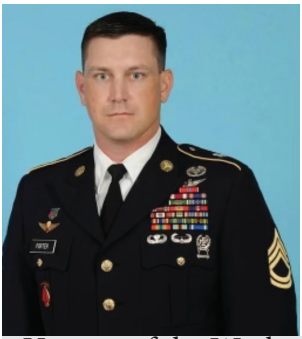


MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

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The Future of the Republic is at Stake

Today is the day that countless Americans have been waiting for. It's a day that our voices can be loudly heard. Regardless of if you are a democrat, republican, libertarian, or independent; regardless of your race, religion, or gender; you are an American and as a free American you have not only a right to vote but you uphold a civic duty to do so. We at Morgan County Today encourage each and every registered voter to make your voice heard by voting.


After election day we will know who is going to lead our country as president. Regardless of it either being President Trump or former Vice President Biden we as Americans need to stand together rather than divided. We must focus our energy and efforts to better our country for the betterment of our fellow man. This can only be done if we focus less on our differences to divide and

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Countless men and women have laid down their lives so that we can exercise our right to vote. We must honor their memory and sacrifices by voting and by peacefully respecting the outcome of our country's citizens' votes. In the end we will only have one American President but we are "all" Americans. Let's choose to vote and choose to live in peace. Let us continue to keep America great and show up to the polls on election day.

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Thomas "Rattler" Phillips, 86

Thomas "Rattler" Phillips, age 86, passed away at his home October 28, 2020. He was born October 9, 1934. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He served his country 4 years in the Air Force. He was a truck driver for many years and drove for many different companies. He was a member of the Fork Mountain Baptist Church in Briceville, and also a member of the Shriners and Mason organizations.

He is preceded in death by his parents, C.W. Phillips and Sylvia Phillips; and son-in-law, Henry Melhorn.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth Phillips; daughter, Reneha Melhorn; sons, Free-

man (Dottie) Phillips; grandchildren, Keli, Kayla, Michelle, Amanda, Thomas and Bryson; great grandchildren, Skylar, Lyla, Angie, Jazmine, Brooklyn; brother, George Edward and wife, Ilene Phillips, close friends, Scottie Phillips, Gary "Sleepy" Phillips, Michael Carroll and Gary Burchfield and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Gary Armes officiating. Interment will follow in the Phillips Cemetery in Briceville.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Thomas "Rattler" Phillips.

Pamela Gay Redmon, 60

Pamela Gay Redmon, age 60, passed away on October 26, 2020 peacefully at her home.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Etta Miller and her son, Mathew Vanwitzenburg.

She is survived by her husband, Tim Redmon; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Katie Vanwitzenburg; sister and brother-in-law, Bobbie Kay and Donnie Griffin; grandson, Kyle, Isaac, Amias, Brycen, Colt and Jaxson; granddaughters, Caylen, Bree, Anna, Hayley and Lilly; great grandson, Carter;



aunt Lora Goad; uncle Willis Davis and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 29, 2020 at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 p.m. with Bro. Bobby Stewart officiating. Graveside will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Black Creek-Cross Roads Cemetery in Robbins, Tn.

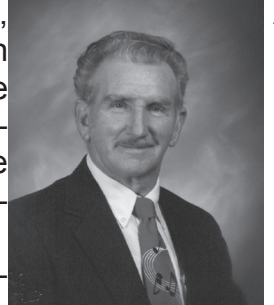
Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Pamela Gay Redmon.

Wayne Deloy Howard, 89

Wayne Deloy Howard, age 89, left this life on October 12, 2020 to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who he loved and served faithfully throughout his life.

Wayne is a veteran of the Korean War where he proudly served his country and received several medals including the Purple Heart. Retired from Y-12 in Oak Ridge, Wayne enjoyed farming and loved spending his days on the farm. He served as Deacon, Song Leader, Sunday School Teacher and Treasurer for many years in the church he loved dearly Oak Grove Church in Lancing. He loved God, his family and friends, his Country and flay, and singing in church.

Wayne is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Velma Davis Howard; parents,



Arba Doyle and Beatrice Aytes Howard; brother, Sidney Howard and infant sister, Marilyn Howard.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and W. Dale Lavender; granddaugh-

ter, Kristen Lavender Pugh and husband, Austin; great grandchildren, Natalie Elaine Pugh and Connor Michael Pugh, all of Lancing; sister, Wanda Dunlap and husband, Jim of Spring Hill, FL.; sisters-in-law, Grace Schirmer of Knoxville and Lena Barnett of Lancing.

The family will be having a graveside service, Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Clear Creek Cemetery in Lancing at 2:00 p.m.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wayne Deloy Howard.

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

CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK POSITION

Plateau Electric Cooperative is accepting applications through Friday, November 20, 2020, for the position of Customer Service Clerk. Job duties shall include assisting customers, answering calls and performing other office-related functions as assigned. The successful candidate must have a high school education, must be friendly, and must possess an ability to remain courteous and polite in meeting and working with the public. Please apply in person at either of the cooperative's offices in Oneida or Wartburg.

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ELECTION NOTICE is hereby given, PRESIDENTIAL/FEDERAL/STATE GENERAL ELECTIONS, PLUS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF SUNBRIGHT AND TOWN OF OLIVER SPRINGS, will be held at all of the appropriate precincts of Morgan County, TN, All voting precincts in Morgan County will be open between the hours of 9am and 8pm November 3, 2020. Below are names and address of each precinct polling place, absentee counting board, and provisional counting board.

Precinct	Location
1-1 Coalfield	Coalfield Senior Citizens Bldg.- 1600 Coal Hill Rd., Harriman, TN 37748
2-1 Oakdale High	Oakdale High School- 225 Clifty St., Oakdale, TN 37829
2-2 Oakdale	Oakdale Town Hall- 204 Queen St.- Oakdale, TN 37829
3-1 Wartburg	Wartburg Civic Center- 1000 Howard St., Wartburg, TN 37887
4-1 Lancing	Faith Missionary Baptist Church- 109 Pemberton St., Lancing, TN 37770
4-2 Deer Lodge	Abner-Ross Center- 110 Corine Ave., Deer Lodge, TN 37726
4-3 Chestnut Ridge	Chestnut Ridge Fire Dept.- 4744 Nashville Hwy., Deer Lodge, TN 37726
5-1 Sunbright	Sunbright City Hall- 120 Melton Dr., Sunbright, TN 37872
5-2 Burrville	Faith in Grace Gospel Mission- 388 Peters Ford Rd., Sunbright, TN 37872
6-1 Kellys	Union Baptist Church- 3615 Knoxville Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887
6-2 Petros	Petros Seniors Bldg.- 1007 Back Petros Rd., Oliver Springs, TN 37840
6-3 Mossy Grove	Fellowship Baptist Church- 1822 Morgan County Hwy., Wartburg, TN 37887
Absentee Counting Board	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting November 3, 2020 at 4pm)
Provisional Counting Board	Morgan County Court House- 415 N. Kingston St., Wartburg, TN 37887 (Meeting November 6, 2020 at 1pm)
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The Morgan County Election Commission is committed to service and accuracy for every voter in all elections. Voters are requested to please contact the Election Commission Office to alleviate any discrepancy or question regarding your registration, address, or polling place. Address changes can be made now or on election day by completing a FAIL-SAFE form. Voters must vote in the precinct in which they reside. A MAP OF THE CURRENT DISTRICTS AND PRECINCT BOUNDARIES CAN BE FOUND AT: www.Morgan-Elections.Com. AT THIS WEBSITE, VOTERS HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHECK THEIR STATUS AND PRECINCT WITH A MAP OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS. Morgan County Election Commission: 423-346-3190 Alan Bradshaw- Chairman, Mike Gunter-Secretary, Billy Kries, Kathy Carroll. Tim Sweat- Administrator WEBSITE: MorganElections.com

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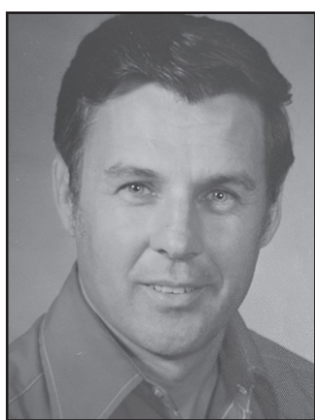
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The Way it Used to Be - Part 2



Tom Redmon
Columnist

My last article on how it used to be only covered the struggles we had in the old days. Believe me we tried to make the best with what we had, and we had a lot of

fun things to do on the farm. I came from a large family

and so did a lot of people in Morgan County. Crooked Fork had at least three good swimming holes and the water was not polluted the way it is today. Up above Lamance Falls we had what we called "the little hole". It was a good place for young children who were learning the rudiments of swimming and diving. We spent a lot of time there in the spring and summer time. When we got older, (about twelve or thirteen) we graduated from, the little hole and went to Lamance Falls. You had to walk to the falls and it was a pretty rugged place. It is named for a Lamance family that had a mill there way back in the 20's or 30's. I loved to swim at Lamance Falls but diving was out for me. Many boys would dive from the extended ledge and Kelly Redmon was one of the best divers I ever saw.

There was a big rock at the end of the water hole that was stood up by the force of the water during the flood of 1929. It was pretty high, I'd estimate at least 25 feet, and it became a challenge for all the boys who was thirteen or older to climb the rock, dive or jump off. I guess we thought we was a man when we succeeded at this feat. I finally got up the nerve to climb it and jump off because I felt it to be too shallow for diving. Some boys dove off and hit the bottom. Looking back

now I realize that we did a lot of dangerous things. We must have had a guardian angel.

Living on the 90-acre farm provided the four mud creek boys a big playground. We had a pasture field where we played many exciting football games. We had a large coal pit where we fished and rode boats we had made with our own hands. Where boys today get all their recreational things at big box stores, we had to make our own toys. We made our sling shots (flippers), our bow and arrows, our click and wheels (remember those now) and boats. Oh yes! We fought like all boys usually do but we never stopped playing together and we remain close friends even today.

One of the favorite pastimes for many boys back in the forties and fifties was marbles. Most boys carried a pocket full of pretty marbles and we had marble rings drawn all over the playground at school. Sometimes we played for fun but at other times we played "for keeps". We had to be careful and not get angry because we lost a lot of our marbles and would argue or fight.

My classmate and friend, Allan Nance, said that marbles were a big favorite at Lancing Elementary School and in one game it almost started a fight. He said he threw a big steal ball in the middle of the ring where all the marbles were bunched together. It broke or damaged all the marbles and Allan said he thought he was going to get whipped.

Some of you out there probably can remember when we had the "no fence laws". You could let your livestock roam all over the county. If you had a poor pasture for your cattle it was a good thing, but if you had a garden it could be a bad thing. I remember going out to drive our cows in at milking time. We

usually found them in the same place every afternoon and I don't remember having any problem getting them to the barn. We really took our click and wheel with us to add a little fun to our chores.

The 50's turned out to be a good time to grow up. I know we had the Korean War in the early 50's but most of my friends and myself were too young to go. We had a republican president (Ike) and a democrat (Truman) and in November 1959 John Kennedy was elected. Everyone back then respected the office of the president. There was no marching or rioting and regardless of who was elected we accepted him and four years later we could vote again. Today it seems that the voice of the people matters little and our present president has had to fight from day one to stay in the office that he was duly elected to by the American people.

In the way of material things, we had very little but we had something better.

We had deep abiding love for our country and when our military men came home from the wars they were treated as heroes. We had prayer in our schools and we respected our flags. Neighbors reached out to others who were hurting. It was a time when families had supper together at a big table. It was a time when families stayed together and raised the children they had brought together. A lot of mothers and fathers might have stayed together because of the children and maybe some didn't show much love to one another, but they stayed together. Marriage was still a sacred thing.

Hollywood produced a lot of family movies back then. Today most movies are rated R and I wouldn't recommend even adults

to go see them.

Our school back in the 40's and 50's for most part was controlled by the local boards and the state. Today the federal government has gotten its hands into our school system and it isn't good. Our textbooks used to be chosen by the state and local school boards. Teachers had a hand in choosing the textbooks they preferred in their school. It is no longer true.

I would gladly go back to the 1950-60's when I made less than \$4,000 a year rather than teach in today's system. We had discipline, and we had God in our lives and classroom. We still have some Christians teaching school today, but they are really up against it.

We need to pray for our teachers. Back in the 40's and 50's children played outside a lot. On warm days you could see boys playing football or softball out in a lot of fields. You could see girls playing hopscotch or some kind of ball with boys. Back then you saw very few children overweight. We ran the fat off.

Mr. Sam Knisley was good to have some kind of sports for us to play. One summer he drove an old bus we had at Liberty Church, up and down the highway picking up boys and girls who wanted to play softball. He took us to communities that had organized teams. It was a lot of fun. We also played a lot of softball that Mr. Knisley was in charge of.

In winter time we still played outside. We had sleds and some good hills to sled down. We had ponds that were frozen over and we went ice skating a lot.

Growing up in the 40's and 50's was exciting. Looking back, I have to say, "thank you Lord for letting me be born in 1936 and for the wonderful era I grew up in". Like Dolly Parton said in one of her big songs, "Coat of Many Colors", you are only poor if you choose to be.



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Historically Speaking Bones of Betrayal – interview with the authors

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

As many of you know, I have been providing support to the new Body Farm novel, *Bones of Betrayal* by Jefferson Bass (the writing team of Dr. Bill Bass and Jon Jefferson), set in Oak Ridge. I have thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of our developing relationship and the process of creating the story.

What follows is an interview with Jon Jefferson and Dr. Bill Bass about *Bones of Betrayal*.

1. What makes the *Bones of Betrayal* story special?

“Two things are unique about *Bones of Betrayal*. First, it’s set in Oak Ridge—modern Oak Ridge and 1940’s Oak Ridge, during the height of the Manhattan Project. Second, there are stories within the story, told by another character—a woman who worked on the Manhattan Project when she was very young. So, the setting and the narrative structure are unique among the four novels we’ve done so far.

2. Why did you decide to write a story with a setting in Oak Ridge?

“Oak Ridge has played such an important role—not just in East Tennessee history but in world history—that it really deserves to star in a book. The Manhattan Project was the biggest, most ambitious human endeavor ever attempted, at a time when the fate of the world was hanging in the balance. Who could resist setting a novel against such an epic backdrop?

3. What was your most rewarding experience as you did the research for this book?

“(Jon): It was fascinating to interview people who were part of the Manhattan Project, to hear their stories about what life was like in wartime Oak Ridge. All that urgency, all that mud, all that hardship, but also—often—all that sense of purpose and camaraderie. What an amazing adventure!

4. Tell us about Arpad Vass’ role in the novel.

“(Bill): Let me give you a little background first. Arpad Vass was one of my graduate students in Anthropology at the University of Tennessee, and for his Ph.D. dissertation project, he studied the chemical composition of the volatile fatty acids that leach out of the human body when it decays. Arpad developed a way to analyze the soil from a death scene and determine when the person had been killed. “Now Arpad is a senior research scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and as a project for the Department of Justice, Arpad has invented a device that’s nicknamed “the Sniffer,” which can detect the presence of buried bodies or bones by the chemical vapors they give off. We thought it would be fun and interesting, in this Oak Ridge novel, to include a real-life ORNL scientist who’s working at the frontiers of forensic science. So even though the story is fictional, Arpad and his sniffer make a cameo appearance and make a very important find.

5. Why did you choose the Katy’s Kitchen location for the Manhattan Project death?

“Katy’s Kitchen is amazing—a storage bunker for weapons-grade uranium that was buried in a hillside and camouflaged with a fake barn. The best part is the “silo,” a concrete guard tower with gun-ports tucked under the roof! Although Katy’s Kitchen wasn’t actually built until a few years after the Manhattan Project, we loved it so much we bent the historical timeline enough to include it in the wartime part of the story. Apart from inventing fictional characters and setting their stories against a factual backdrop, the chronology of Katy’s Kitchen is the one historical fact we played really fast and loose with.

6. What is your impression of Ed Westcott? Why did you choose to use him in the novel?

“Ed Westcott compiled an absolutely amaz-

ing visual record of wartime Oak Ridge—the creation of the city, the work of the Manhattan Project installations, and the lives of the people. He struck us as unique, too—the one person who could go anywhere, see anything, and takes pictures, to boot! He was the ultimate fly on the wall, witnessing and recording events and people that changed the world. “Ed’s photos were a crucial, crucial resource in understanding and writing about Oak Ridge and the



Rebecca Leigh gets the “cover shot” for the author’s photo on the book cover. She knew the control room of the Graphite Reactor would be THE shot and it was. (Photo Submitted)



Jon Jefferson and Dr. Bill Bass standing on top of the underground storage vault where the Uranium 235 was stored and in front of the “silo” that was really a guard tower. This facility, “Operation Dog” when it was designed, was later to be dubbed “Katy’s Kitchen” for Katy Odom who routinely enjoyed her lunch in the peaceful solitude of the wooded setting of the facility. (Photo Submitted)

Manhattan Project. As for including him in the novel: well, the same qualities that made him unique in real life—his remarkable access to everything going on during the war—also gave him some interesting potential as a character in a fictional story, too.

7. Is it true that early on you wanted to “kill off the photographer” and Ed did not want you to do that? How did that happen?

“(Jon): Yes, I must confess that I’m guilty of criminal intent there! As the story took shape, it became clear that I needed a character who had wide-ranging access and knowledge of the Manhattan Project work—and that that character might need to die, in the service of the story. So I floated the idea of ‘killing off the photographer.’ “Ed, understandably enough, wasn’t too keen on being killed off, even in fiction. I tried to persuade him that being murdered would be a huge compliment, in a backhanded sort of way, but he wasn’t buying it. So, I did a little ‘writerly’ sleight-of-hand and managed to spare him.

8. Who was most helpful in your research and why? What technical challenges did you face? “Ed Westcott’s images were hugely helpful in visualizing wartime Oak Ridge. (This next sentence or two is embarrassing for me, but makes me proud at the same time...I hope you will make allowances for me and understand why I left it in the interview response – Ray) Ray Smith’s *Historically Speaking* columns were a goldmine—I “borrowed” a story about Ernest Lawrence accidentally trashing one of his own calutrons from one of the remi-

niscences Ray has published. “Ray’s access to historic sites and historic people was also enormously helpful. Bill Wilcox regaled Ray and me over a long, delightful lunch with tales of his wartime Oak Ridge experiences, and Bill Sergeant—who in recent years has helped Rotary International lead the worldwide fight to eradicate polio—was kind enough to lift the curtain and give me a glimpse at Manhattan Project security. “Barbara Lyon’s special 1976 edition of the ORNL Review—which contained many firsthand reminiscences of the early days—was terrific. Richard Rhodes’s monumental and superb book, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, was a lifesaver. So were the wonderful reference librarians at the Oak Ridge Public Library! “One major challenge was including enough science to make the story credible, but not so much as to overwhelm nonscientists. A second challenge was getting the science right. A third challenge was steering a middle course between fact and fiction, between history and invention.

9. Who helped you to understand the radiation contamination aspects of the story? “Many people helped with the radioactive contamination scenario that’s in the book. Among the most helpful were Dr. Doran Christensen and health physicist Steve Sugarman at REAC/TS; medical physicist Wayne Thompson, at UT Medical Center; and Special Agent Chris Gay, the Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator at the Knoxville Field Office of the FBI. All of those people—experts in their field—were incredibly generous with their time and knowledge, and remarkably patient in answering countless questions.

The interview continues for nine other questions. Learn about the lady who inspired “Beatrice” as well as come along with Jon Jefferson as he explores some spooky storm drains in Oak Ridge in the next *Historically Speaking*.

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

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

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

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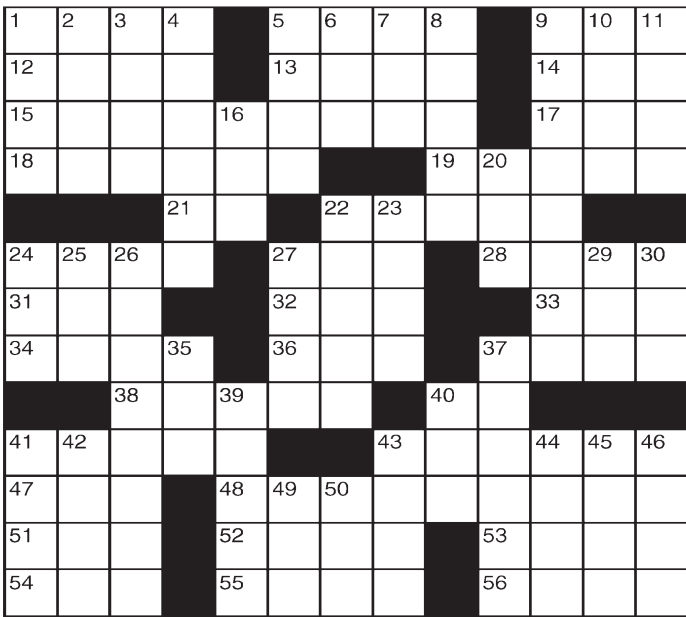
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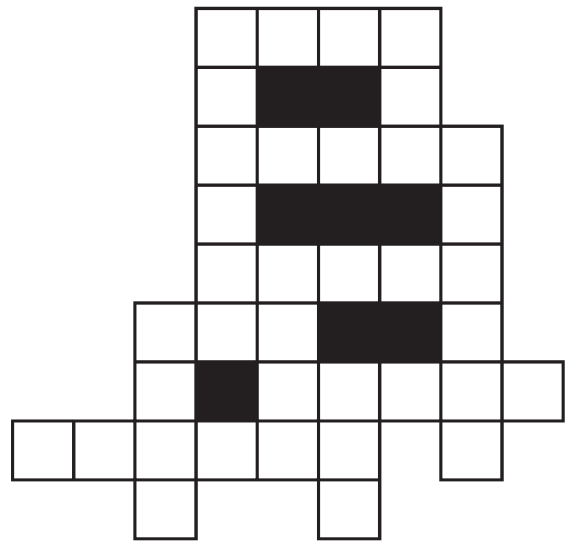
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

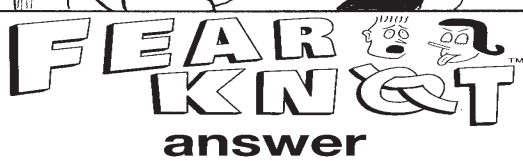
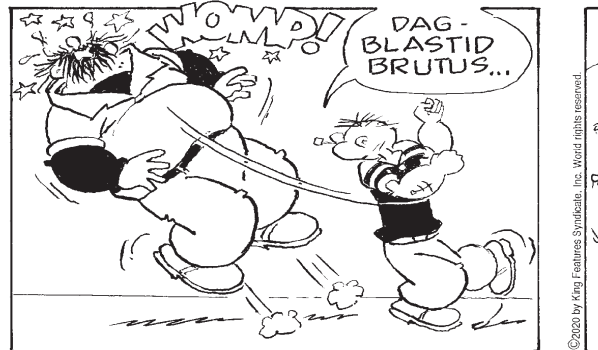
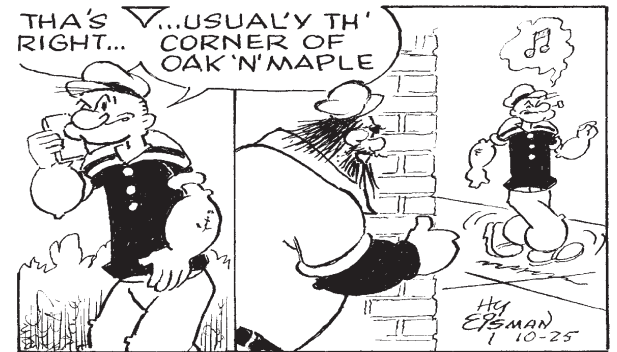
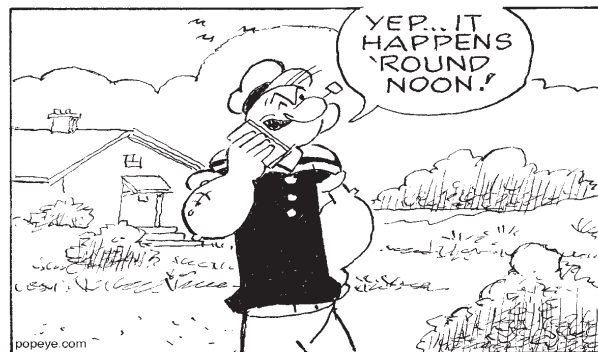
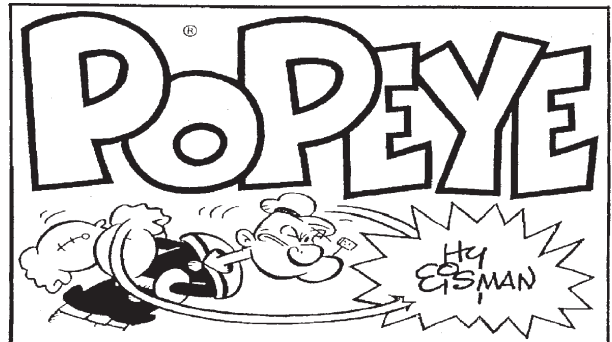
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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He Rides the Storm with Us

By: MSG. Fred Mize



MSG Fred Mize

Most everyone is familiar with the Biblical story of Noah's ark. I've always been amazed by this story. Before I go any further, I want to stress the fact that I believe the story of Noah's ark and all other Biblical stories are factual. I truly believe that the miracle of Noah's ark took place just as it is told in the Bible. I believe God saved mankind and the animal kingdom from the great flood just as explained in the Bible and most importantly I believe Jesus Christ was born of a virgin and He died for our sins and was resurrected three days after His death.

Sadly, there are people who don't take the Bible as truth. I can't think of anything else in this world that will bring more sorrow to their lives. I can't understand how they find enough joy in their lives to even get out of bed, without knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Now, let's get back to Noah's ark. Like I said, "I've always been amazed by this story". Not only am I thankful that Noah took God's desire to heart but I'm equally saddened by the fact that the vast majority of the world's population had turned from God and lived sinful lives. What used

to be my favorite part in this grand Biblical story is in Genesis 7:7-9, 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his son's wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. 8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of

elephants and giraffes on down to the humble moles and chipmunks walking two by two. What a site and a miracle.

As I stated, that used to be my favorite part of this story but no longer. My favorite verse is now in Genesis 7:16, 16 And they that

instruct Noah to build the ark and command pairs of all living creatures to enter the ark but He was there with them in the midst of the storm. He closed the doors to the ark and shut him in. I believe with all my heart that the spirit of God rode in the ark with them

us to the very point that He provides us with shelter in the storm if we will only heed his word that He gives us out of not only concern but out of truth and love. Amen!



every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

What a magnificent site that must have been. Imagine seeing every living creature from the mighty

went in, went in male and female of flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

Did you catch it? How the end of the verse tells us that, "the LORD shut him in". This brings such peace to my heart knowing that God did not only

throughout their entire journey.

I pray that this verse will bring your heart comfort by knowing that God is fully aware of the overwhelming storms we find ourselves in. He is aware of our situation because He is there in the midst of the storms with

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

WARTBURG, TN COMMUNITY EVENT

FREE PRIZE GIVEAWAYS! During the event, I will be periodically giving out prizes of different values. I will also be announcing the winner of the Central High School's 3rd annual scholarship giveaway during the event. There will be a GRAND PRIZE giveaway at the end of the event. You don't want to miss out on this giveaway. You must be present to win and there is no purchase necessary.

The first 20 people at the event will receive a coupon for a FREE coffee style drink. MoCo Brewery has fresh espresso, coffee, and lattes. The first 20 that show up to the event will be treated to a free beverage of Morgan County's finest espresso. GET THERE EARLY!

2 popular food trucks will be at the event. Nachos Bisnez and Forks in the Road have some amazing food on their trucks. Nachos Bisnez will be serving Walking Tacos, quesadillas, burritos, and nachos. Forks in the Road is a popular food truck that specializes in sliders, burgers, and fresh cut fries. All food will be available for purchase throughout the event. Stop by to get these popular Knoxville, TN food truck favorites right in Wartburg, TN.

What's there to do at the community event? This event will be a great way to connect our community together face to face. I would love to see all the people of Morgan County who have helped make this event possible. Doug Freels will be playing live music. He is from The Shelter Road Band. There will be cornhole set up to play as well. It will be a great time to get together as a community. We will have plenty of hand sanitizer, wipes, masks, and will be practicing social distancing during the event.

I will be at Wartburg Public Library on Thursday, November 12th at 5:00pm to teach a FREE career development session. It will be more of a question and answer session on any topic career related. If you are looking to develop your career, find a different job, or learn about new opportunities, please come visit me at the Wart-

burg Public Library.

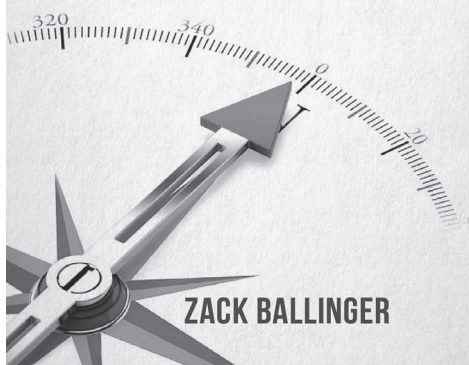
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Zack Ballinger

DON'T BE A ZOMBIE

HOW TO FIND A CAREER YOU LOVE



I will be hosting a community event on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00am to 1:00pm at MoCo Brewing Project in Wartburg, TN. The event is for anyone and all ages. I am also excited to be launching my 2nd book, "Don't Be a Zombie: How to Find a Career you Love." It will be a global launch celebration on Amazon, but the live event is only in Wartburg, TN!!! I will have copies available for purchase at a deep discounted rate. I will also be broadcasting live from my Facebook profile page. I currently have over 41,000 followers! www.facebook.com/thezackballinger

What is happening at the community event?



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

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Once again, I want to share a funny I read on Facebook. IN MARCH: FRIDAY THE 13TH, FULL MOON, TURNED CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR, ALL IN ONE WEEKEND. OCTOBER 31, HALLOWEEN ON SATURDAY, FULL MOON, TURN CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR. MAYBE THIS WILL RETURN US TO FACTORY SETTINGS??

Today, Tuesday, November 3 is the 2020 Presidential Election. If you have not already voted, please do so today. Make sure to take a photo ID.

There will be a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 – 5:00 at the Wartburg Boys and Girls Club located in Solomon Park in Wartburg. Some of the featured items will be homemade crafts, cutting boards, books, homemade soaps, jewelry, Scentsy, Pampered Chef, baskets, wooden signs and much more. This is a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping.

Happy 6th Birthday to Cartie Madison Disney. Cartie's birthday was on Friday, October 30. She celebrated with family and friends with a party at her home on Sunday, November 1.

A couple of weekends ago, Susan Brewer had a full weekend! On Friday, she went to Anakeesta with Pearl Campbell. On Saturday, she attended the Brushy Mountain Union Picnic at the old Brushy Site and toured the prison. On Saturday night, she and Wayne Gunt-

er enjoyed the drive in movie, "I Still Believe", at Mossy Grove Baptist Church. On Sunday, she had a sister trip to different areas in Chattanooga with Verna Webb and Diane Jenkins.

Justin, Valerie, Cartie and Clay Disney participated in the Harriman City Trunk or Treat last Thursday night. Justin dressed as Michael Myers, Valerie dressed as a wicked witch, Cartie was a Zombie Girl and Clay was Buzz Light Year. They said it took a long time to complete the drive thru but it was fun and the kids really enjoyed it.

Brooke Mullins turned 13 on October 23. For her birthday, she got a beach trip! She, her friend Tristan, her "Bear" (Grandmother Janice) and cousin April went to Litchfield Golf and Beach Resort. They celebrated with a small party at the condo, visited Brookgreen Gardens, went shopping at The Strand and of course spent lots of time at the beach. Awesome way to turn 13!

Baylee Manis, the 7 year old great granddaughter of Barbara and Phil Holder of Oakdale spent time with her family during her fall break. She spent the day with her great aunt, Debbie Holder and her great grandmother "junking" in stores in Wartburg. They even rode up to Deer Lodge for treasures. Baylee especially enjoyed the house with all the giant metal farm animals and the herd of cows in someone's yard enjoying the grass and

their freedom. After lunch at El Patron, she spent the afternoon with Old Paw. She then helped Aunt Debbie make a lasagna that she took home with her for supper. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Michele Bingham was honored with a Surprise 50th Birthday Party on Friday, October 30. Her best surprise was seeing her sons, Brady and Brett who are away at college but were able to attend their mom's celebration.

Pine Orchard Church Clothes Closet will be open Tuesday, November 10 from 9:00 – 12:00. The Pine Orchard Church Food Pantry will be Saturday, November 21 from 11:00 – 1:00.

Harriman Public Library will resume in person programs this week. Show and Share is on Mondays at 11:00. Kindergarten – 1st Homeschool Program is on Tuesdays at 10:00. Preschool Program is on Wednesdays at 11:00. On Thursdays, the 2nd – 5th Grade Homeschool Program is at 10:00 and the 6th grade through High School Homeschool Program is at 12:00.

I have been monitoring the Little Free Library next to Oakdale City Hall. There have been really good books for all ages there as well as some children's DVDs. Be sure to check it out.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dustin Laymance who passed away October 22. He is survived by his wife Sabrina, sons Brayden and Jayce, his father, Clarence Laymance and his mother Rebekah Johnson. He is also survived by his grandmother Edna Johnson, his grandfather, Ronnie Johnson and his brothers Nicholas Lee and Richard Howard and his sisters, Sarah Dettmar, Kristy Laymance and Clarissa Laymance along

with a host of other family and friends. Services were held Tuesday, October 27 at Davis Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Pamela Redmon who passed away Monday, October 26. She is survived by her husband Tim Redmon, her son and daughter in law, Mark and Katie Vanwitzenburg and several grandchildren. Services were held Thursday, October 29 with the graveside being held Friday at Black Creek-Cross Roads Cemetery in Robbins.

Sympathy to the family of Lyle Nealon who passed away Friday, October 30. He is survived by his wife, Iretta, his mother, Novalee, sons and daughter in laws, Doug and Angela Nealon, Bradley and Ramona Nealon and his daughter and son in law, Cheryl and Jason Oran. He is survived by grandsons Joseph Nealon, Jacob Oran and Joshua Oran and granddaughters, Mary Ann Sexton and Laura Melton and one great granddaughter, Hadley Oran along with a host of other friends and family. A graveside service was held Sunday, November 1st at Mt. Vernal Baptist Church Cemetery.

Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder. - Unknown

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

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The Deer Lodge Thanksgiving Celebration is less than a month away. The Abner Ross Center is going to have its Annual Thanksgiving Ceremony and Dinner on Saturday, November 21 from 11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The Covid virus has caused changes from our normal celebration. Instead of usual buffet style, the Center will be cooking a complete Thanksgiving meal of turkey, ham, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, roll, and pumpkin pie. To defer the cost a donation of \$5.00 per plate will be requested. You can dine-in (Covid regulations observed) or carryout, and delivery will be available within a 5-mile radius of Deer Lodge.

This will be an excellent opportunity for people to have a Thanksgiving meal for the family with a low cost and show support for the Center. A family of 5 can have a complete prepared meal for \$25.00. For more information call 423-628-2850. On November 21 call 423-965-5000 for delivery. Please call before 11 A.M.

Hopefully things will be back to normal next year.

Acts Chapter 5

(Acts 5:1-11) the sin of Ananias and Sapphira: it surely is an evidence of Bible inspiration that the following narrative was included in Luke's glowing record of the growth, courage, unity, and generosity of the early church. A strictly human author, guided solely by biased, human impulses, might well have chosen to omit this unsavory episode.

A Christian couple sold a piece of property (as Barnabas had) and donated a portion of the income to the church. The problem was that they represented the gift as the entire amount, thus perpetrating a fraud. The giving was under their discretion, but they wanted the honor of their fellows. Hence, they collaborated to deceive. As each arrived at the assembly, three hours apart, they were rebuked and suffered the judgment of God--death. This was the first case of church discipline, and it produced its intended effect--fear came upon the whole church (v. 11). (They had lied to God v. 4).

Acts 12-16) the effect of apostolic miracles: the purpose of miracles was to establish the credibility of those performing the signs and so to authenticate inspired teaching (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4). In the early days of the church, when none of the New Testament was written, the apostles were doing many signs and wonders (see 2:22). The company of disciples continued in "one accord," apparently using certain areas of the temple for their meetings (2:46). Solomon's portico, about sixty feet wide and one thousand feet in length, could accommodate huge crowds.

Verse thirteen is difficult. It may suggest that as a result of the dramatic judgment upon Ananias and Sapphira some disciples kept their distance from the apostles; others however, acknowledging the power of God, magnified these servants of Jesus and obeyed the gospel. And "believers were the more added" to the Lord. A steady stream was flowing into the church (Isa. 2:2-4).

The term "believers" does not suggest faith alone was the totality of their response; rather, it summarizes the entirety of the divine plan. Confidence in the powers of the apostles was so dramatic that people brought the sick out into the streets in the hope that Peter might pass by and his shadow cast some efficacious blessing. The text does not explicitly state that people were healed in this fashion, but this seems to be the impression left.

As the news of these signs spread, crowds flocked to Jerusalem from the surrounding areas. They brought their sick and those who were troubled with "unclean spirits," demons. They sought healing and were not disappointed. "Every one" was healed--in contrast to modern-day "healers," who must turn away difficult cases. It is important to note the distinction drawn between the "sick" and those "vexed with unclean spirits," as reflected by the conjunction. This clearly shows that New Testament references to demons were not mere superstitious allusions to ordinary sicknesses (Mk. 1:34). Evil spirits could cause sickness (Mk. 12:22), but not all illness was the result of demon possession. Demons were evil spirits who, in the providence of God, were allowed to inhabit certain people in the first century. This phenomenon enabled Christ and his apostles to demonstrate the superiority of sacred power over the satanic realm (Mk. 16:9).

Acts 5:17-32) persecution from the Jewish leaders: persecution was about to intensify. Note that verse seventeen begins with a contrasting particle. The high priest (either Annas or Caiaphas) and the band of Sadducees that supported him were filled with jealousy. They seized the apostles and put them in a "public" jail. They intended to deal with them the next day, since an arrest and trial could not be carried out in the same day (an exception, of course, was made in the case of Jesus!). During the night, one of the Lord's angels opened the prison doors and brought the apostles out. The angel issued three commands" go, stand, and speak. They were to go to the temple, stand in the pres-

ence of the people, and speak all the words they were bidden (called the words of "this Life," words of salvation (v. 20 & CF 13:26). They obeyed his words and entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach.

When the high priest and his associates, together with the Sanhedrin, assembled, officers were dispatched to the prison to retrieve the apostles. They found nothing but empty cells. When the captain of the temple guard (4:1) and the chief priests heard this startling news, they were baffled. Presently, someone reported that the apostles were in the temple area--teaching again. Some officers went to handle the matter. An urge to beat the apostles likely was suppressed because the officials were afraid of the common folk. So, peaceably, the apostles were brought to where the Sanhedrin was assembled. They had not resisted, having learned much from the Prince of Peace.

The apostles were placed before the council and reminded that they already had been warned not to teach in "this name." They are charged: "You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching." It is estimated that Jerusalem had a resident population of some fifty-five thousand, swelling to one hundred eighty thousand during festivals. They were proclaiming that Christ had been raised from the dead. The rulers feared that the apostolic preaching would bring Jesus' blood upon them. Isn't that what they asked for (Mt. 27:25)? Bravely, the Lord's men said: "We must obey God rather than men." The word "must" suggests a spiritual necessity. "Obey" (Greek present tense) suggests a consistent way of life. The Creator must take precedence over everything else.

The apostles cared nothing for the high priest's sensitivity about bringing accountability for Christ's blood upon the Jews. They charged: "God raised up Jesus (whom you killed by hanging him on a tree), exalting him (to heaven) as both a Prince (founder, leader) and a Savior." God, through the mission of his Son, has "given repentance" to Israel. If repentance is a command (2:38), how can it be represented as a "gift" (11:18)? Sometimes God is said to do what he only permits (Rom. 11:8). The Lord graciously has granted us the opportunity to repent, but we must exercise our own wills in doing so.

Note also that it is affirmed that "remission of sins" is connected to Christ (4:11-12). Some have attempted to negate the necessity of baptism by suggesting that the apostles did not mention the rite along with "remission of sins." Neither was "faith" specifically mentioned. Baptism certainly is implied--unless Peter preached a different gospel on Pentecost (2:38). The apostles testified further that they were witnesses of the truths they proclaimed. They were not idle dreamers who had invented a new religion. Their preaching was backed by the Holy Spirit, whose guiding influence they had received in overwhelming measure on Pentecost, and who continued with them at this very hour. It is a principle of truth that God grants the Spirit to those who obey him; the presence of the Spirit in the ministry of the apostles, therefore, was Heaven's guarantee that their message was not humanly devised (Jn. 15:26-27).

Acts 33-42) Gamaliel's influence: the council members were infuriated and had in mind to kill the apostles. A wise council member, Gamaliel, stepped forward and called for moderation. He cited a couple of examples of men who arose attempting to disrupt society and solicit a following; but these movements amounted to nothing. Thus it would be expedient to let these men (the apostles) alone. If they were not of God, they would be overthrown; if they were, the Jews would be opposing the Lord (v.38-39). He was able to calm troubled waters. The council was temporarily satisfied with merely beating them and threatening them not to speak in the name Jesus. The persecution produced the opposite effect. The brethren rejoiced that they were privileged to suffer for Christ, and every day they continued to teach and preach Jesus as the Messiah.

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He served in various leadership positions from Standards Instructor, Squad Leader, Battalion Senior Medic for two separate battalions and Operations Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Regiment Medical Operations with the responsibility of coordinating and staffing combat health support for two theaters of operation as well as all classified CONUS and OCONUS training exercises.

He was also extremely versed in counter-insurgency and instruction of unique intricacies of aviation medicine. He proved to be a highly skilled manager, with hands-on experience in planning, directing and coordinating a wide range of complex programs and projects. Adept at performing associated risk analysis and implementing mitigating actions.

He is combat proven with twenty-two deployments, eleven to Operation Enduring Freedom and eleven deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom and numerous classified contingency operations.

From July 2011 - February 2016 he served as a full time Entry Team Member and Tactical

Paramedic on the Special Reaction Team

(SRT) for the Director of Emergency Services and Fort Knox Police.

Some of SFC (Ret) Porter's, United States Army awards include; a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal, five Air Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, and Campaign Medals for Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq along with a Korean Defense Medal. He has many more unlisted awards.

SFC (Ret) CJ Porter, you have fulfilled such a long lasting and prestigious military career. Again, we at Morgan County Today are truly honored to have you serve among us throughout our great community. Thank you and God bless!



Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

Morgan County Today is both pleased and honored to praise MCSO Deputy CJ Porter as both this week's law enforcement officer of the week and the veteran of the week.

CJ grew up in Wartburg and was a graduate of Wartburg Central High School, class of 1995. After graduating from high school, he served a twenty-year career in the United States Army. After retiring from the Army, he moved back to Wartburg where he resides today with his loving wife and their

three wonderful children. Just a year and a half after retiring from the United States Army, CJ fulfilled his desire to continue to serve his community by becoming a Morgan County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy in September 2018 and



has faithfully served our community in that role since. CJ is also an ambassador for the Veterans Sportsman Alliance, a Special Operations Combat Medic Independent Contractor and a General Manager for Event Medic

Services. Deputy CJ Porter it is evident that you truly live a life of serving others. Morgan County Today thanks you for your service to both our great country and our community by serving as a veteran, a deputy and a patriot.

The IRS has new technology for taxpayers



David Zubler

For the first time, the IRS is using barcode technology to make it easier for people to interact with the IRS. The IRS recently sent notices to millions of people which have included the barcode

in the notice. The CP 14 and CP14 IA notices

inform people that they have unpaid taxes. You can now use your smartphone to scan a QR code in the notice and go directly to the IRS website IRS.gov and securely access your account.

This technology will allow you to set up a payment plan with the IRS or contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS). TAS is an office that is independent of the IRS, who personally assist taxpayers in resolving their problems with the Internal Revenue Service

"These codes will give taxpayers immediate access to the most important informa-

tion for them to pay their balances, set up payment agreements or reach out for help" said Darren Guillot, the IRS Small Business/Self-Employed Deputy Commissioner for Collection and Operations Support. "We understand there's a lot of information on the web, and we want to give taxpayers more secure tools that can more easily help them resolve their tax situations"

The IRS typically sends more than 8 million CP14 notices to taxpayers each year. "This will help make the entire process easier for taxpayers," Guillot said. Fortunately, I had the honor of meeting Darren at an ASTPS tax seminar in Las Vegas and was very impressed with his professionalism. Additionally, I had the opportunity to discuss the IRS scenario during a phone call with him. Due to cutbacks in IRS employees, providing the necessary services has become more challenging for their staff. Fortunately, the IRS has been working on new technologies for taxpayers for several years, which should help their dilemma.

The IRS is assessing the possibility of

adding other QR codes to other notices for people with tax balances.

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, correspondence with the IRS has become even slower and more challenging. The new barcode technology will allow people to more efficiently correspond with the IRS to resolve their tax matter.

For questions about the new barcode technology, I can be reached at my contact information below.

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