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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK 69°/44° Tue 13 74°/53 Wed 14 74°/44° Thu 15 55°/37° Fri 16 57°/42° Sat 17 62°/46 Sun 18 65°/47 Mon 19



Veteran of the Week Melvin Page



Aaron McPeters



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S.H.O.C-Wave Hits MoCo

Morgan County Businesses Participate in "Paint the Town Pink" To Help Fight Breast Cancer

(Photos by Amy Redmon Stafford)

Each year in October the community participates in various activities and fundraisers during breast cancer awareness month. This year the was no exception.

The pink ribbon represents fear of breast cancer, hope for the future, and the charitable goodness of people and businesses who publicly support the breast cancer movement. It is intended to evoke solidarity with women who currently have breast cancer.

The SHOC (Survivors Helping Other Cope) group received \$3,321 to go to help anyone going through treatment of any cancer. This will go to help people that need encouragement in many different ways during one of the hardest times in their lives.

Let the color pink be a reminder that many women



are currently fighting breast cancer, many women have overcome breast cancer, and somberly many have lost their fight. Show your support not only by wearing pink or displaying your support through a ribbon but also through action.

If you know someone who is fighting breast cancer let them know they aren't alone. Don't only ask if there is anything you can do for them but do all you can for them. Let them know they aren't fighting alone and remind women to complete routine self-exams.



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Paint the Town Pink Winners 2020

Best of Show	Partner's Pizza
Best Exterior(Tie)	Morgan County Courthouse & Central High School
2nd Place Best Exterior	South Fork Physical Therapy
Best Interior	Wartburg Post Office
2nd Place Best Interior	Morgan County Medical
3rd Place Best Interior	Wartburg Public Library
"Rockin the Town"	CAS/Morgan County Head Start
Most Creative(Tie)	Morgan County Animal Hospital & High Communications
"New Kid on the Block"	Central Elementary
Cathy & Cute	Apothecare Pharmacy
Honorable Mention	Summit Medical at Wartburg

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Local

Roane State Foundation receives \$5,000 donation from Jewelry Television to support Pay-It-Forward program

Jewelry Television (JTV) has again donated \$5,000 to support the Roane State Foundation's Pay-It-Forward awards program.

JTV is one of the nation's largest jewelry retailers and supports more than 1,400 jobs on its 16-acre Knoxville campus. It's located next to Roane State's Knox County Center for Health Sciences at 132 Hayfield Road.

Roane State Foundation's Pay-It-Forward program provides aid to students to help them stay in school. That assistance can include help with books or tuition for students nearing completion of their degrees and assistance with exam fees to obtain licenses and certifications.

The program also provides help in the form of one-time support for needs such as a rent payments, utility bills or car repairs for those who may have decreased work hours or experienced job loss due to COVID-19 or other economic challenges.

Once they have jobs and are able to give back, students who receive Pay-It-Forward scholarships agree to help future Roane State students in need to complete their education.

"Jewelry Television aims to open the world of jewelry and gemstones to everyone, so the company has a strong educational foundation," said Charlie Wagner, the company's vice chairman and legal counsel. "With that in mind, we value higher education and helping people enhance their skills and training through formal instruction."

"The college's mission aligns with our values, and it's important to support the community where we live and work," Wagner added. "We're proud to support Roane State Foundation's Pay-It-Forward program."

JTV made its first \$5,000 donation to the Pay-It-Forward program in 2019.

Send Letters to the Editor Editor@mocotoday.com

Morgan County Schools Public Service Announcement

Morgan County Schools is committed to the success of each student in our school system. If your child is having difficulty learning and you feel more help is needed, please contact your local school or the Director of Special Education at MC Schools Central Office, 423-346-6214.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-2507, Notice is hereby given by the Back Tax Committee of Morgan County, Tennessee that it intends to sell the Following Property. PERSON WHO PURCHASES PROPERTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY 2020 TAXES.

The Following properties do have bids, any bidder can bid 10% above this initial bid – if someone bids, there will be a bid off on a date selected by the Morgan County Executive's office, where all who have bid on the property may come and bid on the property. All bidders will be invited to the bid off.

#3. District 12 Map 4 Parcel 6.09 CURRENT BID: \$500.00 MINIMUM BID: \$550.00 #8. District 1 Map 142 Parcel 79.01 CURRENT BID: \$500.00 MINIMUM BID: \$550.00 #9. District 11 Map 086 Parcel 13.00 CURRENT BID: \$500.00 MINIMUM BID: \$550.00 #13. District 3 Map 148 Parcel 51.03 CURRENT BID: \$300.00 MINIMUM BID: \$330.00 #19. District 8 Map 92 Parcel 19.08 CURRENT BID: \$4010.00 MINIMUM BID: \$4411.00 THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES have no bids. Morgan County is accepting bids on these properties. #1. District 10 Map 130 Parcel 7.02 803 Morgan County Highway, Wartburg Minimum Bid: \$2897.03 #6. District 7 Map 052 Parcel 60.01 1436 Deer Lodge Hwy, Sunbright Minimum Bid: \$2002.53 #7. District 10 Map 155C Group A CTL Map 155C-A Parcel 4.00 Minimum Bid: \$2356.67 #10. District 11 Map 074 Parcel 8.08 Minimum Bid: \$1666.28 #12. District 3 Map 162 Parcel 5.14 Minimum Bid: \$1283.90 The Morgan County Government will have bid opening on each property at 10 A.M. on October 19, 2020. Bid opening will be in the conference room on the third floor of the Morgan County Courthouse. The minimum bid price is seen above next to each property. This is the amount the County has invested in paying fees and taxes for each property. According to the law, there is then a 10 day window when someone can bid 10% more than the highest bid for a property. These properties will be ran in the local newspaper(s) again, giving any citizen the opportunity to bid 10% higher than the highest bid. If such a bid is received, there will be a bid off for the property. If no such bid is received, the original highest bid will be considered for property ownership. Person interested in bidding on a property can mail or personally deliver a sealed bid to Bret Pallotta in the County Executive's Office at the Morgan County Courthouse. If mailing, send to: Bret Pallotta, Executive Assistant C/O Morgan County Courthouse P.O. Box 387 Wartburg, TN 37887

"While Tennessee has major scholarships and grants, many student needs remain," Roane State President Chris Whaley said. "Jewelry Television's generous support of the Pay-It-Forward program helps fill those unmet needs to ensure that costs and unforeseen life events are not systemic barriers to higher education."

The College and the Foundation have seen emergency aid requests increase nearly 50 percent since March due to COVID-19. Funds have been used to pay for cell phone bills, internet access due to more online classes, and to assist students with housing costs. Pay-It-Forward funds have even been used to replace worn-out work boots.

Covering the cost of license and certification exam fees for health science students is also particularly important because successful completion of those exams is necessary for careers.

JTV has a 26-year history and a successful strategy to elevate the customer experience with around-the-clock live TV programming to 85 million U.S. households. The company also has an industry-leading e-commerce platform and a robust social media presence.

As part of its commitment to customer satisfaction and the development and distribution of educational content, JTV employs many Graduate Gemologists and Accredited Jewelry Professionals. For more information, visit www.JTV.com and JTV's social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, Pinterest and LinkedIn.

Roane State is a two-year college providing transfer programs, career-preparation programs and continuing education. Founded in 1971, the college has locations in Roane, Campbell, Cumberland, Fentress, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, and Scott counties as well as a branch campus in Oak Ridge. For more information, visit www.roanestate.edu or call (865) 882-4554.

Remember, eligible adults can now attend Roane State tuition-free with the new Reconnect grant. Learn more at www.roanestate. edu/reconnect.

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

October 15th, American Legion Post 149 members will conduct their monthly meeting which will start at 7:00 pm. We will also be celebrating the Navy's 244th Birthday, with cake.

October 31st, American Legion Post 149 will be open for Trick-or-Treaters on Halloween with the times set by the county for Trunkor-Treat. Due to the Covid pandemic we will not be hosting a costume contest this year.

ETHRA TO RECERTIFY FOR COMMODITIES

The East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) will be recertifying for commodities. The ETHRA office is located at 1111 Knoxville Hwy, Wartburg, next to the Wartburg High School. Office hours are 8 to 4:30, closed each day 12 to 1 for lunch. Households can pre-register for new cards prior to December distribution. If you have questions, please call 423-346-6651 ext. 6501 or 6504. This program is funded under an agreement with the Department of Agriculture. In accordance with federal law and USDA, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Invitation to Bid

The Morgan County Sheriff's Department is accepting bids for inmate telephones and services for the Morgan County Jail. Bids should include pricing for telephone and video services for inmates at the Morgan County Jail, as well as installation and service. Bids will be opened October 23,2020 at 10:00am in the third-floor conference room of the Morgan County Courthouse in Wartburg, TN. Sealed Bids should be mailed to Morgan County Office of Finance, PO Box 250, Wartburg, TN 37887 and should be marked INMATE PHONE SYSTEM BID on the outside of the envelope. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department has the right to reject any and all bids.

Invitation to Bid

Morgan County Solid Waste will be accepting sealed bids to sale surplus equipment. Items to be sold are listed below:

Case 580 Super M 4x4 Backhoe VIN # N6C413302 CAT 416B 4X4 Backhoe VIN # 5HK38168

You may mail bids to P.O. Box 250, Wartburg, TN 37887 or deliver bids to the Morgan County Landfill 337 Flat Fork Road, Wartburg, TN 37887. Landfill operating hours are 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

All bids must be in by 9:00 A.M. Thursday, October 22nd. Bid opening will be Thursday, October 22nd at 9:00 A.M. Bid opening will be in the Morgan County Courthouse, 3rd floor conference room.

Morgan County Solid Waste reserves the right to reject or refuse any or all bids.

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Local

Wings Over Wartburg By Jon Peters

If you lived in Wartburg in the 1950's, 60's, or 70's, you might have known Alan Peters. He was the younger son of John & Katie Peters, and went through grade school & high school in Wartburg. He played football & basketball at Wartburg Central High School. Then after graduating he went on to UT majoring in industrial engineering.

Somewhere along the line Alan developed an interest in flying and got his pilot's license. He joined the Air National Guard and went to flight school in San Antonio, Texas to become a jet pilot. After moving to Birmingham, Alabama where he started his own business producing pre-cast stone, he joined the Alabama Air National Guard.....which eventually led to "wings over Wartburg".

Alan was a pilot in the Air Guard flying the F-4 Phantom, the fighter jet of that day. He flew frequently as required in the Guard to get his flying hours in. One Sunday morning on one of his flying exercises, sometime in the 1970s, he flew from Birmingham up over Wartburg. It didn't take long to do that in the F-4 Phantom. Alan knew what time

USDA to Provide Additional Direct Assistance to Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by the



St. Paul Lutheran Church services were over as that was the church he grew up in and where his parents and many other relatives attended. So he timed his flight to arrive over the church just as everyone was coming out and into the church front yard. He comes flying over the church in a huge roar at tree top



Dairy (cow's milk) payments will be based on actual milk production from April 1 to Aug. 31, 2020. The milk production for Sept. 1, 2020, to Dec. 31, 2020, will be estimated by FSA. Eligible beef cattle, hogs and pigs, and lambs and sheep payments will be based on the maximum owned inventory of eligible livestock, excluding breeding stock, on a date selected by the producer, between Apr. 16, 2020, and Aug. 31, 2020. Flat-rate Crops Crops that either do not meet the 5-percent price decline trigger or do not have data available to calculate a price change will have payments calculated based on eligible 2020 acres multiplied by \$15 per acre. These crops include alfalfa, extra long staple (ELS) cotton, oats, peanuts, rice, hemp, millet, mustard, safflower, sesame, triticale, rapeseed, and several others. Sales Commodities Sales commodities include specialty crops; aquaculture; nursery crops and floriculture; other commodities not included in the price trigger and flat-rate categories, including tobacco; goat milk; mink (including pelts); mohair; wool; and other livestock (excluding breeding stock) not included under the price trigger category that were grown for food, fiber, fur, or feathers. Payment calculations will use a sales-based approach, where producers are paid based on five payment gradations associated with their 2019 sales. Additional commodities are eligible in CFAP 2 that weren't eligible in the first iteration of the program. If your agricultural operation has been impacted by the pandemic since April 2020, we encourage you to apply for CFAP 2. A complete list of eligible commodities, payment rates and calculations can be found on farmers.gov/cfap. Eligibility There is a payment limitation of \$250,000 per person or entity for all commodities combined. Applicants who are corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships may qualify for additional payment limits when members actively provide personal labor or personal management for the farming operation. In addition, this special payment limitation provision has been expanded to include trusts and estates for both CFAP 1 and 2. Producers will also have to certify they meet the Adjusted Gross Income limitation of \$900,000 unless at least 75 percent or more of their income is derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related activities. Producers must also be in compliance with Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions.

level, points the plane skyward, kicks in the after burners, and does a barrel roll up and away. This fast moving and very loud event suddenly startled and scared the congregation. As he flew away many people there knew who was the pilot of that plane, and his mother, Katie, yelled "Alan, you stop that!!".

A few years later, Alan moved to Maryville, TN where he joined the Tennessee Air National Guard and flew C-130 refueling tanker jets. He didn't fly one of those over Wartburg.....at least not at low level.

His passion for flying was apparently passed on to his son who graduated from the Air Force Academy and flew the largest plane in the Air Force, the C-5. He's now a corporate pilot for Verizon.

Maybe Alan's most important passion was being in the Right To Life organization trying to prevent abortions. He was very much involved in several organizations in Blount County and Maryville.

Alan Peters passed away in 2002 at the age of 58. He is very much loved and missed by many. He still has wings over Wartburg.

will be accepted through Dec. 11, 2020. Additional information and application forms can be found at farmers.gov/cfap. Documentation to support the producer's application and certification may be requested. All other eligibility forms, such as those related to adjusted gross income and payment information, can be downloaded from farmers.gov/cfap/apply. For existing FSA customers, including those who participated in CFAP 1, many documents are likely already on file. Producers should check with FSA county office to see if any of the forms need to be updated. Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP 2 application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages with the team at the FSA county office. All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in the office, by phone and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Coronavirus

USDA announced up to an additional \$14 billion for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19. Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2) will begin September 21 and run through December 11, 2020. Background:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will use funds being made available from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act and CARES Act to support row crops, livestock, specialty crops, dairy, aquaculture and many additional commodities. USDA has incorporated improvements in CFAP 2 based from stakeholder engagement and public feedback to better meet the needs of impacted farmers and ranchers.

Producers can apply for CFAP 2 at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. This program provides financial assistance that gives producers the ability to absorb increased marketing costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Producers will be compensated for ongoing market disruptions and assisted with the associated marketing costs.

CFAP 2 payments will be made for three categories of commodities – Price Trigger Commodities, Flatrate Crops and Sales Commodities.

Price Trigger Commodities Price trigger commodities are major commodities that meet a minimum 5-percent price decline over a specified period of time. Eligible price trigger crops include barley, corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, upland cotton, and all classes of wheat. Payments will be based on 2020 planted acres of the crop, excluding prevented planting and experimental acres. Payments for price trigger crops will be the greater of: 1) the eligible acres multiplied by a payment rate of \$15 per acre; or 2) the eligible acres multiplied by a nationwide crop marketing percentage, multiplied by a crop-specific payment rate, and then by the producer's weighted 2020 Actual Production History (APH) approved yield. If the APH is not available, 85 percent of the 2019 Agriculture Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) benchmark yield for that crop will be used.

For broilers and eggs, payments will be based on 75 percent of the producers' 2019 production.

Applying for Assistance Producers can apply for assistance beginning Sept. 21, 2020. Applications



Tom Redmon Columnist

A Note From Tom Redmon

My wife, Margaret had a bad fall on Sunday and I need to be with her. I hope to get back to writing soon. Because of our age there will be other times that I will not have an article in the paper. I appreciate you readers.

History

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Historically Speaking Remembering two Oak Ridgers we lost this year but will never forget

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

(Written and first published on December 30, 2019) Oak Ridge welcomes in the promise of a new year, 2020, filled with renewed ambitions and even more innovation than ever that is guaranteed to come out of our region. As we look ahead, let us also reflect on two Oak Ridgers who have left us but have not departed from our hearts and minds. We will long remember them both!

This year, Oak Ridge lost two iconic heroes that helped put our Secret City on the map.

Ed Westcott, a renowned photographer, died on March 29, 2019 at the age of 97. Ed joined his wife Esther Seigenthaler Westcott, and left behind an incredible visual history of the top-secret Manhattan Project for Oak Ridgers and the world to appreciate for generations to come.

And Dr. Liane "Lee" Russell, a genetics pioneer and legacy researcher, passed away on July 20, 2019 at the age of 95. She was reunited in death with her husband Dr. William "Bill" Russell. Lee's contributions to science helped create X-ray health guidelines for pregnant women that are still practiced today.

These two incredible people were thrown into a time in history where war was tearing at the world at every corner. They each ended up at Oak Ridge by chance to accomplish things that had never been done before.

While we celebrate the upcoming new decade in Oak Ridge, we must take time to remember these two exceptional individuals. They not only made a difference in the lives of so many people but propelled Oak Ridge to its rightful place in history and groundbreaking science.

Beginning with my dear friend, Ed Westcott, Oak Ridgers grow up knowing his legacy. It's nearly impossible to read about the Manhattan Project without encountering Ed's iconic photographs. Now these images help our visitors understand what would be much harder without Ed's wonderful and descriptive photographs.

Ed was hired as the 29th employee of the Manhattan District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was the only individual -- out of the 75,000 that eventually occupied Oak Ridge during those tense Manhattan Project years -- to have a camera and capture the construction of the plants used to separate uranium-235 from the more abundant uranium-238 to create the world's first atomic bomb as well as the world's first industrial-size nuclear reactor.

At just 20 years only, he was initially tasked with taking photographs of the X-10, Y-12, K-25 and S-50 plants that were being erected. But his portfolio eventually grew to cover every square foot of the 59,000 acre-site that made up Oak Ridge at the time, and his hobby became capturing the people and the daily lives of Oak Ridgers that aid us galleries dedicated in his honor! The amazing large panoramic photo of Oak Ridge, which was in the previous location of the American Museum of Science and Energy, is located on the Wildcat Den walls there. And most recently, the Historic Grove Theater has a wall of Ed's photographs near the



Liane "Lee" Russell when she was doing groundbreaking and record setting research at the Biology Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory located at Y-12(Photo Submitted)



displays there. Lee Russell as she enjoyed her later years in Oak Ridge, never really stopping her avid and energetic efforts to both do research and save our environment(Photo Submitted)



Ed Westcott during his retirement years in Oak Ridge(Photo Submitted)

October 13, **2020** in careers. Their research was complimentary and they enjoyed that close working relationship for the remainder of their careers until Bill's passing. Lee

Tuesday,

they enjoyed that close working relationship for the remainder of their careers until Bill's passing. Lee continued to enthusiastically work until very near the end of her long life.

Over the next six decades however, the Russells' volume of work with mutant mouse strains led to the development of an extensive mouse colony known affectionately worldwide as being kept in the "Mouse House." Their work together led to a number of discoveries related to their mammalian genetics research. The Mouse House was located at the Y-12 National Security Complex, which housed as many as 200,000 mice, and was one of ORNL's most famous institutions which made lasting contributions to genetics research.

From these incredible breakthroughs Lee received the Department of Energy's highest honor, the Enrico Fermi Award in 1994. The citation honored Lee for "her outstanding contributions to genetics and radiation biology including her discovery of the chromosomal basis for sex determination in mammals and her contributions to our knowledge of the effects of radiation on the developing embryo and fetus." Numerous other awards have been presented to Lee over the years.

And Lee's ambitions didn't stop in the laboratory. While working in Oak Ridge, the Russells also developed an appreciation for the region's natural beauty and became staunch environmental advocates. Lee, along with her husband Bill who died in 2003, were instrumental in founding the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning organization. This effort led to the establishment of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and obtaining National Wild and Scenic River designation for the Obed River. Their names are synonymous with the creation of these natural areas and are often cited as the primary reason for their very existence. Her advocacy efforts continued further when in 2013 ORNL established the Liane B. Russell Distinguished Early Career Fellowship. This unique initiative is intended to attract diverse and promising early-career scientists whose career goals align with DOE missions. It also is intended to address such issues as a result of the many common career difficulties women in science encounter. Take pride Oak Ridgers in knowing Dr. Russell's significant contributions to science is explained in several places across the Secret City, including in the American Museum of Science and Energy and in the K-25 Visitor Center & Overlook within the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. She was proud to be an Oak Ridger and truly blessed us by choosing to live here. An icon of dedication, success and never-ending enthusiasm for life, Lee's legacy she has left us is one of a truly amazing scientist as well as a most effective environmental advocate!

I've never doubted Oak Ridge would dare let the memories of these precious people fade. Just this month alone the Historic Grove Theater, the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival organizers and the three Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs unveiled a 65 foot wall of nearly two dozen Ed Westcott photo-

theater. Soon to be

entrance to the

unveiled is the K-25 History Center at the East Tennessee Technology Park which will, of course, also rely heavily on Ed Westcott images for the

> As you can see, without Ed's photograph, we would be hard pressed to tell visitors of our proud heritage and especially the early years. What a

today in understanding our history. Ridge(Ph

His dedication to our city extended beyond what was required of him, as he took photos both on and off the clock. His creativity was so unique, with the ability to put all his subjects at ease that his photographs appear natural -- not staged -- capturing the true, raw emotions of sorrow, gravity, humor, affection, respect and wonder in his pictures.

There's no one else like Ed and after World War II he went on to take even more pictures working for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and its successor agencies, the Energy Research and Development Administration and the Department of Energy, to showcase peaceful uses of atomic energy. Eventually retiring, out of all the places in the world, he picked Oak Ridge to live out his remaining years. We were blessed with him for many more years.

Oak Ridgers drive by Ed's photographs every day in businesses, restaurants, government offices and various structures, such as electrical access junction boxes. A shopping center, a theater, a street, several galleries -- two of which have documentary films running -- and many photographic displays in our community are named in his honor.

More than 15,000 of his negatives are housed in the National Archives in Washington D.C. There are two traveling exhibits that feature his photographs, several online archives of his images and the University of Tennessee has nearly 100 images periodically shown in their downtown gallery in Knoxville, TN. He's up for consideration for the Presidential Medal of Freedom by U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann's office with support from U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander.

Ed also published his first book of Oak Ridge photographs in 2005 in the "Images of America" series. And Ed is so well-loved in our community, the city issued an official proclamation naming Saturday, January 20, 2018 "Ed Westcott Day," a day set aside just for celebrating his legacy!

If you haven't already, come visit the Manhattan Project National Historical Park here in Oak Ridge where several sites have his legendary photography on display. These include the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge, the American Museum of Science and Energy, the Y-12 History Center in the New Hope Center at the Y-12 National Security Complex and the X-10 Graphite Reactor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

The new Oak Ridge History Museum has two



Ed Westcott at age 20 when he was the 29th person hired and assigned to photograph the Clinton Engineer Works.(Photo Submitted)

blessing we have in his legacy!

Ed's gift to Oak Ridge was his photographs, for sure, but also his generosity, giving people like you and me insight into his camera lens-view of history in the making, the birth of the atomic age, and Oak Ridge's role in ending the greatest war ever known. Our city will be forever grateful to Ed. Our visitors will be forever blessed by his work.

And while we have lost the one who literally framed Oak Ridge's history, we also lost another who shaped our reputation as a place for world-changing scientific innovations.

Dr. Liane "Lee" Russell was a mammalian genetics expert and among her most important discoveries she gave the world a better understanding of radiation's effects on developing embryos. She also contributed to the discovery of the purpose of the Y-chromosome through her work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory's 'Mouse House.'

Russell came to our country fleeing Nazi-controlled Austria, eventually becoming a citizen and taking up interests in chemistry and biology. Earning her B.A. degree from Hunter College in New York City and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Lee and her husband, Bill, came to Clinton Laboratories, later Oak Ridge National Laboratory, in 1947.

The Russells chose the Clinton Laboratories -- ORNL's then Manhattan Project name -- as a destination largely because it was one of the few places at the time that would allow Lee to work alongside Bill. They were truly a team in marriage and also graphs at the Historic Grove Theater that depict the livelihood and rich culture that make up Oak Ridge while at the same time honoring Ed!

Plus, Oak Ridge National Laboratory will be celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Liane Russell during a symposium on December 20, which will feature past and current recipients of the Liane B. Russell Distinguished Early Career Fellowship!

Clearly this is evidence that they are remembered, always! Have a Happy New Year, Oak Ridge!

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

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

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

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whole lot."

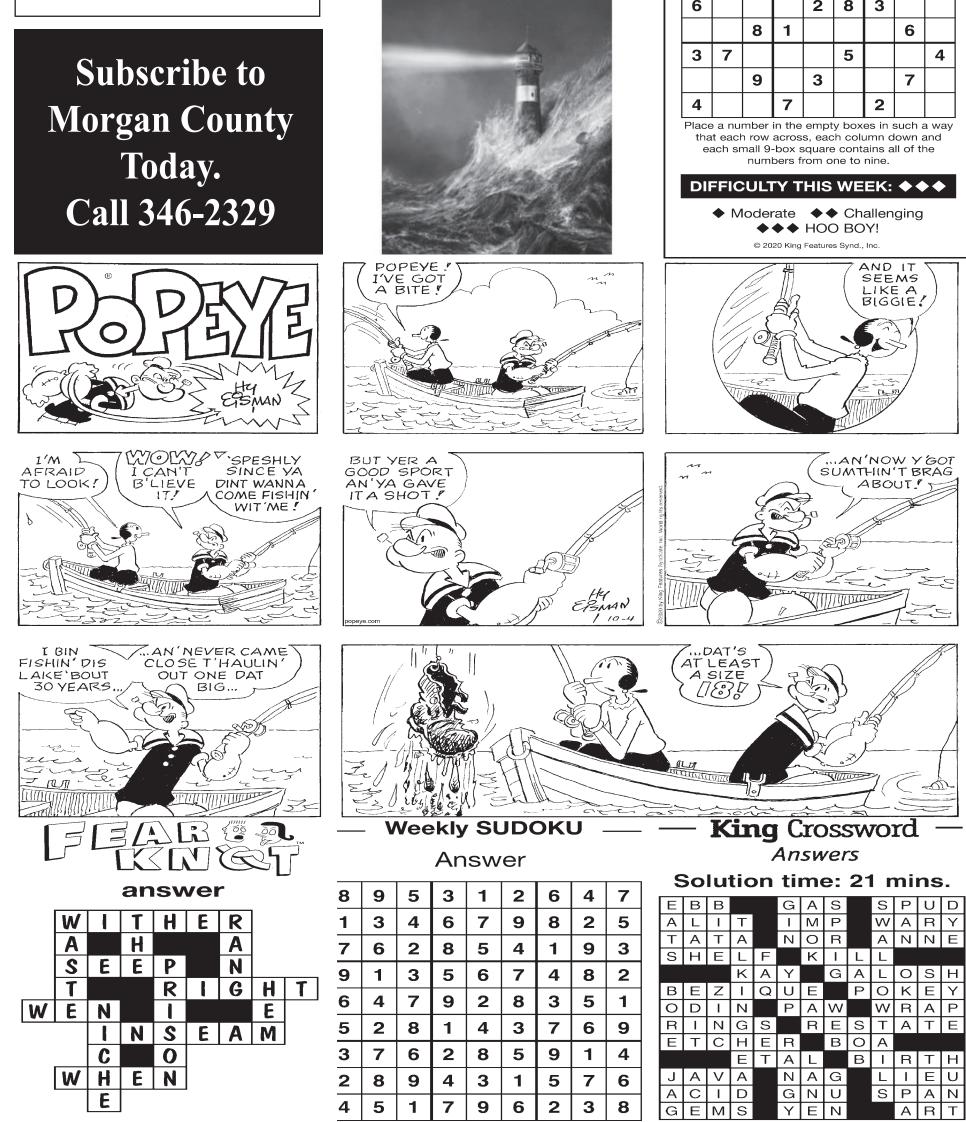
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American Heritage

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MSG Fred Mize

As I was walking with my four-year-old son in the backyard this morning, I noticed the cool air brush up against my skin and remembered one of my favorite Bible verses. Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees in the garden.

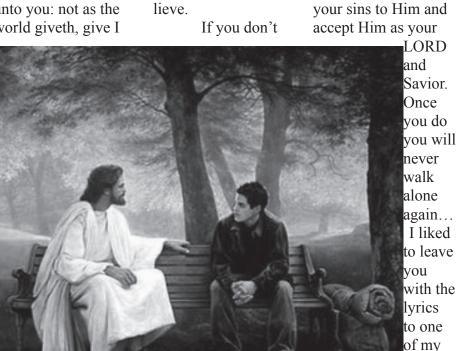
I've always loved this Bible verse because it demonstrates how close God was to Adam. He was so close that He walked in the garden of Eden with Him. In all my heart and soul, I know God walks with me daily on both

my good and bad days. This wonderful verse also shows that God still walked with Adam regardless of the terrible decision him and Eve had made. Notice that Adam and Eve hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God after they were ashamed of the sins, they made but God did not hide Himself from them.

You may wonder how I can be so certain and confident that the LORD God walks with me (a humbly saved sinner). I'm certain of this through my faith in the words spoken by Jesus Christ in James 14:25-29 which reads, 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being vet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all

Four Candles By: MSG. Fred Mize

things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I than I. 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.



unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If you loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater

have true peace in your life and if you feel that you are walking through your life alone, know that you don't have to. You can make a choice today that will fill your soul with the true peace the Jesus Christ spoke of. He will walk with you songs. He Walks with Me I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the voice I hear falling on my ear The son of god discloses And he walks with me and he talks with me

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And he tells me I am his own And the joy we share As we tarry there None other has ever known He speaks and the sound of his voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing And the melody that he gave to me Within my heart is ringing And he walks with me and he talks with me And he tells me I am his own And the joy we share As we tarry there None other has ever known I'd stay in the garden with him Though the night around me is falling But he bids me go through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling

Amen...

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Glacier National Park



downhill at Whitefish Moun-

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tain Resort, **Zack Ballinger** just outside town. On Whitefish Lake, sandy City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park have boat launches and picnic areas. Downtown, shops and eateries line Central (source: Google Maps)

Last week, I got to visit one of the hidden gems in the USA: Glacier National Park. This is my 3rd visit of the year to Montana and I absolutely loved every one of my trips. Glacier National Park is a huge area located in Northwest Montana. It's actually just a little southwest of the Canadian border. The park is home to over 1 million acres of beautiful forests, lakes, and mountains.

The National Parks Service has a great description: Glacier National Park is a 1,583-sq.-mi. wilderness area in Montana's Rocky Mountains, with glacier-carved peaks and valleys running to the Canadian border. It's crossed by the mountainous Going-to-the-Sun Road. Among more than

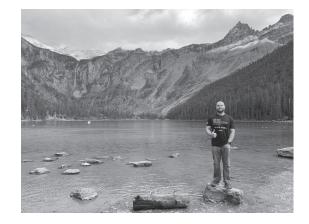


700 miles of hiking trails, it has a route to photogenic Hidden Lake. Other activities include backpacking, cycling and camping. Diverse wildlife ranges from mountain goats to grizzly bears. I didn't see any grizzly bears or mountain goats during my trip. Like Yellow Stone National Park, bear warnings signs were posted frequently at the beginning of hiking trials and scenic stops. I saw plenty of deer running through the wide-open fields. The moon was full at night, the weather was crisp and cool. The deer were in close human interaction and came very close to mate and eat grass near downtown Whitefish, MT.

I know the coronavirus has put many vacation plans on hold, but if you are searching for a scenic vacation, I can't recommend enough a trip to Glacier National Park. It's impossible to see the whole park, but you can map out must see areas. Take your time exploring the park and when you see something stop and enjoy the scenery. I recommend the hike to Avalanche Lake, Lake McDonald, Saint Mary Lake, Logan Pass, and Going-to-the-Sun road.

If you are planning a trip to Glacier National Park the best city to fly into is Kalispell, MT. If you drive to the park from Kalispell, it will take you to the west entrance of the park. The east entrance is currently closed. I recommended you staying in Whitefish, Montana. It's very scenic, next to a large lake, mountain, and provides a fairly large downtown for the size of the city.

"Whitefish is a resort town in the Rocky Mountains of northwest Montana. It's a gateway to the jagged peaks, lakes and glacier-carved valleys of Glacier National Park. Ski and mountain-bike trails wind How can I find or listen to The Zack Ballinger Show? The show will have 2 to 3 guests per week on various careers in The United States. You can listen live via YouTube by searching for Zack Ballinger and subscribing. The show is also streamed live on Facebook on www.facebook.com/ thezackballinger. What if you want to listen to a podcast? The show can be found on iTunes and Spotify: search for The Zack Ballinger Show and you can find all the episodes.



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Happenings

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Sandra Helton's weekly column Oakdale Area News email: kvhelton@highland.net



I read this on Facebook the other day. It made me chuckle so I thought I would share it with you. "After 2020, no one will be talking about the Blizzard of '93 anymore. "

I have made several blunders in this column over the last few weeks. Some of you are aware of my mistakes. Sorry. The most obvious one was last week when I shared that Morgan County Schools would have Fall Break "September 12-16" rather than October 12-16. Can't even blame that one on spell check. I goofed.

The OHS Eagles were not victorious in their Homecoming Game against the Sunbright Tigers. The final score was 32-30. However, the OHS Athletic Department was very victorious. The three Homecoming Queen Candidates raised a lot of money for the athletic department. Thank you to Victoria Jones, Amelia Miller, Chloe Hamby and their families for all their hard work over the last few weeks. Even though it was a competition, it was wonderful to see how they all supported each other. Congratulations to Amelia Miller who was crowned as Homecoming Queen 2020.

Congratulations to the Oakdale Middle School Football team on their win against Winfield last week. The Eagles played at home and won by a score of 38-8. Happy Birthday Wishes are being sent to Mrs. Bessie Eble who will turn 95 years young on October 20. Wishing you a wonderful day Ms. Bessie!

Two special couples recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversaries. Bobby and GG Melhorn were married October 2, 1971 at Camp Austin Lutheran Church.

John and Jan Roddy celebrated their 49th Anniversary on October 9. Wishing both couples many more blessed years.

Justin, Valerie, Cartie and Clayton Disney recently spent a few days at Daytona Beach. They said it was one of the best beach trips they have ever had. The kids had a great time. Clay was fearless in the ocean, jumping into the waves and going under. Cartie was a bit more hesitant. They saw a dorsal fin pop out of the water and automatically assumed it was a shark but later found out it was probably a dolphin. Clay learned to swim without his swimmies. They are thankful for a safe trip and lots of wonderful memories.

Kayla, Clara and Hattie Ruppe recently visited Joe, Valerie and Maura Lake in Fayetteville, NC. They had a great time visiting, going to yard sales and doing some fall arts and crafts. Family time is great! Boswell Chapel Baptist Church had their annual service at Frozen Head State Park on Sunday, October 4. It was a beautiful day. The message preached was that we are free to make choices but not the consequences. There were several visitors and everyone enjoyed a great time of fellowship and some wonderful food. The children always enjoy the playground and some managed to "Accidentally" fall into the creek.

On Tuesday, October 6, White Oak Trio sang at Mossy Grove Baptist Church Revival. Brother Derrick Stewart was the preacher.

Jacob Beach turned 18 years old on October 8. His family gave him a party. Those present were his mom Misty Beach, his grandparents Tracy and Stella Beach and friends Margie Smith and Sharon Johnson. Everyone enjoyed good food and lots of fun. Happy Birthday Jacob!

Kyle and Kayla Ruppe celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary on October 8.

The little free library behind Oakdale City Hall has had a lot of good used books and DVDs lately. Be sure to check it out.

Oakdale Public Library is open on Mondays from 11:00 - 3:00, Tuesdays from 9:00-12:00 and on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 7:00. They have a lot of new books available for checkout. WiFi is available in the parking lot even when the library is closed.

As I finish this column,

my heart is saddened. I just heard of the passing of one of the dearest ladies. Mrs. Leona Miller passed away. Please keep her husband James, daughters Linda and Brenda and the rest of her family and friends in your prayers.

As always, we have so much to pray about. At the top of the list is our nation and the upcoming election. Please plan to vote. Early voting will be at the Morgan County Courthouse from October 14 - 29.

Continue to pray for our churches and pastors, our schools, teachers and students, homes and families and our military. Pray for our Missionaries. Pray for the many who are dealing with illness and those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. God knows all of these needs but He wants to hear from us.

In honor of Columbus Day, which was yesterday, I will share a couple of quotes by Columbus and a quote by Marcel Proust that I think is pertinent to our day.

"By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination." Christopher Columbus

"Riches don't make a man rich, they only make him busier." Christopher Columbus

"Discovery consists not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes." Marcel Proust

Acts Chapter 2

(Acts 3:1-10) the healing of the lame beggar: earlier Luke had reported that the apostles were performing "many wonders and signs" (2:43). One such sign is about to be detailed. This incident provides the background for the first persecution of the apostles. Peter and John went up into the temple at the afternoon hour of prayer, three o'clock. The temple area, at the time of the evening sacrifice, afforded an excellent opportunity for teaching the gospel. The apostles met a man, past forty years of age (4:22), who had been lame from birth---literally 'out of the womb" (even before birth). This man was not psychosomatically impaired; he was congenitally lame. The unfortunate man was carried each day to the "Beautiful" door of the temple. This door-gate was sixty feet wide and seventy-five feet high, fashioned of Corinthian brass. If this entrance was located at the eastern side of the Court of Women (also called "the treasury" (Jn. 8:20) as Josephus indicated (Wars of the Jews 5.5.3), then this man, a beggar, had shrewdly positioned himself to intercept those headed for the treasury with their gifts of money. As the lame man saw the apostles about to enter the temple, he started asking them for money. Peter and John said, "Look at us." The gentleman's interest was excited; he anticipated a contribution. There is no evidence that the poor soul possessed any faith. The validity of the impending miracle was not dependent upon his faith. This case presents a severe blow to modern "miracle-workers" who dismiss their failures on the ground that the candidate did not have sufficient faith. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none"---a glaring contrast to the "healers" of our day, who frequently are wealthy. By the authority of Christ, Peter commanded the man to walk (Greek: start walking and keep going). The healed beggar praised God for this wonderful event. As a crowd observed the man, it began to dawn on them that this was the beggar who normally sat at the temple door. The people were amazed the man could walk. This is exactly the intended design of a miracle. The Jews will now be prepared to give their attention to the apostles' teaching. (Acts 3:11-26) Peter's sermon: the healed man remained with the apostles, and a great crowd gathered in Solomon's porch. This was a covered area, about forty-five feet wide, that ran the eastern length of the Court of the Gentiles. It had two rows of pillars almost thirty-eight feet tall. Here the scribes held their schools and debates, and merchants and money changers plied their trades. Apparently the church met on occasion in this porch (5:12). Peter uses the circumstance to proclaim the message of Christ to the excited crowd. The apostle asks why there should be surprise at this miracle. Neither human power nor personal piety effected the wonder. God produced this miracle to glorify his Servant, Jesus. Note Peter's courageous rebuke by the contrast drawn. God glorified his Servant, but you denied him and delivered him up, even when Pilate was determined to release him. Further charges are leveled at the Jewish audience. Again, there is a contrast: they denied the "Holy and Righteous One" and asked for a murdered (Barabbas) (Mk. 15:7). Next: "You killed the prince of life, but God raised (him) from the dead." Jesus is the source of all life, both physical and spiritual (Jn. 1:1; Col. 1:14-20). Does that say something about the sanctity of human life? What

is the proof of the resurrection? "We are witnesses." It is interesting that Peter did not say: "We were witnesses." Instead he used a present tense. The evidence of Jesus' resurrection is still with us---even in this glorious miracle just observed (4:30). Verse sixteen is misunderstood by many. Modern charismatics argue that the statement implies that faith was requisite for the reception of a miracle. There is no support for that idea---either here or elsewhere in the Scriptures. The "faith' behind the miracle was that of Peter and John. Peter suggests that these Jews and their leaders crucified the Lord in ignorance. How does one harmonize this with other passages which appear to indicate that the murder of Christ was a deliberate, knowledgeable act (Mt. 21:38)? The solution may lie either in the degree of knowledge or in the classes of people involved. In any event, ignorance did not excuse them (17:30). Peter argues that the death of Jesus was a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Liberal scholars contend that "none" of the prophets, rather than "all" of them, spoke of Jesus' suffering. Peter admonished his audience to act upon the facts of the gospel. The Jews are commanded to "repent" (see 2:38), which involves "turning away every one of you from your iniquities" (v. 26), and to "turn again" so that their sins may be "blotted out" (erased) and seasons of refreshing come from the Lord. This text and 2:38 complement one another wonderfully. Baptism is the means by which one "turns" to God. "Faith," "repentance", and "immersion" express changes in conviction, resolution, and relationship. Christ was a divine "appointment" in the plan of God. And though the Lord is now in heaven, the Father will send Jesus back again (an allusion to the second coming). For the present, however: "He must remain in heaven until the time comes". What is the "restoration of all things"? It is not universal salvation (Mt. 7:13-14), nor the reinstatement of national Israel. Rather, it is the fulfillment of God's purpose in attempting to reclaim fallen humanity in the gospel age, the consummation of which will be Jesus' return. Here are two crucial points from the context itself: (a) in the chronology of the passage, the second coming of Christ occurs after the "restoration," not before it (as per millennialism). (b) The apostle specifically parallels the "time of the restoration of all things" (v. 21) with "these days," the Christian age (v. 24). Moses had foretold: "God will raise up unto thee a prophet...like unto me" (Dt. 18:15). Observe that Peter did not hesitate to attribute the book of Deuteronomy to Moses, unlike modern critics. There were several similarities between Moses and Jesus. Peter reminds his Hebrew brothers of their ancestral heritage. They are "sons of the prophets." They were meant to share in the covenant blessings that God made with Abraham. Unto the Jews had the promises of the gospel first been granted; the Gentiles would come later (Rom. 1:16; Lk. 24:47). God's Servant, the resurrected Christ, was sent to bless these people, but such blessing could be accessed only as each person turned away from sin in genuine conversion.

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Hometown Heroes Page 9 **Davis Funeral Home's** Veteran of the Week



Morgan County Today is honored to praise Melvin Page as the veteran of the week. Melvin was raised on a farm in Harriman and was drafted into the United States Army in November 1966 when he was nineteen.

His military career began at Basic Combat Training in January of 1967 at Fort Benning, Georgia. After graduating Basic Combat Training, Melvin completed Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as an Infantryman

at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Just a matter of days after complet-

ing AIT, Melvin was sent to Vietnam as a Soldier assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, Bravo Company "Wolfhounds".

Later on, Melvin was transferred to the 25th Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, Charlie Company, due to Charlie Company having received heavy losses after an overwhelming ambush.

Once transferred to Charlie Company Melvin was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and took on the position of a Platoon Sergeant in a Long-Range Recon Patrol (LRRP) Platoon. Due to being so resilient in battle while assigned as a platoon sergeant Melvin earned the nickname of "SGT Rock".

Melvin's life was changed forever on January 4, 1968. On that infamous day him and his men took part in conducting a Battalion size patrol. Within hours of the patrol his platoon

was heavily ambushed by over 1,000 Soldiers of the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). During the battle Melvin was injured with shrapnel from a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) and was shot three times by an AK-47.

Melvin's platoon was so badly outnumbered and overrun by the NVA that he was forced to call on a napalm strike directly onto his platoon's position. During the battle Melvin sustained such painful injuries and he believed death was imminent that he considered taking his own life prior to being killed by the hands of the NVA but God had other plans. Melvin was badly burned by the napalm strike (he received burns over 90%

of his body). While Melvin laid in severe pain and agony on the hot Vietnam ground, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior while preparing to die on the battlefield. Only three out of forty-three U.S. Soldiers survived the ambush and napalm strike.

Once the fierce fighting was over, Melvin's lifeless body laid against a termite mound after being pulled to safety by either a fellow comrade

or by the hand of God. He was so badly burned and injured that the reinforcement U.S. Soldiers placed him in a body bag thinking he was dead. Just as they began to zip the body bag God forced one of Melvin's arms to move, signaling that he was alive.

> One may say that January 4, 1968 was quite possibly the worst, yet best day of Melvin's life due to the carnage of war and being saved from his sins all on the same day.

Prior to the major battle on January 4, 1968 Melvin also sustained grenade fragmentation wounds in his face and was shot in one arm between exchanging gun fire with the enemy but these injuries left Melvin able to fight another day.

Upon Melvin's return back to the United States to recover from his countless injuries he married the love of his life Glenna on September 18, 1968. They are still married to this day and God blessed them with four children.

Melvin, Morgan County Today, cannot thank you enough for your endless sacrifices you and your family have made for our country. As your battle goes on now against the dreadful effects of

Agent Orange, we pray for you to continually know peace in your heart, mind, and soul. Peace that you fought for and peace that only God can give. Thank you and God bless vou!

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

Morgan County Today is pleased to honor Aaron McPeters as the law enforcement officer of the week. Aaron was born and raised in Morgan County. He is a graduate from the Wartburg Central High School class of 2005. He now resides in Oak Ridge with his loving wife and their two beautiful children.

He continued his higher education by earning an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice



Agent in; Investigations/ Internal Affairs, Gang & Intel and now as an Apprehension Enforce-

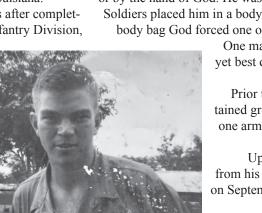
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was a Police Officer for the Knoxville Police Department for two vears and a Police Officer for the **Oliver Springs Police Department** for three years.

When asked what motivates him to do what he does he replied, "To show people the good side of law enforcement and to help people in a positive way."

Special Agent Aaron McPeters, Morgan County Today, thanks you and your family for





from Roane State Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Bethel University. He also graduated from the Tennessee Bureau of **Investigations Special Agent**

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partment of Corrections and has served in many different capacities to include being a Special

Agent. He has served in the Department of Corrections for the past ten years. Prior to that, he

your service and dedication to our state and community. Thank you for everything you do to better our lives day in and day out.



The IRS has announced that the deadline to register for an Economic **Impact Payment** (EIP) is now Nov. 21, 2020. The Economic Impact Payment is known by most people as the stimulus. This later date will provide

David Zubler

an additional five weeks for you to meet the deadline.

The IRS is urging people who don't typically file a tax return and who haven't received their stimulus to register as soon as possible using the Non-Filers: Enter Info Here tool on the IRS website IRS.gov. The IRS has stated that the tool will not be available after Nov. 21.

"We took this step to provide more time for those who have not yet received a payment to register to get their money, including those in low-income and underserved communities," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "The IRS is deeply involved in processing and programming that overlaps fil-

ing seasons. Any further extension beyond November would adversely impact our work on the 2020 and 2021 filing seasons. The Non-filers portal has been available since the spring and has been used successfully by many millions of Americans." It is important to understand who the Nov. 21 deadline applies to. The November 21 deadline is only for people who have not received their EIP and don't normally file a tax return.

If you requested an extension of time to file your 2019 tax return, your deadline date remains Oct. 15.

To help spread the word, the IRS sent nearly 9 million letters in September to people who may be eligible for the \$1,200 Economic Impact Payments but don't normally file a tax return.

The majority of eligible people have received their stimulus. However, if you aren't required to file, you will need to use the Non-Filers tool to register with the IRS to get your money. Typically, this includes people with income less than the standard deduction.

The standard deduction which applies to

the stimulus is \$24,400 for married couples, and \$12,200 for singles who could not be claimed as a dependent by someone else. Choosing to receive the stimulus by direct deposit can quicken the arrival of your payment. If you do not choose to use direct deposit you will receive a check. The Non-Filers tool is secure and is free on the IRS website IRS.gov. Beginning two weeks after you register, you can track the status of your payment using the Get My Payment tool at IRS.gov.

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