve that loving relationship?"
- "Do I deserve to ace that presentation?"

Times when I hesitate I need to re-examine my self-esteem and be really honest with myself. As we enter a new year (and a healthy new beginning I hope!), after the challenges and changes of Covid-19 we've experienced in 2020, we may be feeling a little more fragile than usual.

We may be a little more tentative, isolated, and uncertain about the global health situation, our jobs, our businesses, when we can be with our family and friends without restrictions again.

What we don't need is to doubt our Selves. To allow a self-limiting belief to take over and to question our ability. Please remember that you have within you the resources to create the life you deserve. And yet you may still feel vulnerable. Let's see what can be done. I've found that fear born of not feeling good enough, affects absolutely everything in life.

We may settle for a job we hate and doesn't pay enough because we think that we aren't brilliant enough or tough enough to take on a greater or better role. We may remain in a relationship that makes us unhappy because we think that we don't deserve to be treated in a way that makes us feel good about ourselves.

We may not allow ourselves to let go and enjoy a new relationship because we are afraid we don't deserve it. We may say, "No" to things that may be what we desperately need for our personal growth. We may avoid taking that first step to make the positive changes that will improve our lives. If we don't believe we deserve it, we aren't going to do it.

We were born into the world kicking and screaming demanding to be taken care of, to be fed and to be loved. We expected it. If we received the love and attention we deserved, the world was a



warm and wonderful place to be. If we didn't, the world was a cold place and a self-limiting belief given the chance to grow.

Sometimes, even with the greatest amount of love and attention, stuff can still happen to make us doubt ourselves. Do you believe you deserve what you hope for? I believe we were born with the ability to overcome challenges. I believe we all deserve to be treated with respect.

I believe we already have all the resources we need, or we can create the resources we need to be successful and happy.

There are no un-resourceful people; there are only un-resourceful states of mind. Let's get rid of the fear of not being good enough. I remember the first time I delivered my presentation,

"Face Your Fears for a Life Less Ordinary." When I presented this to a group of almost 100 finance people as a lunchtime speaker, I was afraid. I'd been asked to present 'My Story.' However, I didn't think I was interesting enough or good enough to deliver such a story.

To create the presentation I thought back to all the times when I thought I wasn't good enough, or was afraid, and yet took a leap of faith and did what I thought

I couldn't. Those stories I included in my presentation - stories of an ordinary girl growing up in an ordinary life, facing ordinary fears. I was afraid my story would be too ordinary.

The incredible positive response I received proved me wrong. When someone in the audience that day asked me to present the exact same talk to another group of finance professionals in her team, I realized that I do have a story to tell that resonates and makes a connection with others.

There are many of us who need to Face our Fears for a life less ordinary. Will you? Have you faced your fears to achieve your dreams?

Written by Author & Career Coach: Jane Jackson. You can find follow Jane at [www.janejacksoncoach.com](http://www.janejacksoncoach.com)

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Zack Ballinger

Sandra Helton's weekly column

## Oakdale Area News

email: kvhelton@highland.net



Hello Friends! The first month of 2021 is almost over. Time really does fly.

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Oakdale School Teachers of the Year. Receiving the honor for Pre K – 4th grade is Amanda Bingham. For grades 5-8, Rachel Collins was chosen and Tommy Kilby was selected as teacher of the year for grades 9-12.

Families with children 18 and under can get multiple free meals each Friday from 1:15 – 1:45. This is a drive thru program where families can just drive up to receive meals. Thanks to all of the cafeteria workers in the county for the great job they do. I want to give a special thanks to the Oakdale Cafeteria workers who greet each family with a friendly smile.

There was a forest fire in Oakdale last week. It was on the hill above

Hillside Drive. Thanks to the Forestry Department, Oakdale Fire Volunteer Fire Department and Wartburg Volunteer Fire Department for containing the fire.

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.

Next week, February 1-5, a poster of Randy Raccoon holding a red heart, will be hidden around Oakdale. Clues about his location will be posted on the Together Morgan County FB page. Everyone who finds Randy and posts a picture of themselves on Together

Morgan County's Facebook page, along with the community where they found him, will be entered for a daily drawing. The prize will be a box of Valentine Candy. Have Fun!

There will be three horse shows for the 2021 season held at Morgan County Fairgrounds, located at 5943 Morgan County Highway. For more information, contact Jeremiah Johnson on Facebook.

Dates are as followed:

April 24th at 4pm EST

July 24th at 7pm EST (Fair Show)

September 11th 4pm EST

Sympathy is extended to the family of Pilar Reynolds who passed away Tuesday, January 19. She is survived by her sons, Clarence Reynolds III of Kingston and Joey Reynolds of Rockwood and her daughters, Je-

nette Lopez of Crossville and Jennifer Gooch of Douglasville, GA. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Services were held Friday, January 22 at Bible Baptist Church in Harri-man. Interment followed at the Reynolds Family Cemetery in Oakdale.

There is an old saying that "No news is good news" and I guess that is true this week. I really don't have much news to share. I did read this funny on Facebook. If you want to have a good day, don't watch the news and stay off the scales. That is pretty good advice. As always, pray for the many needs of our communities and our nation.

*Wisdom so often involves keeping your eyes wide open and your mouth securely shut. - Unknown*

## Bertie LaRue, 82

Bertie LaRue, age 82 of Deer Lodge, went home to be with the Lord on January 16th, 2021, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by family and friends. She was a loving mother and grandma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard LaRue; daughter, Sally Hawn; and brothers, Hershel and Luther Scott.

She is survived by her children: Judy Payne and husband, Marion Hawn of Deer Lodge; Sue Matheson and husband, Jerry of Wartburg; Kenny LaRue, and wife, Susan of Deer Lodge; Marty LaRue and wife, Linda of Wartburg; Jeff LaRue and wife, Carla of Deer Lodge; and bonus

son, Tony Moon of Madison, Georgia. Eleven grandchildren and 22 great, grandchildren.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

The family will receive friends Monday, January 18th from 5-7 PM at Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral service will follow at 7 PM with Bro. Roy Langley Officiating. A graveside service will be Tuesday, January 19th at 11 AM in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Deer Lodge.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bertie LaRue.

## Malissa Ann Brown, 45

Malissa Ann Brown, age 45, of Oneida, Tn. passed away January 15, 2021 at U.T. Medical Center. Everyone loved Malissa's sneakiness, she was always smiling and loved life. Malissa loved crocheting but most of all she loved her fur babies.

She is preceded in death by her father, Charles Edward Brown; fur babies, Frisky and Princess.

She is survived by her husband, James "Jimmy" Jones; mother and step-father, Arthur & Margie Brown; uncles, Larry (Linda) Billings, James David Billings, George Lester Billings; aunts, Nancy Rose Barnes; fur

babies, Max, Jody, Emma Lee, Tippy and Red; several cousins and extended family.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg with the funeral to follow at 1:30 p.m. with Bro. Josh Baldwin officiating. Interment will follow in the Island Ford Cemetery in Lancing.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Schubert Funeral Home, P.O. Box 326, Wartburg, TN 37887.

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## Acts Chapter 17

(Acts 17:1-9) Paul and Silas at Thessalonica: traveling about a hundred miles to the southwest, Paul and Silas came to Thessalonica, a significant city of some two hundred thousand people, with a Jewish synagogue. For three Saturdays, Paul went to the synagogue---not to observe the Sabbath as a holy day, but to preach the gospel of Christ to these Jewish audiences. He argued that the crucified, resurrected Jesus is the Messiah (v. 3). Some of Paul's auditors "were persuaded." The Greek word means to become convinced, to believe, even to obey (Jn. 3:36). Among the new Christians was a large crowd of "devout Greeks," God-fearing folks, like Cornelius (10:2). There was also a considerable body of "chief women." No one can estimate the value that godly women have had in the advancement of Christianity.

Characteristically, however, the Jews began to make trouble. They "were moved with jealousy" (13:45) because Paul and Silas were bankrupting the synagogue! Knowing they could not orchestrate sufficient opposition alone, the Jewish leaders rounded up a group of "vile fellows of the rabble," a worthless class of persons who, for lack of any productive enterprise, hung around the marketplace waiting for something to happen. The rabble is contrasted with the well-born and educated, and was associated with the ill-bred, coarse class.

A mob formed and the city was worked into a boisterous frenzy. Under the impression that Paul and Silas were staying with a brother named Jason, the mob rushed the house (the verb hints of several waves of assault), searching for the brothers. They intended to bring them out to a citizens' committee for trial. When they came up empty-handed, they grabbed Jason and certain brethren and dragged them to the town "rulers." Paul and Silas were accused of turning the whole empire upside down (v.6). This shows how extensive the influence of the church had become. Jason and certain brethren were accused of being complicit with Paul and with being in opposition to Caesar. Jason was able to "post bond" and was released. The apostle later would write two letters to the saints in Thessalonica. The church there flourished and was itself an effective instrument for evangelism. "For from you has sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith to Godward is gone forth; so that we need not to speak anything" (1 Thes. 1:8).

(Acts 17:10-15) the noble Bereans: for their protection, the Thessalonian brothers sent Paul and Silas toward Berea in the dark of night, a journey of some thirty miles. As soon as possible, they visited the local synagogue to teach the gospel. Remarkable, in contrast to their previous reception, the people of Berea were "more noble" than those in Thessalonica in that they "received the word with readiness of mind" and examined the teaching to see whether it was true (v.11). (a) They had honest hearts. (b) They were diligent students. (c) They were reverent, respecting the Old Testament Scriptures. (d) They were persistent---daily students. (e) They were logical; they could examine facts and draw reasonable conclusions. Thus, many of them believed (16:34), both Jews and Greeks.

When the evil Jews of Thessalonica heard of the evangelism in Berea, they came running to disturb the work. Some are never happy unless in a fight! (1 Thes. 2:15). The new converts wanted to protect Paul, so they sent him over to the sea, some twenty miles to the southeast. He was headed to Athens. Whether he caught a ship (three-day journey) or took the highway, he eventually reached Athens, three hundred miles to the south. At some point, Timothy had rejoined the mission expedition, and he, along with Silas, remained for a

while at Berea. Some of the Berean Christians accompanied Paul all the way to Athens. What dedication! The apostle sent a message back with them, urging Silas and Timothy to come "with all speed" (v. 15).

(Acts 17:16-22) Paul in Athens: as the apostle surveyed the landscape of Athens, profusely punctuated with the images of false gods, his spirit (soul) was angered. The true God had been traded for dumb idols. The streets were cluttered with some thirty thousand sculptures of Greek "gods," through the population was only about ten thousand, Paul taught Jews in the synagogue, and "devout" Gentiles elsewhere on a daily basis (v. 17). During his teaching, he was confronted by certain philosophers---Stoics (materialistic pantheists) and Epicureans (pagan deists who believe the gods were indifferent to the human plight; intellectual and physical pleasures were their highest goals). They all ridiculed Paul as a "babbling," and when he spoke of Jesus and the resurrection, they interpreted these as "foreign gods."

Paul was escorted to the Areopagus (the word could be used of a place or a body of legislators). Being intellectually curious, they wanted to know more of Paul's "strange" ideas. Hence, the apostle "stood in the midst" of the legislative body and used this marvelous opportunity to address the elite of the pagan world.

(Acts 17:22-31) Paul's speech: Paul's speech on this occasion (surely abbreviated) has been classified as one of the most famous orations in human history (apart from those of Christ himself). It may be studied as follows: (a) There was a courteous introduction in the style of Athenian speakers---a brilliant opening maneuver. (b) He mentioned the religious scene he had observed in the city and commended them to the extent he could---"very religious" (a somewhat ambiguous term). The word preserved his integrity but allowed them to view it as a compliment. (c) He cited as example of their theology, the worship of "an unknown god," mentioning an altar seen in the city. Their worship was sincere, but void of knowledge. (d) Paul introduced the true God who made the world (kosmos---the designed universe) and all things therein. These were neither eternal nor self-existing. (e) Paul explained that the Creator does not live in a humanly made temple, nor is he dependent upon humanity for his welfare. (f) He is the giver of all things, not the one who is needy. (g) The whole of humanity is derived from "one" (masculine)---contrary to the common theory that the Greeks were superior. (h) The true God is sovereign, determining the duration and expansion of nation (Psa. 22:28; Dan. 2:21). (i) He is readily available to those willing to search him out by examining the evidence. Our very existence depends upon him.

Paul then switched to a more negative approach. (a) The true deity must not be viewed in terms of gold, silver, or stone carvings. Idolatry is wrong (be it the adoration of a stone image or that of the "virgin Mary"). (b) God had not demanded full retribution for this great error. He had exercised much patience (14:16). He is not anxious that men perish (2 Peter 3:9). (c) He has, however, appointed a day of judgment. (d) At that time, the entire world will be judged. (e) The Judge will be the Jesus of whom the apostle had spoken in his earlier exchanges (v. 18; 2 Cor. 5:10). (f) The standard of judgment will be the righteousness of the true God (Rom. 2:5). (g) The pledge of the coming judgment is to be found in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead---the most documentable fact of ancient human history.

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## Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

This week First Sergeant (1SG) Mitch Kriebel is being honored as the veteran of the week. We felt it fitting to honor him in such a way because he is doing so much to bring light and honor to fallen veterans.

1SG Mitch Kriebel is a soldier in the Washington Army National Guard and has taken it upon himself to road march 150 miles to honor Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who



have given their lives in service to our great country.

On Sunday, January 24, 2021, 1SG Kriebel's finished his goal and marched his 150-mile journey in seven days from Lewiston, Washington to Benton City, Washington. He was motivated every time he met fellow patriots along his way and he was able to build

awareness of the fallen through engagement by his actions of self-less service and sacrifice for the fallen.

You can follow 1SG Kriebel and patriots like him on Facebook by following the group, Ruck for the Fallen. This page is growing rapidly and now has 14.7K members.

1SG Mitch Kriebel, although we've never met you, we thank you! Thank you for your service to our country and to your fellow service members. Their families thank you for remembering their sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, moms, and dads. If your actions were emulated by others our country would be a much greater place. Thank you again and may God bless you!



## Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford



week's law enforcement officers of the week and we promise many of you will be surprised by the famous names.

We want to acknowledge four ce-

lebrities who served their communities by donning the badge and proudly back the blue still today. Let's get started on those names...

Erik Estrada, the actor who played a starring role of "Ponch" Poncherello in the police drama television series CHiPs served as a reserve officer with the St. Anthony Police Department in St. Anthony, Idaho. NBA champion, Shaquille O'Neal, served as a deputy marshal in Lafayette, Louisiana, a sheriff's deputy in Clayton County, Georgia and a reserve officer in California, Florida, and Arizona. Comedian and actor, Dan

Aykroyd, served for nearly two decades as a reserve officer in both Louisiana and Mississippi. He tremendously supports the Blue Line Foundation by making donations out of his own pocket. Body builder and actor, Lou Ferrigno "The Incredible Hulk" is the son of a police lieutenant and served himself as a reserve deputy in both California and Texas. Morgan County Today is thankful that these four brave men had the courage to serve in law enforcement and we are just as thankful for the 100's of men and women who serve our state and community here locally throughout Morgan

County at the Morgan County Correctional Complex, the Morgan County Sheriff's Office

and the Wartburg Police Department. You are all heroes deserving of honor and recognition.



### The IRS Identity Protection PIN is available for everyone



David Zubler

The new expanded IRS program prevents identity thieves from filing a fraudulent tax return by using your personal information. Unfortunately, a growing number of people have discovered that an income tax return has already been filed using their social security number. The IRS created the Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) nearly a decade ago but only provided it to people who were victims of identity theft. However, starting in 2021, anyone may obtain a PIN. The IP PIN is a six-digit code known only to the you and the IRS. "This is a way to, in essence, lock your tax account, and the IP PIN serves as the key to opening that account," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Electronic returns that do not contain the correct IP PIN will be rejected, and paper returns will go through additional scrutiny for fraud." The IP PIN Opt-In Program is a voluntary

program. You must pass a rigorous identity verification process to ensure that it is you that is applying instead of an identity thief. The Internal Revenue Service today expanded the Identity Protection PIN Opt-In Program to all taxpayers who can verify their identities. Spouses and dependents are eligible for an IP PIN if they can verify their identities. An IP PIN is only valid for one calendar year. You must obtain a new IP PIN each filing season. The online IP PIN tool is offline between November and mid-January each year. There is currently no opt-out option, but the IRS is working on one for 2022. The IRS will never call you or request your IP PIN so don't share it with anyone but your tax professional. You can get an IP PIN by going to IRS.gov/IPPIN and using the Get an IP PIN tool. Once you have authenticated your identity, your 2021 IP PIN will be provided immediately. If your adjusted gross income is \$72,000 or less, you can get an IP PIN by completing Form 15227 and mailing or faxing it the IRS.

Current tax-related identity theft victims who have been receiving an IP PIN through the mail will experience no change. If you attempt to efile your return and it's rejected due your social security number being used to file a fraudulent return, you will be required to mail your tax return. This will result in a delay of your refund. The IRS is encouraging all taxpayers to get an IP PIN to help prevent fraudulent tax returns.

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### Larry Edward Stout, 61

Larry Edward Stout, age 61. Citizen of the Kingdom of God. Whimsical lover of children. Mighty man of valor. Finished his assignment in this world on January 18, 2021. If you had the sweet privilege of knowing him you could list yourself here as part of his family.

He was survived by his wife, Susan Stout, his sons Kasey Stout, Joshua Stout, Chris Stout and his daughter Stacey Stout. His siblings Ronald, Donald, Earl, Lonnie, Diane, Gene, Paula, Pam, Patricia, Lisa, and Amy. Grandkids Kaedyn, Malena, Gabriela, Jade, Kyrie, Mak-

enzie, Bentley, Declan, Keelyn, and many other beloved adopted kids and Grandkids.

Services will be held on Friday, January 22nd. Receiving friends and family 5-7 pm and funeral to follow at Courts of Praise Church, Harriman TN 215 Maple Street. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at 11 am. Funeral procession from Schubert's Funeral Home to Montgomery Cemetery, 10:30 am.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Larry Stout.

### Imogene (Wright) Moss, 90

Imogene (Wright) Moss, age 90, of Wartburg passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at Life Care Center of Morgan County.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Walter (Spout) Moss, Jr.; daughter, Sheila Ann Cox; parents, Virgil and Anna Wright; brother, John Wright.

She is survived by her daughter, Sherry (Pat) Skaggs of Harrogate; son, Rickey (Wilma) Moss of Wartburg; sister,

Maudine Daugherty of Wartburg and several nieces and nephews.

Due to the pandemic Covid-19 there will be no visitation. The family will have a private graveside service.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to Shriners Children's Hospital and to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Imogene (Wright) Moss.

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## When Dolly Parton Came to Coalfield

By Terry Futrell

The gymnasium at Coalfield School was filled to capacity that cold February evening in 1964. The bleachers were filled with people, as were the folding chairs that had been set up on the basketball court. It seemed that everyone in the community, many of whom were related to Dolly Parton, had come out to hear her perform.

As Dolly's primary contact at the school, I stood near the door closest to the stage that was at one end of the gymnasium of the old school – the school was later torn down and replaced. Stonney Ray Lane, who taught social studies at Coalfield at the time before going on to become warden at Brushy Mountain Prison, was to serve as Master of Ceremonies and stood there with me. We waited with much anticipation for Dolly's arrival. It had been a couple of years since I had last seen the slender girl with short curly hair appear on the Cas Walker Show on television. I was definitely not prepared when a beautiful, curvaceous blonde came through the door with her sisters Stella and Cassie. Filled with a sense of awe, I did what any shy, pimple-faced eighteen-year-old male would do – I ran! I suppose I didn't actually run, but I quickly melted away to be lost in the crowd, never to even speak to this heavenly creature that had entered my humble domain.

The story of how Dolly came to Coalfield is filled with intrigue and deceit – not malicious deceit, but deceit just the same. I served as president of the Coalfield Beta Club during my senior year. We planned to have a hootenanny to raise funds for our trip to the State Beta Club convention in Nashville. For those who are too young to know what a hootenanny was, think Bonnaroo on a small scale! I was sick and absent from school

one day when my classmate Tony Smith suggested to our club sponsor Ruth Huddleston that we get his cousin Dolly Parton to come from Sevierville to perform at the show. As a result of Tony's suggestion, some unknown person sent Dolly a letter requesting her to come and signed my name to the letter. Technically, that was forgery and quite deceitful, but as it turned out, this was one time when crime really did pay!

Needless to say, I was surprised when I received a letter from Dolly Parton at school a few days later. Handwritten in blue ink on three-ring notebook paper, the letter expressed how Dolly "would



Dolly Parton circa 1964 (Photo Submitted)

be more than proud to come and help the school." She indicated that her sisters Stella and Cassie would sing with her if that would be all right. Today, I cannot imagine how much it would cost to get Dolly to perform – I should think at least several hundred thousand dollars, perhaps millions. But on February 6, 1964, Dolly proceeded in her letter to request the whopping amount of ten dollars for her performance at Coalfield! She then expressed her willingness to take less if that was too much! By the

way, Dolly and her sisters had to buy three round trip bus tickets from Sevierville to Oliver Springs out of the ten dollars. My, she has come a long way since then!

Dolly, Stella, and Cassie Parton sang their hearts out at Coalfield on February 15, 1964, and the crowd was delighted. The Beta Club raised a lot of money and everyone left feeling much better for the experience, except for one bashful eighteen-year-old male who to this day regrets missing his one opportunity to talk to Dolly Parton. But all was not lost – I still have in my possession the treasured letter that I received from Dolly Parton in 1964, just months before she moved to Nashville and eventual stardom.

I have always had a special admiration for Dolly Parton and the determination, drive, and hard work that led to her sparkling success. I like to think back on that day when she wondered if ten dollars was too much for her performance. Her family had little in the way of material things, but their abundant wealth in the things that are of true value is expressed in many of Dolly's songs. Like Dolly, many of my classmates and I had very humble beginnings. There was little money, but we each had our families, homes that were filled with love, and food on the table, though it usually came as the result of much hard work. While few people would view us as being successful on the level of Dolly Parton, we found that success is not measured only in terms of dollars, but in how well we achieved the goals that we established in life. As I looked around at many of my classmates at our fiftieth reunion and considered their accomplishments, I could only conclude that ours was a very successful generation. My hope is that the current generation of high school kids is filled with the same determination, drive, and work ethic that will ultimately assure their success in life.

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