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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 05	43°/25°	
Wed 06	47°/31°	
Thu 07	46°/34°	
Fri 08	39°/28°	
Sat 09	42°/27°	
Sun 10	46°/32°	
Mon 11	46°/32°	

Morgan County Tourism Alliance Gives Update



Veteran of the Week
Jason Berry



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Jackie Rather



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It has been one year since the Morgan County Tourism Alliance purchased the Tanner Store so it is time for an update.

First and foremost, we want to thank everyone who has supported us this past year whether it is through the Tanner TakeOuts that are on the first Thursday of each month, or by stopping by with encouragement and/or volunteer hours for a special need. The community has been wonderful with their support which is what we need to continue making this store something of which to be proud.

As we began the restoration/revitalization of the Tanner Store, our first consideration, before anything was even started, was installing a new roof to eliminate the water leaks. That was completed in February 2020. The second consideration was the status of the store from an historic perspective. The store is on the National Register for Historic Places which, in turn, places some restrictions on any exterior structural changes.

The third consideration was the requirements from the State of Tennessee to open the store to the public. Bathrooms (2 total, 1 ADA compliant) required new plumbing and structuring as did the kitchen area for sinks and wash stations. Electrical had to be updated throughout the building to meet code and that project

is currently underway.

A grant was written to help pay for a central HVAC system and we are hoping for the grant to cover 60% of that cost. Estimates have been gathered and submitted for consideration.

Other improvements are as follows:

- Stabilizing the smaller side of the store by painting and repairing walls, ceilings and covering the floor.
- The vault which is a centerpiece of that room has been refinished, painted and detailed to make it really important to the history of that room.
- Interior door purchased.
- Contacted company for replacing windows that are currently boarded.
- Replaced and reinforced floor joists in several areas of the large room.

The progress seems slow but and it may look like a disaster construction zone, but once it is done, it will be done correctly. The country charm will be added in as the interior design begins to develop.

Thank you all for your support. We hope to have some sort of service (like ice cream) available by summer, but that mostly depends on how the work schedule evolves.

Courthouse Offices Adjusted Schedules because of Current Covid-19 Conditions

Because of the recent spike in Covid-19 cases in Morgan county and to attempt to flatten the curve during this upsurge, Beginning January 6, 2021 until January 31, 2021, please note the following changes to the office's located in the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex:

1. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office – will be open for business during normal hours, HOWEVER, citizens are encouraged to utilize the following methods if at all possible to limit the traffic in the Annex:
 - a. Pay by Phone – The number to pay by phone is 423-346-3503
 - b. Pay Online – www.courtfeepay.com
 - c. Drop Box – is on the door located on the Annex door (across the street from the Main Courthouse). Payments can be dropped in this drop box.
 - d. Orders of Protections and Custody

Petitions can be dropped through the slot on the door located on the west side Annex door (across the street from the Main Courthouse).

2. The Election Office will be open as usual (Weekdays 8-4). You can call for more information at 423-346-3190.

3. The County Clerk's Office will be open as usual – you can call the office to verify days and hours at 423-346-3480.

4. The Trustee's Office – Will be open normal business hours (you can call Trustee's Office at 423-346-3430), but encourages you to mail your property tax payment if possible to:

Morgan County Trustee
PO Box 189
Wartburg, TN 37887

5. The County Executive's Office – will be open as usual. The Executive's office can be reached by calling 423-346-6288.

6. The Property Assessor's Office – will be open by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call 423-346-3130 for appointment.

7. The Clerk and Master's Office – will open as usual. You can call the office to verify operating hours at 423-346-3881.

8. The Register of Deeds Office – will be open as usual. You can call the office to verify operating hours at 423-346-3105.

MAIN COURTHOUSE DROPBOX
- There is a DROPBOX located by the main entrance on the EAST SIDE of the Main Courthouse. Payments for any office can be left in the dropbox. We strongly suggest you do not put cash in the dropbox. Checks or money orders are a much safer option. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PAYMENT IN THE DROPBOX AFTER 4PM OR ON THE WEEKENDS. Payments will be removed by 4pm each workday.

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Lenvil McCullah, 86

Lenvil McCullah, age 86, of Deer Lodge, TN, passed away December 31, 2020 at Cumberland County Medical Center. He was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Lancing and loved playing the guitar and singing. He loved spending time with his family whom he loved dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents; George & Carrie McCullah, as well as 10 sisters and 5 brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 66 ½ years Connie McCullah; children, Judy (Steve) Maurer, Jeff (Wendy) McCullah, Karen (William) Zepp, Robert (Tracy) McCullah, Matthew (Tuti) McCullah; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; brothers, Dennis (Barbara) McCullah, Danny (Faith) McCullah and Perry

McCullah; sister, Nancy (Jim) Spradlin and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, January 8, 2021 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. There will be a visitation at Martin Wilson Funeral Home 700 W. Central Ave. LaFollette, TN 37766, Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 12 to 1 pm with funeral services to follow at 1pm. Internment will follow funeral services at the Baker Forge Memorial Cemetery, 2681 Demory Road, LaFollette, TN 37766

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Program at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/mission/leadership> Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Lenvil McCullah.

Rosella (Redmon) Schubert, 88

Rosella (Redmon) Schubert age 88, of Wartburg, passed away at home with her loving family at her side on Friday, Dec. 25 2020 .

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Jimmie Schubert; father and mother: Perry and Winnie Redmon; brothers; Willie Jay, Shirley, and Glen Redmon; sister, Gladys Whaley. Rosella is survived by daughters; Donna (Mike) Maples of Oakdale, Debbie (Keith) Bullen of New Tazewell; son, Ricky (Jacqueline) Schubert of New Tazewell; brothers; Tom (Margret), Louis (Betty), Herbert (Sharon) Redmon ; sister; Mary Ellen Lamance all of Wartburg; 6 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces nephews and other family and friends

Rosella was a lifelong member of Liberty Baptist Church in Wartburg where she was a mission minded Christian. She

had a keen sense of humor and loved to see people laugh and have a good time. Rosella worked at Tennford Weaving Company until the company closed, she retired at that time. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile that could light up the room. She loved her family, church family, and work family. Family and friends may come by to pay their respects on Tuesday December 29 between 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The graveside service will be at 3:00 P.M. at the Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery in Wartburg, TN with Dr. Paul Frick officiating.

The family request in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Liberty Baptist Church building fund in her memory.

Pallbearers : Grandsons and Great Grandsons

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Rosella Schubert.

Donald E. Trissel, 66

Donald E. Trissel, age 66, of Sunbright, TN passed away December 30, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte Trissel; his parents Charles and Joanna Trissel; brother, Bob Trissel; step-father, Carl Smith; and special uncle and aunt, Ralph and Bettie Goodwin.

He is survived by his daughter, Joanna (Kyle) Schubert; grandson, Leeland Schubert; sisters,

Debbie (Dave) Spencer and Vickie (Chet) Decker; brother John Trissel; special uncle and aunt, Jim and Susan Evans, and a host of extended family and special friends

The family is honoring Donald's request to be cremated. No Memorial services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Donald Trissel.

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

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Spiritual Weapons



John Burns
Columnist

For the weapons we fight with are Spiritual not carnal for the pulling down of Strongholds.

The word Strongholds in the original Greek language is Pharmakia. The Greeks gave us the first Doctors of medicine who prescribed Herbs or other remedies that nature

gave them. It was not long before these Greek Doctors began to profit from suggesting methods of curing ailments and our modern cult of Aeschalepius was Born. His symbol is a Serpent on Pole. He is considered the God of Medicine and his Temple in Pergamum was the Target of Jesus Christ letter to the Church in Pergamos in Revelation 2.

Why did Jesus Christ himself feel motivated to rebuke the Church at Pergamos? I believe it is because he provided for the healing of the flesh through the 39 lashes he received at the hands of the Romans prior to his crucifixion. These Lashes matched the number of Diseases that would befall mankind in the Book of Leviticus. It is no coincidence. God gave us his written word as his warranty Deed over Death, Hell and the grave to include sickness, yet we Christians have allowed ourselves to rely on Government as God to provide healthcare and Pharmakia to our own detriment. Nothing but belief in God paying our sin debt on Calvary will return us to sound Biblical instruction found only in the Two-edged sword of Both Testaments of our Bible. A return to Faith in God, will heal us and protect us from the Current attack by Satan; Covid19. God's allows pestilence to chasten his children back to sound Biblical Literacy.

Addiction to all things Doctors can provide legally has led to our current Pill epidemic. We have surrendered our weapons to the Cult of Aeschalepius. Doctors can not

deliver you from the power of fear Government has paralyzed Christians with. Only faith in the Blood of the Lamb of God covering us from all unrighteousness, will return us to sound Biblical instruction, and that will take Repentance and return to the entire

Testimony of Scripture that is identified as Jesus Christ as our Spiritual Sword with two edges.

Next time you need a doctor or medicine, remember Jesus Christ did not die to make bad men good, he died to raise dead men to life. That resurrection must include our personal Death to all things Government as God can provide for us. Put on the Armor of God, Take with you the two-edged sword of God's written revealed word, and call for fire in prayer to God for the healing of your loved ones caught in the grips of the stronghold of other God's. Never be afraid to share the reason for the Joy within you. He has a name, it is Yeshua ha Messiah or as we westerners refer to him as Jesus The Christ. The one who died to pay our sin debt to God the Father. He was crucified upon a cross of wood, yet He created the hill upon which it stood! Even so come Lord Jesus. Hallelujah !!

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.



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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - LET'S GO SKIING!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What do you call a slow skier?**

BINDINGS	D	O	W	N	H	I	L	L	L	L
DOWNHILL	S	S	A	F	E	T	Y	O	I	L
GOGGLES	N	P	A	S	L	L	D	N	F	O
HAT	I	O	A	P	M	G	E	E	T	O
HELMET	A	Z	O	N	E	S	P	T	A	H
LIFT	T	S	N	E	T	T	I	M	W	C
LINE	N	O	S	A	E	S	T	O	W	S
LODGE	U	B	I	N	D	I	N	G	S	I
MITTENS	O	S	C	H	U	S	S	U	O	K
MOGUL	M	K	E	G	O	G	G	L	E	S
MOUNTAINS										
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SCHUSS										
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SNOW										
TOW										
ZONES										

Riddle answer: _____

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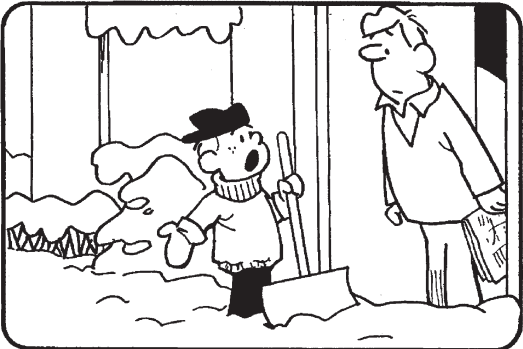
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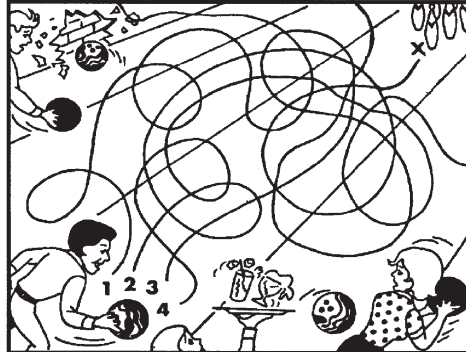
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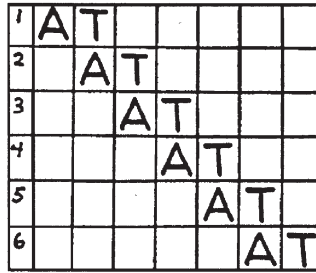
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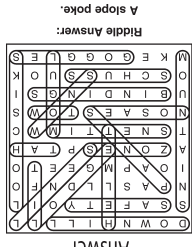
1. Athlete. 2. Battery. 3. Amateur. 4. Regatta. 5. Dealers. 6. Box seat.

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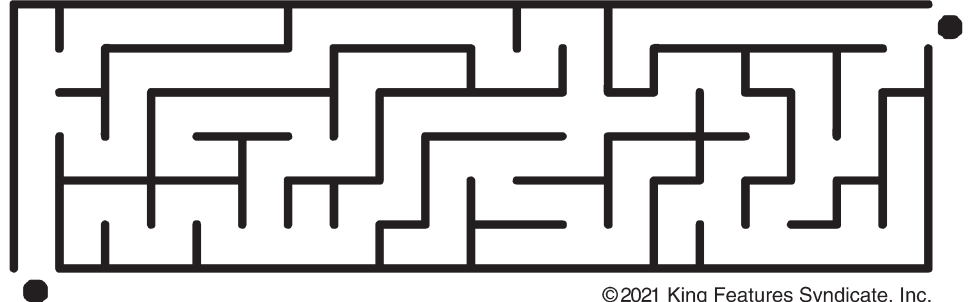
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Riddle Answer: A slope poke.

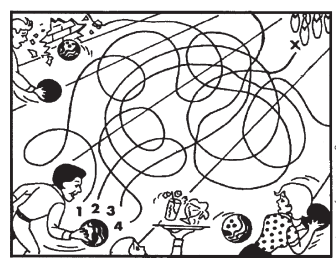
Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword 21 AND SINGLE

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| ACROSS | 45 Get moving | 86 Video file format, in brief | 6 Port southeast of Roma | 39 Fire output | 79 Close by |
| 1 Alcatraz Island locale, for short | 50 Lid | 89 Wrestling win | 7 Canyon comebacks | 40 Mother of Don Juan | 80 Fixin' to |
| 6 Info-filled | 90 Quality among identical things | 90 Official endorsement via an amendment, say | 9 Stop nursing | 41 Magical glow | 85 Longtime |
| 11 Subjective paper pieces | 100 TV's Griffin | 101 Oaths | 935mm camera type | 46 Clip out, as a coupon | 86 Hook or jazz staple |
| 16 Yeshiva student, | 102 Swiss city on Lake Geneva | 103 Shelling out | 10 Thanksgiving | 47 In addition to | 87 Thanksgiving staple |
| 19 Land, in Italy | 104 Oaths | 106 Moo goo — pan | 11 Like mystical practices | 48 Gorged on | 88 Suffix with host or lion dog |
| 20 Fast Amtrak service | 105 Mitten | 107 Short comic sketch | 12 City in Illinois | 49 Fluffy floor-cleaning tool | 89 Mickey's |
| 21 Salsa singer | 106 Moo goo — pan | 108 Fist bump, colloquially | 13 Added wing | 50 Walking aid | 90 Obstruct |
| 22 Pal, in Nice | 65 Ornamental hairnets | 67 Juggled | 14 Fashionable Christian | 51 They can't be taught new tricks, in a saying | 91 Kevin of "Aliens in the Attic" |
| 23 Concerning the effects of drugs on the mind | 69 — Pointe, Michigan | 71 Gazpacho, e.g., in Spanish | 15 Stuffing herb | 52 Raincoat material | 92 Maytag products |
| 27 Maestro — Peking Salonen | 77 Ear, nose and throat doctor | 72 Tallman | 16 "I, Claudius" star Derek | 53 Most baggy nations | 93 Rocker Ted |
| 28 12:00, half of the time | 81 B-ball official | 73 Cookie for 100+ years | 17 PC-to-PC letters | 54 Pact among nations | 94 Big pianos |
| 29 South, in Spanish | 82 Sneak off to say "I do" | 75 He's a doll | 18 Actor Dafoe | 56 ER hookups | 95 High-pH substance |
| 30 Finch in fear | 83 The same: Prefix | 76 Ear, nose and throat doctor | 19 Mil. officer | 57 Bit of land in Tuscany | 96 Skipped out (on) |
| 31 Squid feature | 84 — Carlo | 81 B-ball official | 20 Unflinched | 58 Mink relative | 97 Ultimate purpose |
| 34 "Chill out!" | 85 Street — (popular acceptance) | 82 Sneak off to say "I do" | 26 "Sorry, already have plans" | 59 Be short with | 98 Be short with |
| 37 Amply skilled | | 83 The same: Prefix | 27 "Sorry, already have plans" | 60 Eastern spiritual path | 99 Old compact |
| 38 Belief in a national power structure | | 84 — Carlo | 28 Actor Dafoe | 61 Crew tool | 104 Abbr. on a food carton |
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| 43 Blarney | | | 30 Country crooner | 63 Salton goop | 107 Clipper, e.g. |
| 44 "Sometimes you feel like..." | | | 31 Bordered on | 70 Sultemates, say | 110 "Sure," in Soissons |
| | | | 32 Bordered on | 71 Like one of a battery's terminals | 111 Pointy part of Mr. Spock |
| | | | 33 Kobe of | 72 Like one of a battery's terminals | 112 Links gp. |
| | | | 34 Ruman 901 | 73 Pal of Piglet | 113 Ruby or onyx |
| | | | 35 Above, in verse | 74 That girl's | 114 Stuff in some viral genes |
| | | | 36 Country crooner | 75 "How did — this happen?" | |
| | | | 37 Rando | | |



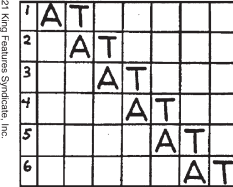
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CryptoQuip

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Clue: K equals O

YIAE G PGBSKKEVWS CVLAW G
PIGBGPSAB YGF SKK ZGEF
JASGVNW, KEA ZVCIS PGNN VS
KLABJBGYE.

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STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

Match the "drome" word on the left with its definition on the right.

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1) catadrome | a. A warning symptom that appears before an infection or disease. |
| 2) hippodrome | b. A line crossing all meridians of longitude at the same angle. |
| 3) loxodrome | c. An indoor banked track for cycling races. |
| 4) prodrome | d. A machine used to lift heavy weights. |
| 5) velodrome | e. An oval stadium for equestrian races and events. |

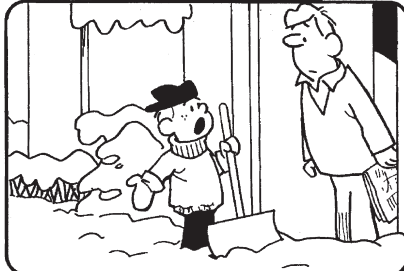
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When a cartoonist gives a character way too many details, one might call it overdrawn.

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Historically Speaking The Forgotten Detachment

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

My good friend Bill Sergeant had called me once again with another good story. I was always delighted when that happened. His memory was awesome! As you would know if you had heard him speak publicly, his storytelling abilities were grand.

Bill was a Captain in the United States Army when he was transferred to serve as the Executive Officer for Major Lloyd Robert Block in the Army Corps of Engineers, head of Security for the Clinton Engineer Works. Bill arrived in Oak Ridge in March of 1944.

After the end of World War II and a few short years of more mundane work helping with the transition from military to civilian control of Oak Ridge, Bill later took what was likely the largest contingent of men from one city to support the Korean War. In 1950, he led close to 300 members of the 194th Engineer Battalion of the National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel. They were part of the first wave to head for Korea. The men were given only three weeks to settle their affairs.

Bill returned from Korea in 1952 to a job as the deputy head of security in Oak Ridge for the Atomic Energy Commission. He was soon promoted to head of Security, a position he held until his retirement in 1979.

This story is about the Military Police who were assigned to provide security for the Clinton Engineer Works during the Manhattan Project. Their assignment included the security for the city of Oak Ridge and all the federal property on the reservation except for the immediate plant sites which were secured by local guard forces hired by the contractor of each site.

A side note is in order here. The Tennessee Eastman Company that operated the Y-12 Electromagnetic Separation Plant is known to have hired young women right out of high school to work as what we know today as “Calutron Girls” but they were known then as “Cubicle Operators.” What you may not realize is that Tennessee Eastman also hired some women to work as guards.

Bill recalled seeing the women guards, locally known as “Guardette’s,” when he would go to Y-12 on security related matters. He said the other sites did not use women for guards, only Y-12. He thought Tennessee Eastman was quite progressive in the way they made opportunities for women. It was most unusual for the time.

As history tells us, the Special Engineer Detachment was a large contingent of technical and scientific personnel who had been drafted in the Army. They were collected into this special category and assigned to the Manhattan Project to do the technical work needed. There were 1,800 assigned to Los Alamos and 1,257 in Oak Ridge as well as several in Hanford and the many other locations of the project.

The Manhattan District office at Oak Ridge was where Colonel Nichols ran the day to day activities of the entire Manhattan Project. Oak Ridge also served as the Women’s Army Corps Headquarters for enlisted women stationed at Hanford, Los Alamos and all other locations. There were 422 enlisted women who served to provide administrative and other support work, I am not sure of how many were assigned to Oak Ridge.

But history does not report nearly as much on the “Forgotten Detachment” that Bill remembers. While doing research for this article, I did come upon mention of it in a recently purchased copy of Manhattan, The Army and the Atomic Bomb, by Vincent Jones, where he says, “The CEW Branch administered the local civilian guard force and the military police contingent that protected the Tennessee reservation.”

Here are Bill’s recollections of that “military police contingent” or by his term, “The Forgotten Detachment.” Enjoy the story.

Bill said, “In New Orleans, already set to deploy overseas, was an Army Military Police Company. Their orders were changed at the very last moment before departure and they were sent to Oak Ridge. Major Lloyd Robert

Block and I met the train bringing them to Oak Ridge.” Block was responsible for the Oak Ridge operations of the Intelligence and Security Division headed by Lt. Col. William B. Parsons, who reported to Colonel Nichols but kept General Groves informed directly of all intelligence and security matters.

This was in June of 1944, less than three months after Bill’s arrival at Oak Ridge. Yet things were happening in rapid succession. It was only a few weeks before the July 6, 1944 Troop Train Wreck at Highcliff, TN, near Jellico. Bill would take a platoon of these newly arrived Military Police with him to take charge



Bill Sergeant, was the retired head of security, “Mr. Rotary” and my friend whom I miss greatly! (Photo Submitted)

of that accident scene. Can’t you just see the fast-paced chain of events that were just routine daily activities for Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project...exciting times, for sure!

Bill indicated that the newly arrived personnel, some 150 of them, were taken to dormitory and barracks quarters that had quickly been arranged for them to occupy. The next morning, they were awakened by the sound of a voice telling them to get up so the “maids can make the beds.” This was a welcome surprise to them. Remember, just a matter of hours ago, they were on a path toward deployment overseas, in the middle of a war.

Now they found themselves in a situation where “maids” were going to make their beds and clean their rooms. They weren’t in a war zone, they weren’t in danger of being shot, they weren’t even going to be required to do KP or any of those routine military things. They must have pinched themselves to be sure they weren’t dreaming!

Bill said they even had a small Post Exchange (store where they could purchase items at a military discount). This Military Police Company was now reassigned to the Corps of Engineers and was a part of the Intelligence and Security Division, something quite different than anything they had ever seen before. They were learning things they never knew existed before coming to Oak Ridge.

They were assigned the duty to secure the “lower gates,” as Bill calls them. Those gates were the Gallaher, White Wing and Poplar Creek Gates. Civilian guards were kept on the Elza, Edgemoor, Solway and Oliver Springs Gates.

Bill also spoke about what might be the first “rapid response force” in Oak Ridge. He and Major Block determined to use one platoon of the Military Police as an always ready force that Colonel Nichols or Lt. Col. Parsons could call on in an emergency. They were organized to have a team on ready standby at all times and were subject to being called into action at a moment’s notice.

Another unusual thing about this “Forgotten Detachment” was that Major Block was a very athletic individual, being tall and muscular. He might have played football before becoming a military officer. He formed a football team of members of the Military Police in Oak Ridge. They traveled to other military posts and played football games, winning every single game.

They felt they were good enough to play the best in the nation and even talked about being

capable of beating the University of Tennessee’s football team. Bill reminded me that this was 1944, when UT went to the Rose Bowl. He readily admitted that the UT team would have likely mopped up the field with the Military Police team, but that did not keep them from telling themselves they were a very good team that never lost a game!

When World War II ended and the Manhattan Project was transferred from military to civilian control, Bill was tasked to close out the Military Police Detachment. Many of them went back to their homes if they had jobs to return to.

Others transitioned to the civilian police force known as the Atomic Energy Commission Patrol for the city of Oak Ridge and continued their role much the same as when they were military police, manning the seven gates to Oak Ridge. Still others were able to get skilled craft work on the government sites.

On March 19, 1949, when the gates were opened to Oak Ridge, the three white guard stations were put into service that isolated the three government sites and these civilian AEC Patrol officers manned those gates as well as the lower gates that were still in operation.

This arrangement lasted until 1953, when the gates were moved back to the three sites and all the main roads were opened to the public. Even then, the AEC Patrol monitored the back roads to assure that no one travelled them as any unauthorized access there was a security risk. Members of the public were only allowed on the main roads.

Bill returned to Oak Ridge in 1952 when his assignment to Korea was completed. He later had the job of the Deputy Director of Physical Security under Frank Callahan, for whom the Callahan Towers at 115 Fairbanks Road is named. Callahan had come to Oak Ridge after being assigned to the Mound Facility in Miamisburg, OH.

Later, Bill became Director of AEC Physical Security until retirement. Of course, he has had another great career after retirement as “Mr. Rotary” and for many years helped lead the international effort to rid the world of Polio. He is one of my heroes.

Thanks Bill, for yet another great story from our past.

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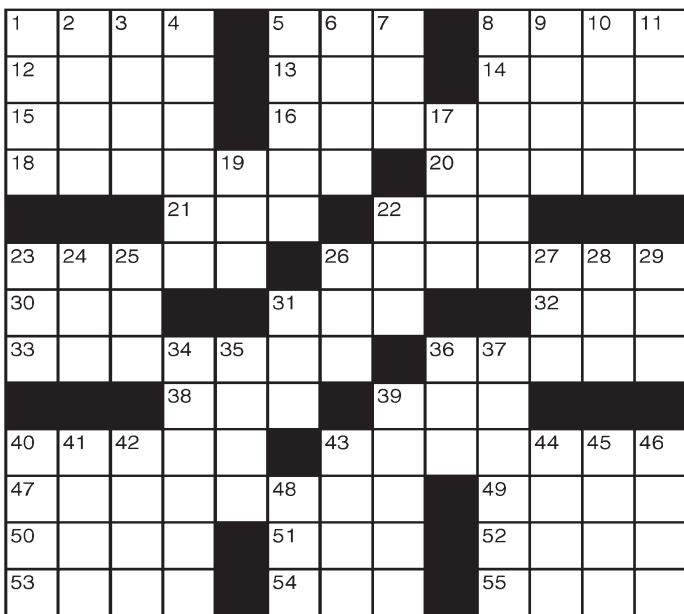
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**Budget Meeting January 11,
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7:00 p.m.**

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Nile vipers
- 5 Cistern
- 8 Sprint
- 12 Guitarist Atkins
- 13 — -de-France
- 14 Formerly
- 15 Antelope's playmate
- 16 Its days are numbered
- 18 Degree of excellence
- 20 Endures
- 21 "Nova" ailer
- 22 Lass
- 23 Regions
- 26 Volcanic crater
- 30 "Entourage" agent
- 31 Branch
- 32 Felon's flight
- 33 Trinidad music
- 36 Fountain drinks
- 38 Fine, at NASA
- 39 Marry
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- 52 Peruse
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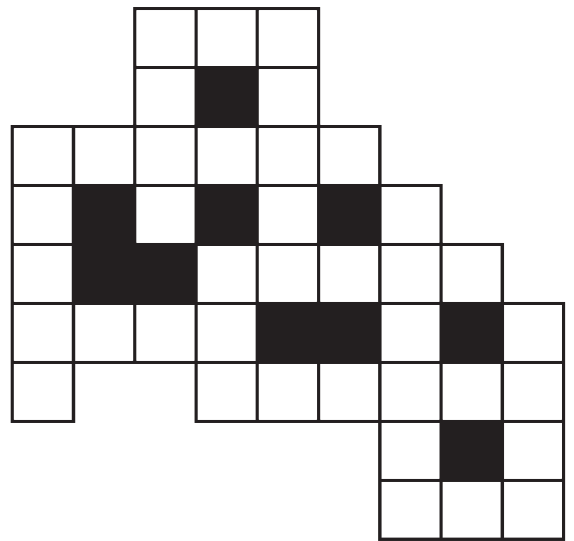


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- 5 Bad habits
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- 7 Aviv preceder
- 8 Disney duck
- 9 &&&&
- 10 Ella's style
- 11 Towel word
- 17 Israeli airline
- 19 Small ammo
- 22 Leg, in slang
- 23 Efron of "Parkland"
- 24 Man-mouse link
- 25 Zero
- 26 — -Magnon
- 27 Right angle
- 28 Squealer
- 29 Early hrs.
- 31 Request
- 34 Motorcycle maker
- 35 "The Raven," for one
- 36 Actor Gibson
- 37 Stick
- 39 Is patient
- 40 Gulf War missile
- 41 "Funny!"
- 42 Oodles
- 43 Manitoba tribe
- 44 They can take a yoke
- 45 — the crack of dawn
- 46 Agrees silently
- 48 Piercing tool

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Weekly SUDOKU

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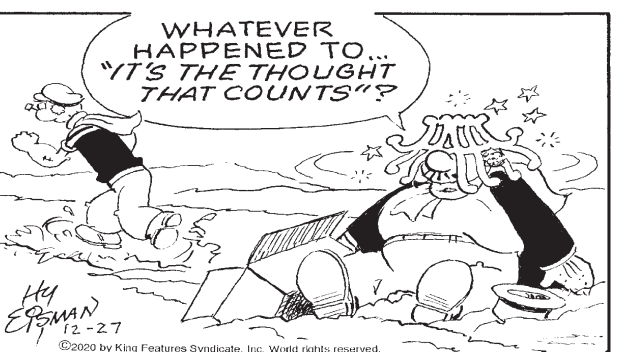
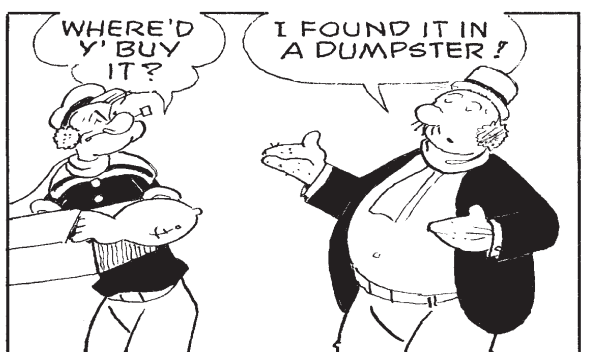
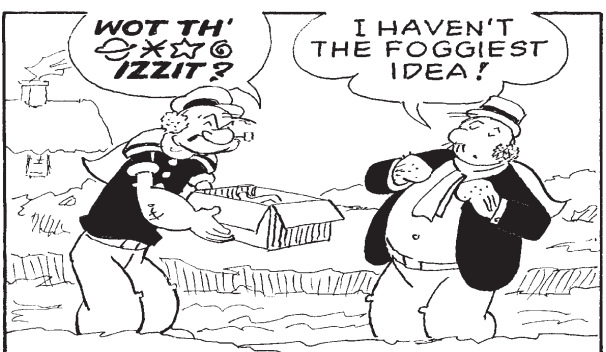
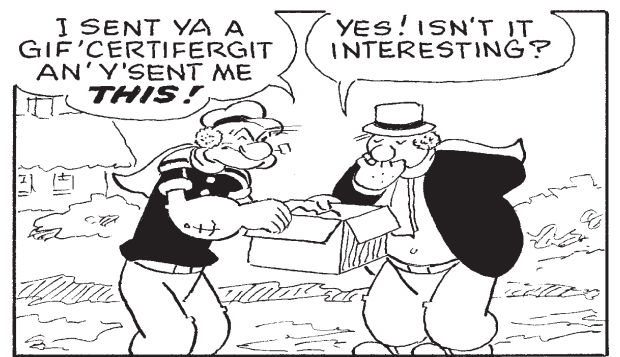
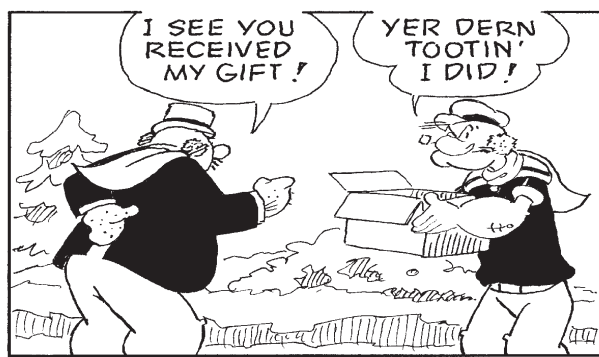
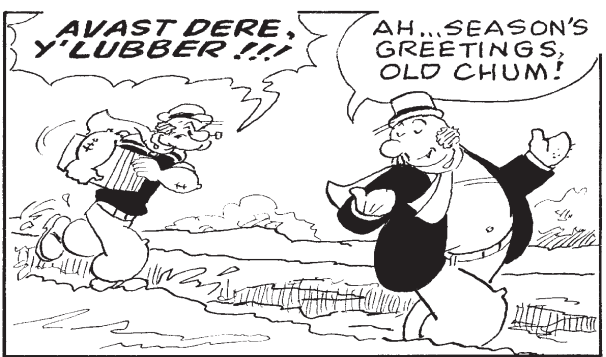
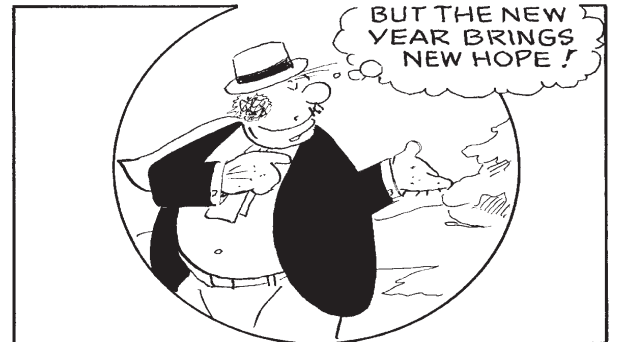
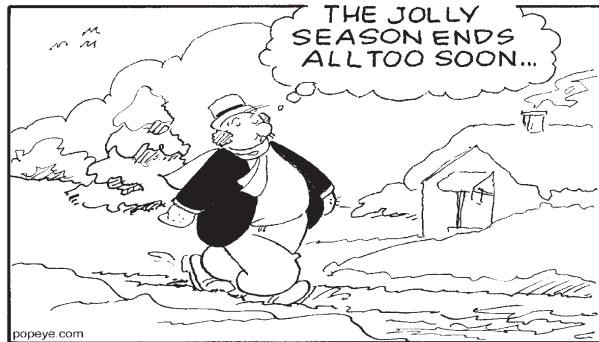
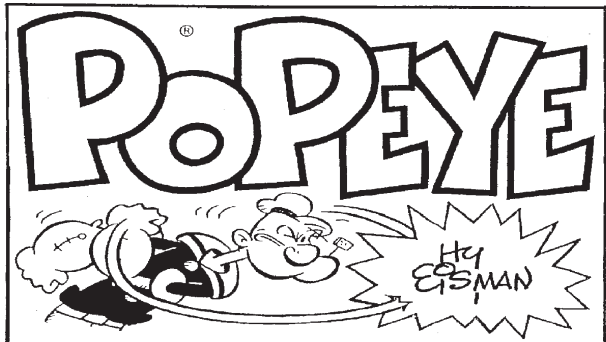
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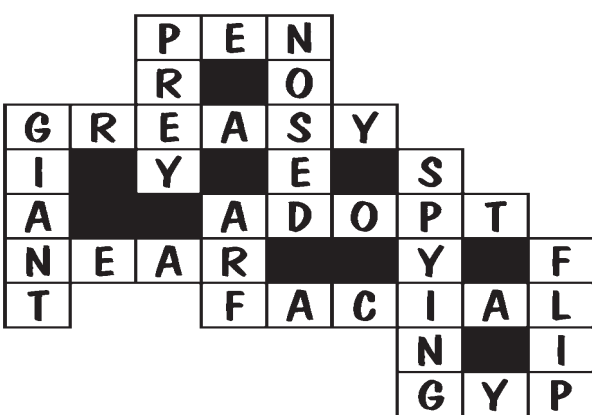
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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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MSG Fred Mize

When I look back at 2020 so much comes to mind. The pandemic, the election, civil unrest, the BLM movement, and freshly the Christmas Day bombing in Nashville. My family also lost a lot of friends to COVID-19 as I know so many people across the country lost friends and family to the deadly virus.

With years like 2020 it is so important to look through the turmoil and reflect on the countless blessings God has given us. We can all do this simple task and I promise it will bring a smile to our faces. When I look back for the good God gave in 2020 I remember; my wife and I joined Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston on the first Sunday of 2020, I finally earned my Associates Degree in Applied Technology and Orga-

Count Your Blessings

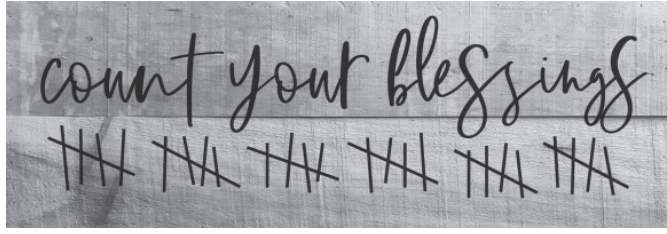
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nizational Leadership, I was invited to speak about my military experiences and personal battles with PTSD, depression, and anxiety to three different churches, I helped my won-

derful friend Tom Redmon publish his first book, my family experienced farm life and country living for the first time by raising a pig and sev-

eral chickens, most of my family have fought COVID-19 and all have won their personal battles, I was able to write 52 weekly articles in the Morgan County Today, I was blessed with East Tennessee was blessed with a white Christmas, although Thanksgiving and Christmas were both uniquely celebrated we still had plenty to celebrate and regardless of the outcome the election year is over and God is still in control. As we set New Year resolutions and goals for 2021 let's not forget God was in control of 2020 regardless of how we feel about the year and He will be in control of 2021. 2021 is a new

beginning but let's keep in mind that a Christian's life isn't promised to be easy and 2021 may not be. Keep your faith in Jesus Christ and when hard times come don't look down but look up toward Him. Happy New Year!!!



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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Zion National Park

I was able to visit Zion National Park a couple weeks before Christmas. The national park is located in Springdale, Utah; it's about a 3-hour drive from Las Vegas, NV. The park is known for its

birds, 75 mammals, 19 species of bats, and 32 reptiles. They inhabit the park's four life zones: desert, riparian, woodland, and coniferous forest. Zion national park includes mountains, canyons, buttes, mesas, monoliths, rivers, slot canyons, and natural arches". (Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zion_National_Par)

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I hiked around the park, but the most memorable hikes were called the Watchman and Angel's Landing. Angel's landing was one of the most intense hikes of my life. It's a steep 2.5 mile climb up the canyon. Once you get to the top, the rest of the way you have to use a chain to climb up another .5 miles. There are no guard rails or safety measures. I didn't make it very far before turning around and heading back down. It was snowing that day, the rocks were slippery, and it started getting too crowded. I would recommend this hike to someone in the

mountainous scenery distinguished by its steep canyon walls and red cliffs. It's one of the best national parks in the United States. If you like to hike, the park offers a bunch of different trails with varying degrees of difficulty.

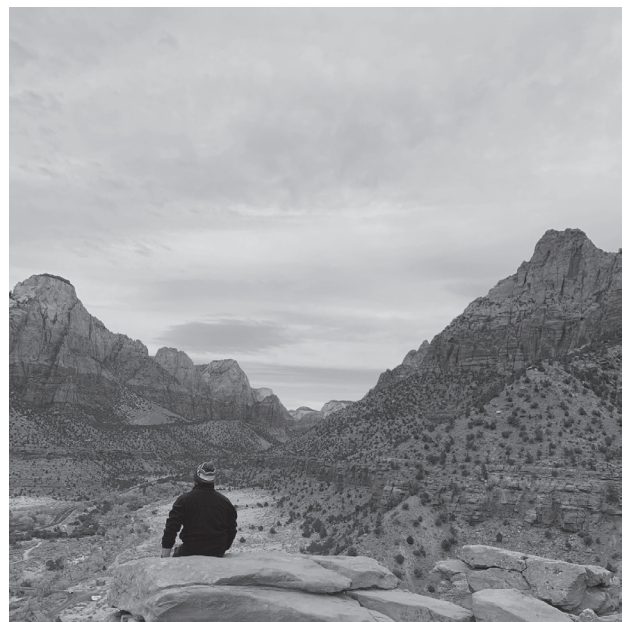
summertime, but not in the winter. It was definitely worth the hike for the first 2.5 miles. The scenery is absolutely amazing.

Springdale, UT is right by the entrance of the park. It's a neat little town to stay in during your visit. Springdale has several locally owned restaurants, shops, cafes, coffee shops, and craft stores. What's really cool about the town is there are no chain stores of any kind besides a Subway sandwich franchise. If you like to support local; Springdale, UT offers you the ability to do that and avoid corporate chains.

I visited Zion National Parking during the off season which was right before winter. The park was still pretty busy, but of course this year was a lot different because of the pandemic. I actually liked visiting this time of year because of the beauty of the snow in the mountains. The town was dressed in Christmas lights and décor and that really put you in the Christmas spirit. Zion National Park should be on your list to visit in the future.

Because of the location and unique geography of Zion National Park, there are numerous plant species and animal diversity. "The park has 289 species of

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Happy New Year! Hello 2021! That sure has a funny sound doesn't it?

Beginning a new year does not automatically mean things are going to get better soon. There is so much illness and sadness all around us. I heard a preacher say the other day that the one resolution we should make is to draw nearer to God. That includes praying and reading His word.

If you know me very well, you know I like to work jigsaw puzzles. I don't like really hard ones and I prefer 500 or less pieces. We received several as Christmas gifts. Since Christmas, we have worked 5 puzzles and one of those was 1,000 pieces.

It is Girl Scout Cookie time! If you would like to place an order with a local Girl Scout Troop, contact Robin Greer or Jennifer Lewis on Facebook and they will be happy to take your order. Delivery will be in February and you pay when the cookies are delivered.

Happy Birthday to China Hutchinson who turned 24 on December 31. China lives with her parents, Hutch and Marilyn, in Nolensville. The family celebrated China's birthday by going to Olive Garden and then several family and friends sang Happy Birthday to China over the phone.

Happy Birthday to Lois Nance who celebrated her 75th birthday Saturday, January 2. Wishing you many more blessed years Ms. Lois!

Joe, Valerie and Maura Lake of Fayetteville, NC arrived at our house Sunday, December 27 and stayed a couple of days. We had our family Christmas on Monday, December 28. Instead of our traditional ham dinner, we had breakfast for our Christmas meal and it was delicious!

Audrey Rogers of Murfreesboro enjoyed spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with her parents and sister, her grandparents Danny and Sue Redmon and Carol Rogers and other family members.

Ruth Headrick had several visitors during Christmas. On Christmas morning, Reggie and Candy brought her breakfast and shared the meal with her. Later that day, Dean and Debbie, Landon, Tessa and Hallie Jane from Crossville visited with her. Rolland, Kristi, Bryson, Evan and Preston visited as did William, Kristy, Taylor, Liam and Kelsey Smith. On Sunday night following Christmas, Stanley and Bridget Smith and their family visited. She enjoyed a visit from her grandson Benjamin and his mom, Denise. Benjamin is a Junior at Tennessee Tech. Her daughters, Diana and Darlene also visited during the holidays.

Poke and Kay Johnson of Piney had a good Christmas. On Christmas Eve, their sons and their families visited. Tyler, Tiffany, Landon and McKinleigh came from Sweetwater and Cory, Shannon and Emery were there to enjoy finger foods. Taylor, Tammy, Savannah, Morgan and Marley also joined them until the snow got heavier and some headed home. On Christmas Day, the Johnson's had a big dinner. Savannah, Morgan and Marley spent the night with them. They had visits from Ritchie, Niki, Bella and Lily Van Hoose and Riley Tilson. New Year's Day was celebrated with McKinleigh Johnson who rang in the New Year with Mamaw and Papaw.

Jordan and Rachael Clipson Miller were married on December 26 in a small, private ceremony but were able to have their church wedding on Saturday, January 2 at Piney Baptist Church. The ceremony was beautiful, the weather was perfect and Travis Langley did a great job officiating. Congratulations Jordan and Rachael!

Please remember families who have lost loved ones recently and over the last year.

DeWayne Powers passed away Wednesday, December 30. Services were held Sunday, January 3 at Schubert Funeral Home and interment was in the Powers Family Cemetery on Powers Loop Road. Keep his mother, Shirley and his sister, Jeannie and his children and grandchildren in your prayers.

Sympathy to the family of Laura Helton who passed away Janu-

ary 1. Services are scheduled for today, January 5 at Liberty Baptist Church in Kingston. Receiving of friends will be from 5:00 – 7:00 with the funeral following at 7:00. Interment will be at Pine Orchard Cemetery tomorrow, Wednesday, January 6 at noon.

Condolences to the family of Francis Ladd who passed away Saturday, January 2. At this time, the full obituaries for Laura and Francis are not available.

As you all know, all of God's Word is wonderful but I feel led to share this verse this week. I think this is the perfect verse for us to apply to our lives.

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Romans 12:12

The Morgan County Community Collaborative, Together Morgan County, will have their monthly virtual meeting Friday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the work of the collaborative is welcome to join the meeting. There will be a discussion about future plans to benefit families in Morgan County. Everyone is welcome to participate. To learn more, contact Sandra Helton at heltons@mcsed.net.

Acts Chapter 14

(Acts 14:1-7) more evangelism: Iconium was a rich agricultural community in Galatia. There was a synagogue there and Paul and Barnabas preached the gospel with significant results from among Jews and Greeks alike. On the other hand, some Jews were "disobedient." Note the distinction between "believed" (v.1) and "disobedient" (v. 2). "Believed" equals "obeyed." In the book of Acts there is no such thing as genuine belief apart from obedience. Paul and Barnabas remained there a long while, speaking the "word of his grace," which was confirmed by miraculous signs (v. 3). Grace is not some irresistible force; rather, it is a divine message of favor made known via the gospel word. But the city was divided; part of the people inclined toward the hostile Jews, while others were sympathetic to Paul and Barnabas. "Apostles" (v. 4) is used in a generic sense of "those sent"; Barnabas was not an apostle in the same sense as Paul ("messenger" Phil. 2:25). When persecution intensified, they moved on, stopping at Lystra.

(Acts 14:8-18) a miracle at Lystra: Lystra was about eighteen miles southwest of Iconium. Sitting there in a public place was a man who had been a invalid since birth, never having walked. The man had been listening to Paul, perhaps showing some visible interest; Paul, seeing that the man had faith to be healed (Mk. 2:5), commanded him to stand on his feet. The man leaped up and started walking (not just a step or so). The crowd was enthralled, assuming Paul and Barnabas were "gods" who merely appeared to be men; they would have worshipped them had they not been stopped. The brothers "tore their garments" (a dramatic symbol of protest) and respectfully explained their position.

They declared: (a) They were not gods, but ordinary men. (b) They had "good news"; the people should turn from "vain" (unproductive) idols and serve the ever-living God. (c) This God was the powerful Creator of all things. (d) He had not exacted judgment yet upon the nation, who were rebellious, walking in their own ways. The implication: eventually he would (17:30). (e) God's goodness is providentially apparent in bountiful blessings of nature.

In spite of the adulation of Lystra's citizenry---which the missionaries were barely able to restrain---there appears to have been no conversions. At least none is mentioned. This is a mark of literary integrity, void of blustering embellishment.

(Acts 14:19-28) violent persecution: presently however, Jews

(missionaries of mischief) arrived from Antioch and Iconium with blood in their eyes. The fickle crowds were stirred and Paul was stoned and dragged out of the city. The subdued nature of this description, bereft of gory details, is clear evidence of divine restraint on Luke's inspired pen. Paul survived and he and Barnabas went back into the city. The next day, they headed toward Derbe, sixty miles southeast of Lystra.

At Derbe they "made many disciples" (Mk. 28:19). They then backtracked to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch (a courageous maneuver), and kept on exhorting Christians to "continue in the faith," which reveals that it is possible to not continue therein. The expression, "the faith," demonstrates an exclusive body of doctrine; it is the "one faith" of which Paul speaks elsewhere (Eph. 4:5). The apostles emphasized to the disciples that they would encounter "many tribulations," but that by means of these pressures they "must enter the kingdom." "Kingdom" in this context refers to heaven (2 Tim. 4:18).

Since Paul had been endowed with the ability to impart spiritual gifts, which would be needed for newly established churches, elders were appointed in every congregation ("gifts" and "pastors" Eph. 4:8, 11). Paul and Barnabas fasted, prayed, and commended these saints to their Lord. They traveled onward, stopping briefly to preach in Perga (with no recorded results). From the seaport Attalia they sailed back to the Syrian coast and returned to their home base at Antioch. The church assembled for a report. It had been a wonderful trip. God had worked through them and "a door of faith" had been opened through which the Gentiles had entered. The two missionaries remained with the saints there for about a year. Some feel that Paul wrote his letter to the "churches of Galatia" during this time.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is pleased to honor First Sergeant Jason Berry as the veteran of the week.

1SG Berry grew up with a life long desire to serve in the military. His inspiration was fostered from those in his family who courageously served in the United States Army before him.

1SG Berry's military career began on January 16, 1997 when he enlisted into the Tennessee Army National Guard and has served continuously since.

He completed both Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training as a Field Artilleryman at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he graduated as one of the top Soldiers of his class due to having the highest Basic Rifle Marksmanship score qualifying "Expert" due to shooting 40 out of 40 targets. He never accepted doing any less than his very best in any training assignment. He graduated from the Primary Leadership Development Course as the Honor Graduate and as the Distinguished Honor Graduate in both the Basic Non-commissioned Officers Course and Advance Non-commissioned Officers Course.

His military career has been filled with countless training assignments and deployments of which he was always heavily depended on due to always performing well above the military standards for his assigned rank. His high level of professionalism and patriotism earned him the prestigious and well-deserved rank of First Sergeant on April 19, 2013.

1SG Berry's military duties have sent him overseas to serve two tours of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004-2005 and 2010 and one tour

of duty in Poland in 2018-2019.

When asked what has been the highlight of his military career he stated without hesitation, "it has been the connections I've made over the years by meeting Soldiers who've become forever lasting members of his green family. Normally friends come and go but the friends I've made in the National Guard will last forever as members of my family."

Although 1SG Berry has lived the life of a Soldier which has been filled with undying service to others it simply could not have been done as it was without the unwavering support of his loving and cherished wife Shelly. Jason has had Shelly's love and support since their wedding day on March 13, 1999 and they have been blessed with two amazing children Alexis and Logan.

Morgan County Today, cannot thank both 1SG Jason and Shelly Berry for their continuous service and sacrifices they've made for our state and country. They are both inspirations that should be emulated by all who strive to reach for their dreams and to fulfill the dreams of others. Thank you both and God bless!



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

With a heavy heart the Morgan County Today, is honoring Jackson (Jackie) King Rather III, as the law enforcement officer of the week. Jackie passed on December 29th from complications of COVID-19. He was fifty-seven-years old, and resided in Oliver Springs, TN.

Jackie was a proud father, a loyal significant other, an inspirational leader, and a good man to all. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, grilling

and smoking meat with his family and friends on the weekends, an avid traveler and lover of the beach, and he thrived on protecting his community while at work. Jackie was an employee of the



Tennessee Department of Correction at the Morgan County Correctional Complex for over 30 years, and he was strongly admired by his many co-workers. He will be deeply missed and never

forgotten by all who knew and loved him. It was evident to all who knew Jackie, that he was a loving and compassionate man. He will be greatly missed by all who had the absolute pleasure to know him as family or friend.



David Zubler

According to IRS IR-2020-280, stimulus direct deposits may be going out as soon as December 29 and checks will begin to be mailed on December 30.

The new \$900 billion stimulus bill that President Trump signed does

more than providing \$600 checks to individuals.

The package will provide measures that will help people who have lost their jobs and will also help small businesses.

The legislation provides a direct payment of \$600 for individual adults who meet the income requirements. They will receive the \$600 stimulus if their 2019 adjusted gross income was \$75,000 or less. People who filed with head of household status can earn up to \$112,500 and a married couple can make up to \$150,000.

Eligible families would receive an additional \$600 for each child that qualifies.

In this stimulus package, payments won't be denied to citizens who are married to someone without a social security number. This will

Benefits of the New Stimulus Package

allow some spouses of undocumented immigrants to claim the stimulus benefit.

Millions of Americans who are still unemployed will benefit from the bill that was passed. Congress extended several programs to help people who are out of work. The bill will provide benefits for 11 weeks. However, the new benefit is \$300 per week, which is half of the benefit the stimulus bill in the spring.

The bill also extends Pandemic Unemployment Assistance which is a program for freelancers and independent contractors. The benefit will also be for 11 weeks but will be limited to \$100 a week.

The new bill sets aside \$285 billion for additional loans to small businesses under the Paycheck Protection Plan. However, this version has stricter terms than the original program.

The maximum loan amount is limited to \$2 million and is only available to borrowers with fewer than 300 employees that had at least a 25 percent decrease in sales from a year earlier during at least one quarter. The bill also includes \$12 billion specifically designated for minority-owned businesses. Publicly traded companies will not be eligible under this legislation.

The legislation provides nearly \$70 billion for several public health programs. It includes \$20

billion for the purchase of vaccines and \$8 billion for the vaccine distribution. Additionally, \$20 billion will be provided to help states continue testing and tracing.

The bill will provide \$10 billion for the child-care industry which will help daycares with reduced enrollment. This will allow them to continue paying their staff's wages.

The legislation will help millions of people avoid unexpected medical bills from visits to the hospital. The bill prohibits hospitals from charging for services like emergency treatment by out-of-network doctors, which patients often have no control over.

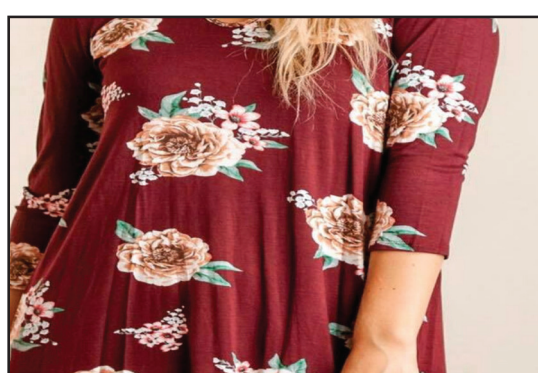
The bill also includes benefits for schools, tenants unable to pay their rent, and food stamp and nutritional assistance such as Meals on Wheels.

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