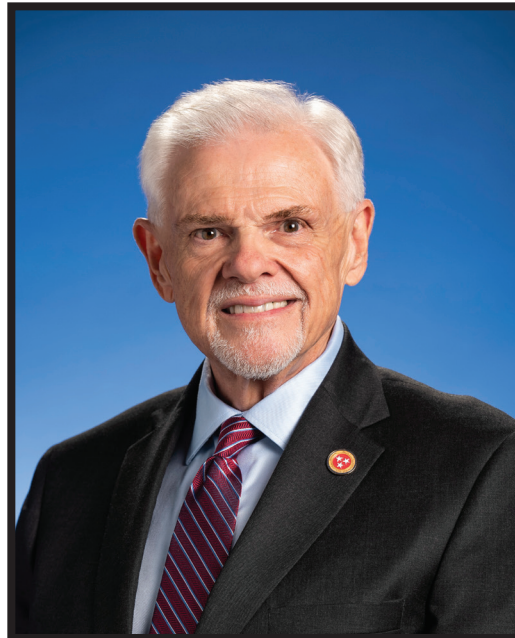


MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 06	75°/49°	
Wed 07	78°/52°	
Thu 08	78°/52°	
Fri 09	73°/59°	
Sat 10	72°/58°	
Sun 11	75°/59°	
Mon 12	75°/61°	

Senator Ken Yager Get-Out-The-Vote Bus Tour will kick off in Jacksboro on October 19th

NASHVILLE, Tenn.— State Senator Ken Yager (R-Kingston) announces today he will sponsor a Get Out the Vote bus tour through the seven counties of his senate district on Monday and Tuesday, October 19 and 20. The tour will stop in each county seat where a short get-out-the-vote rally is planned.



“I am especially pleased this tour is going to all of our rural counties. We are bringing candidates and key policy makers to the people of the 12th District and invite constituents to be a part of the event to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans,” he concluded.

The tour coincides with the first full week of early voting. Early voting begins on October 14 and continues through Oct 29. Election Day is November 3.

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The two-day tour will also have stops in Fentress, Morgan, Rhea, Roane, Pickett and Scott Counties as follows:

October 19:

- 10:00 AM EST | Jacksboro | Campbell County Courthouse
- 11:15 AM EST | Huntsville | Huntsville Town Square
- 11:40 AM CST | Jamestown | Historic Courthouse
- 1:15 PM CST | Byrdstown | Byrdstown Activity Park

October 20:

- 10:00 AM EST | Wartburg | Morgan County Courthouse
- 1:00 PM EST | Kingston | Kingston Park Pavilion
- 3:00 PM EST | Dayton | Rhea County Chamber of Commerce

State, local and federal officials are expected to participate, including Governor Bill Lee. The group will tour in an RV driven by Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson (R-Franklin).

Yager said he is very excited about the lineup of candidates and elected officials who have signed on for the tour. The lineup will be announced at a later date.

“We are lining up some of Tennessee’s top officials for the tour and are very excited about the opportunity for local citizens to meet the candidates,” Yager said.

The tour will kick off in Jacksboro Monday morning with subsequent stops in Huntsville, Jamestown and Byrdstown. On Tuesday the tour begins in Wartburg with stops in Kingston and Dayton.

“The 2020 Election is one of the most important elections in recent history,” Yager continued. “Our goal is to build enthusiasm and encourage citizens to let their voice be heard at the polls,” he added.



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Oakdale’s Eagle Leaders

The following Oakdale students are named as our September Eagle Leaders of the month due to the fact they went above and beyond in demonstrating September’s Character word “Self-Control”. In first picture, those chosen were Benton Delius, Branson Honey, and Mason Koontz. Not pictured Emma Sweat. Second picture, first row, Kayden Medzie, Noah Andrews, Malachi McGee, and Zoey Summers. Second row, Rachel Smith, Caden Weems, Emily Smith, and Hayden Stout. Third row, Anna Johnson, Austin Bray, Lily Stringer, and Amberlee Roberts.



The following Oakdale students are named as our August Eagle Leaders of the month due to the fact they went above and beyond in demonstrating August’s Character word “Awesome Behavior”. In first picture, those chosen were Cian Kirby, Jace Snow, and Aarionna Sweat. Second row, Darcy Bingham, Paisley Olsen, Gracie Helton, and Corey Kilby. Third row, Huntley Grayson, Jay Devaney, Ava Smith, Riley Voyles, Kendra Bray, and Andrew Bowman. In the second picture, those chosen as August Eagle leaders were Haiden Powers and Lakynn Trout. Second row, Jacey Bingham, Ashlynn Grizzle, and Sasha Shanahan.



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Sunbright

James M. "Jimmy" Moore, 72

James M. "Jimmy" Moore, age 72 of Petros, TN, passed away on September 22, 2020.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Tom Moore and Marie Mincey Moore, as well as several brothers and sisters.

Surviving son, Curtis Moore; brother, Donald Moore; sisters,

Patricia Heidle and Barbara June Moore; caregivers, Rhonda Waldon and Nicky Lowe; and special friends Lorene Kennedy and family.

Graveside service will be Monday, September 28 at 2:00 pm at Petros Cemetery with Brother Lonnie Lowe officiating

Johnny Byrge, 85

Mr. Johnny Byrge, age 85 of Oliver Springs passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Johnny worked for many years as a coal miner and retired after eight years as a custodian at the Oliver Springs Elementary School. Johnny was in the army and enjoyed wood-working.

He is preceded in death by his wife Eva Byrge, Parents Eli and Willie Marie Reynolds Byrge, Brothers Cordis and Curtis Byrge, Sister Mary Daugherty.

He is survived by his Sister Julia Byrge, Special friends Me-

lissa Carter and Dollie Morris. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends on Monday, October 5, 2020 for 5 to 7 PM at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. Funeral Services will follow at 7 PM with Bro. Kevin Ward officiating, the graveside will be Tuesday October 6 at 11 AM at Anderson Memorial Gardens, Clinton, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Johnny Byrge.

Morgan County Today Community Calendar

American Legion Post 149

October 10th, American Legion Post 149 will conduct a pancake breakfast from 8:00 am until 11:00 am. We will serve everything from pancakes to biscuits and sausage and other wonderful breakfast foods. \$8.00 per adult, \$4.50 per child and \$8.50 for a to go box.

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 Trunk-or-Treat. Due to the Covid pandemic we will not be hosting a costume contest this year.

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

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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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Planned
Power Interruptions for
Burrville, Chestnut Ridge, Coal Hill,
Coon Hollow, Deer Lodge, Glades,
Meister Hills, Mill Creek, Rugby,
West Robbins, Wolf Creek,
and members south
of the Robbins Brickyard.**

Members of Plateau Electric Cooperative in these areas will experience power interruptions while TVA installs new equipment in the Sunbright Substation.

Sunbright-Area Outages

Sunday morning, Sept. 13,
beginning at 12:01 a.m.,
lasting about 2 hours

Sunday morning, Sept. 27,
beginning at 12:01 a.m.,
lasting about 2 hours

Sunday morning, Oct. 11,
beginning at 12:01 a.m.,
lasting about 2 hours

The new equipment will greatly improve response time in the event of a power outage.

We apologize for any inconvenience. TVA and Plateau EC appreciate your patience and support.



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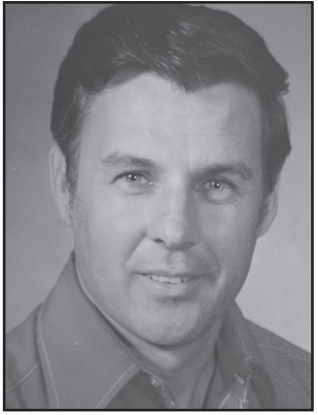
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When Willie Comes Marching Home



Tom Redmon
Columnist

Willie James Redmon was the oldest son of Perry and Winnie Redmon. On January 30, 1945 he turned 17 and he

was aching to join the service. To join the Navy, he would need our parent's signature and they were reluctant to sign. The war was still raging in both Europe and the Pacific but mom felt like if Willie J. would wait until he was eighteen maybe the war would be winding down in another year but Willie wanted to go now. Many seventeen-year-olds all over the country were volunteering for both the Army and the Navy. They had seen some hard times due to the depression and no doubt many of them loved their country and wanted to go and help Uncle Sam out. I don't know what Willie's thoughts were but he was determined to join the Navy. Sometime during the night of January 30, 1945 his parents told him they would sign. Now they could get some sleep.

Willie signed at the recruiter office in Harri-man, Tennessee. Immediately he was put on a bus bound for the Great Lakes Naval Training Center for a quick eight weeks (cut down from twelve) training session. They needed the men quick because of new ships being launched and because of soldier and sailors being killed or injured.

Willie J. was assigned to the U.S.S. Intrepid, an aircraft carrier constructed and launched

in 1942. The ship earned quite a reputation so some called it the Unlucky I. Just about every time it went out it seems that it was attacked by Kamikaze planes. As a matter-a-fact it had to withstand five major attacks by the Kamikaze planes. Many planes were shot down before they reached the ship but some got through and did terrific damage to the Intrepid. As a matter-a-fact the Japanese at one time listed the ship as being sunk from the air it looked like the ship was doomed but it managed to escape back to Hawaii and San Francisco.

During the fierce fighting Willie and another sailor in one of the gun mounts were able to shoot down a Kamikaze plane only a few feet from the ship. They were to receive a citation. On the same day a Kamikaze plane got through and did major damage to the Big I and killed 118 men.

he thought it was worse than the Kamikaze attacks. He said "I saw smaller ships come up on top of the huge wave then go down and disappear, never to be seen again. I don't know how many whips and men were lost in that terrible storm but it must have been a scary time for fighting navy men who had already gone through some terrible days".

Willie would come home for thirty days of leave. At the time Willie was my hero. I was only nine years old and to have a brother in the Navy who had been in WWII was enough to make a youngster proud. Later on, I wasn't very proud of what he did with his life, but in 1945 no doubt we had a lot of returning service members who were heroes to their younger brothers. I could hardly wait to see Willie come marching home.

After leave Willie would

Atsugi where the Kamikaze had trained. Willie told one story about his time in Yokohoma. He said, "my buddy and I were walking down the street when I saw a little Japanese coming toward us on his bicycle. I told my buddy, "watch this I'm going to borrow these little runts bicycle" When the bicyclist got near them Willie went up and grabbed the handlebars. He said, "I want this bicycle".

The little Japanese got off the bicycle, grabbed Willie by the arm and threw him around like he was a rag doll. Willie got up and tried to hit the Jap, but he was too fast. He knew judo and Willie went flying across the sidewalk. He got up, brushed himself off, and said, "take your d--- bicycle, we won the war".

After spending a few months on the occupation of Japan Willie was returned to the Alameda, San Francisco area where he



U.S.S. Intrepid (Photo Submitted)

was put in charge of getting rid of WWII crafts that were surplus. He was stationed at Hunter's Point and these small crafts were priced at a bargain price.

Willie would be the first of the five Redmon boys to

spend time in the U.S. Navy.

Today the U.S.S. Intrepid is in the New York City Harbor preserved as a museum. It was slated to be scrapped but a wealthy man thought the fighting I should be saved and he donated money and campaigned to get enough to save the gallant Lady.

I would love to see this famous vessel.

Itchy Feet: THE ROYAL PAVILION, BRIGHTON

By Janice Wilson



In the late 1780's Prince George, rented a Brighton lodging house and took it on the start of its journey to becoming the Royal Pavilion. The first transformation made it into a modest villa, decorated with hand painted Chinese wallpaper, furnish-

ings and objects. By the early 1800's stables for sixty-two horses, were added, that boasted a glass dome roof. After being made Prince Regent in 1815, later to be crowned George IV, he commissioned John Nash to transform the villa into the palace for which it is now famous. The Pavilion saw many changes during the reigns of William IV and Queen Victoria. During WWI it was used as a hospital and sustain much damage. In 1920 a restoration programme was started that would bring it to its current state and former glory.

I had the pleasure, during my trip to England in 2019, to stay with my sister, who's flat is on one of the squares created for the fashionable visitors two hundred years ago, and just four or five hundred feet from the English Channel. The ceilings are twenty feet high and the windows overlooking the park are floor to ceiling. I loved riding the lift to the third floor, with its iron gate that had to be locked before ascending.



One afternoon, when my sister had an appointment, I spent a leisurely few hours wondering the halls of the pavilion, peeking

into the bedrooms of dead kings and queens. George IV had the reception room decorated in gold, silver and crimson, and painted the sky on the domed ceiling. The saloon was outfitted with Chinese silk on the walls and Chinese carpets on the floor. His collection of

oriental artifacts was displayed around the room. However, when Queen Victoria ascended the throne, she sold the pavilion to the local authorities and had much of the splendor removed. There were chandeliers that looked like upside-down umbrellas, grand stair ways with pink and blue wallpaper, blue rooms, red rooms, and beds with heavily ornate silk canopies. I wandered around for more than two hours going upstairs, downstairs, peaking into bed chambers, closets and libraries. The Tea Room, situated on an open terrace, on the first floor is the perfect place to rest and enjoy a pot of tea and a fresh cream Victoria sandwich. Seagulls sat on the terrace wall hoping for crumbs left behind by the visitors, as it was forbidden to feed them. I watched the throng of visitors strolling through the gardens below me or sitting on the grass soaking up the sun's rays.

I took my own walk around the grounds later that day. Everybody was laughing and enjoying the weather and watching the street entertainers. My last stop was at the museum, which housed a lot of the items taken out of the pavilion over the years. There were Chinese and western costumes, jade statues, weapons, and carved artifacts hundreds of years old, but still in pristine condition. Kept for prosperity so that future generations could visit and enjoy them as I did.



History

Historically Speaking Friends Honoring Lee Russell

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Dr. Liane “Lee” Brauch Russell passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at the age of 95. She continued to work on her passions, biology and conservation issues, until a few weeks before her death. Hers was a long and rewarding career into which she fit like a glove.

Fleeing Nazi-controlled Austria as a teen, Lee immigrated to America where she earned her citizenship, her B.A. from Hunter College in New York City and her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She and her husband, Bill, came to Oak Ridge in 1947 to work for Dr. Alexander Hollaender, who was intent on creating a world-class biology division at the Clinton Laboratories, (which became known as the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in March, 1948). When Dr. Hollaender recruited Bill Russell to Oak Ridge, Bill agreed to come only if Lee were given a position, too. The rest is history.

ORNL reported at her death: “Through Lee’s extensive research, she discovered radiation’s effects on developing embryos. This profound study led to later developing X-ray health precaution guidelines for women of childbearing age to limit x-ray examinations that could possibly irradiate an early developing fetus. She also did extensive research in mice leading to her contributions to the understanding of the role of the Y chromosome, which is male-determining in mammals.”

From this incredible breakthrough, Lee received in 1994 DOE’s Enrico Fermi Award, the agency’s highest scientific award. Numerous other awards were presented to Lee over the years.

Lee and Bill developed a love for the rivers and mountains of East Tennessee which resulted in their many years of environmental advocacy. In 1966, they, along with others, founded Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP). TCWP, still going strong today, was instrumental in preventing dams from being built on the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and on the Obed River. TCWP went on to help draft legislation establishing the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and obtaining National Wild and Scenic River designation for the Obed River.

While much has been written about Dr. Liane Russell, the scientist and conservation activist, not as much has been written about Lee Russell, a trusted friend and treasured colleague. I have asked some of those friends and colleagues to comment on the Lee they knew.

Let’s start with Dabney Johnson, once Lee’s supervisor, always her close friend. “Write about Lee Russell - hmm? I felt this way about 15 years ago when I had become Lee’s boss following her retirement and I had to write her performance appraisal. I was stymied; how does one, as ordinary as I am, write about someone as extraordinary as Lee?”

“Two things about her stand out to me. When she disagreed with someone about facts or points of view, she was never sharp or critical. She quietly (and almost always successfully) set about correcting factual errors or giving a different view for consideration.

“Scientifically, she was one of the few who could make intellectual leaps from data that don’t give an obvious answer. Her famous insight that in the cells of female mammals only one of the two X chromosomes is active was such a leap.”

Do you sense the magnitude in someone who was so small in stature but massive as a person? Dabney was a long-time friend of Lee’s but she also supervised Dr. Liane Russell. What a tremendous honor it must have been to have been so close to someone of Lee’s dimension!

Next, is the perspective of respect for accomplishment from someone who directly benefits from Lee’s environmental activism, a National Park Superintendent.

Niki Nicholas, Superintendent of the Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area, the Obed Wild & Scenic River and Site Manager for the Oak Ridge portion of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, said of Lee, “Obed Wild & Scenic River and Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area are incredibly fortunate to have found their most tireless and passionate advocate in the person of Dr. Liane Russell. Along with her husband Bill, Liane fell in love with the Obed and the Big South Fork in the mid- 1960s. Her fervent belief that these were two of the most special places on earth animated much of the rest of her illustrious life. Liane devoted the full force of her brilliance and unfaltering determination to the establishment and protection of the two parks, and there could be no greater or more fitting legacy than the fact that they are preserved for future generations in perpetuity as units of the National Park Service.”

Niki’s responsibility for two full parks and a portion of a third allows her to more fully appreciate what Lee did to help preserve our wild areas. Here’s another perspective from a national level, a Senior Advisor with a nationally respected national parks advocacy organization, the National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA).

Don Barger, Senior Advisor of NPCA, knew Lee as a “quietly amazing human being,” and said of her, “I started as NPCA’s first Southeast Regional Director in 1992. One of my first acts was to nominate Lee Russell for NPCA’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award, which she received in 1994. Named after the author of Everglades: River of Grass, Douglas was the driving force behind the creation of Everglades National Park. The award is intended to recognize and honor people who are the essence of citizen activism in the creation and care of Amer-

ica’s national parks. No one I have ever known was more deserving. Over the thirty-five years I’ve worked in efforts to preserve the beauty and biology of the Cumberland Mountains, I cannot remember many public gatherings, hearings, or agency meetings at which she was not also participating.” Don went on to say, “It’s difficult to express the quality of a life like hers in words. I guess I’d say:



Lee in January 2019 carving a good luck New Year’s pig (Photo Submitted)



Lee enjoying life in a kayak on the lake (Photo Submitted)

Lee Russell’s life was one of dignity, delight and determination. She had a quiet intellect, a joyous



Lee Russell (Photo Submitted)



Lee at the Knoxville 2017 March for Science promoting the value of science, Science Yields Truth – deny it at the peril of the planet! (Photo Submitted)

heart, and an informed voice that inspired all of us to speak truth to power, connect to our natural world, and stand up for the preservation of intrinsic worth to the benefit of those who will follow us.” Don’s perspective from some distance accurately portrays Lee’s characteristics, and I especially like the “quiet intellect, joyous heart and informed voice” these ring true to the Lee I knew.

No writing about Lee would be complete without hearing from the director of the organization Lee helped form.

Sandra Goss, Executive Director of Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, said of Lee, “Working with Lee Russell was educational and delightful. Her curiosity and drive were inspiring. Lee had integrity and a surprising sense of fun. I miss her terribly, and count myself lucky to have known her.” Sandra is able to serve this grassroots organization today because of Lee’s vision and determination that helped form TCWP over half a century ago. Now, turning to ORNL, here is someone who worked in her organization there.

Gene Rinchik said, “Her passing is such a major loss both to our neighborhood of science and to me personally. But, having said that, Lee’s contributions indicate that she lived a very full life professionally, and we have a lot to remember her by. She was a very important mentor to me, and shaped who I became as a scientist. I had admired her work, her intellect, her scientific ‘cleverness’, and her superior writing skills long before I went to work in her program at ORNL.

“Upon joining her program in 1985, I was also delighted to discover that she was one of the most personable and warm people I had ever met--an amazing combination of scientific and professional skills packaged in a sweet and caring person. Furthermore, she always effortlessly supported and augmented each staff person’s scientific career and program while deftly taking care of her own substantial volume of experiments and program management. I still don’t know how she did it, especial-

ly in the context of her considerable involvement in the ‘environmental side’ of her life.

“She was a very dear friend who taught me a lot about how to do science and how to be a scientist. I will miss her terribly.”

Can’t you just see the joy Gene experienced by getting to work closely with Lee as well as with Dr. Liane Russell? He knew and appreciated both aspects of her character.

Now for a close friend’s perspective, I turned to Oak Ridger, Jenny Freeman.

Jenny said, “I was the fortunate beneficiary of Lee Russell’s love for many years. Lee’s love fueled everything – her science, her conservation efforts, the way she spent her time, the family and friends she drew around her. Lee noticed everything. She was totally present in her life. I reveled in how much she enjoyed being outdoors or talking about some article from the New Yorker she had just read or telling me a story from her early years of growing up in Vienna.”

Jenny continued, “We loved celebrating with her – Christmas parties at our home with good friends; carving New Year’s pigs from lemons for good luck while sipping Cherry Heering; various birthdays, hers and Bill’s, over the years, many of them at a good friend’s farm in Morgan County; watching odd old movies when Bill was alive such as Whiskey Galore and The Titmouse Express. She loved her life.

“I recently came across this quote from Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*, ‘Love is or it ain’t. Thin love ain’t love at all.’ That was Lee. Her love was thick, and I was lucky. I got to love her back.”

Special thanks to Cindy Kendrick who sent me a photo of Lee in a kayak. It is so special and revealing of her character. She also sent photos from a recent activity, the 2017 Knoxville March for Science, where Lee wanted to personally send a message to young people. That message was: “Science Yields Truth – deny it at the peril of the planet!” That simple yet elegant and powerful message was the way she communicated throughout her life.

Cindy, another good friend said, “Lee enjoyed spending time at the family’s cabin on Watts Bar Lake. She kept detailed records of those experiences, including water and air temperatures and people present. She loved swimming and paddling, observing wildlife (including bats), and watching the sunset from their dock. Her passionate environmental advocacy was rooted in a deep and enduring love for the natural world.”

What can I add to these wonderful testimonials to the enormously significant Lee Russell, whom we have known but who is no longer with us in the flesh? Her memory lingers, for sure, her accomplishments endure and her life, well lived indeed, serves as an excellent example for all of us.

One last quote comes from Lee’s son, David “Ace” Russell. He recalls a memory from his youngest days that I think gives yet another insight into our beloved Lee Russell. Ace said, “I’m like Lee in at least one respect, having things ‘just so’. I remember as a child, when she would put me to bed, I’d ask her to leave the door ajar, so a little light from the hallway would seep in. She’d guess how much I wanted it closed and then I’d say ‘more closed’ or ‘open’ until it was just right. This wasn’t an easy procedure for her, as I remember myself as being fairly demanding. And I later realized that although this was the end of my day, it most certainly was not the end of hers. She typically worked late into the night, even up until the last few days. It was really very sweet of her to adjust that door to the perfect angle, and I have no memory of her losing her patience in those times.”

What a wonderful tribute to a Mom. A renowned scientist who was a dedicated mother as well. Ah Lee, we miss you already!

Documentary films featuring Lee Russell and the phenomenal ORNL Biology Division story can be seen here: <https://www.y12.doe.gov/library/video/our-hidden-past-biology-part-1> and here: <https://www.y12.doe.gov/library/video/our-hidden-past-biology-part-2>

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.

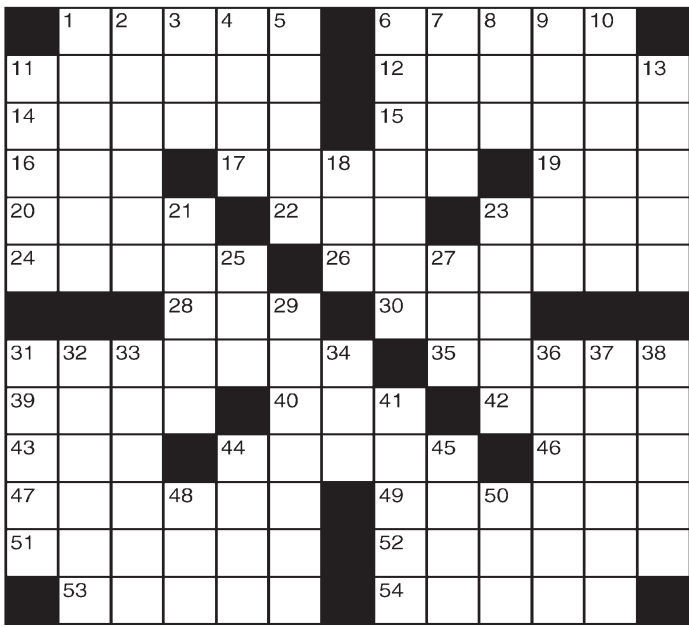
Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation’s efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

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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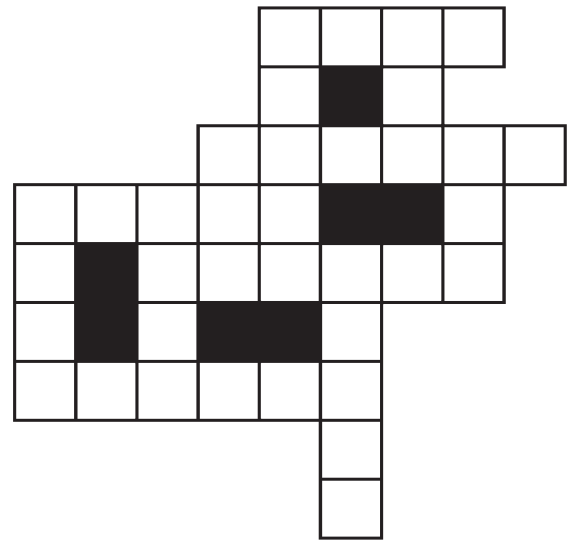
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 - 11 Master, on safari
 - 13 Golf's "Slammin' Sammy"
 - 18 Well, — be!"
 - 21 Blog, basically
 - 23 Full of info
 - 25 Jimmy Fallon's network
 - 27 Churchill's gesture
 - 29 Cosines'
 - 31 Decelerates
 - 32 Venice's thoroughfares
 - 33 Vinegar radical
 - 34 Director Howard
 - 36 Stagger
 - 37 Baltimore athlete
 - 38 Hammerhead parts
 - 41 Stares stupidly
 - 44 Asking too many questions
 - 45 Agreement
 - 48 Red or Black
 - 50 "The Matrix"



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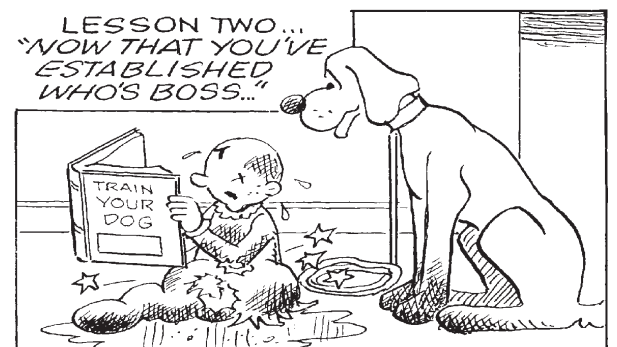
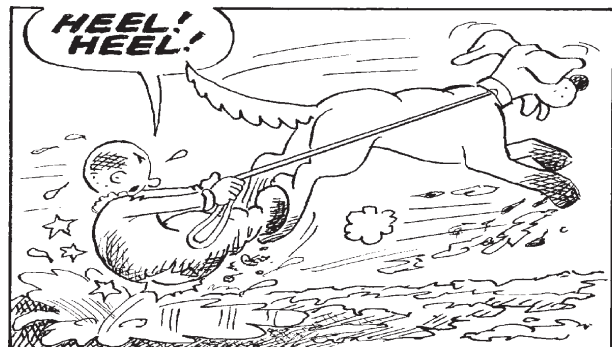
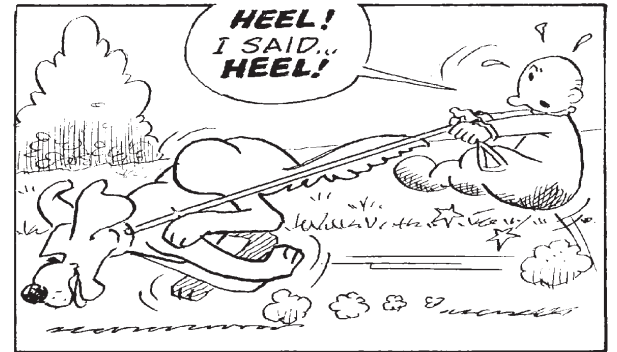
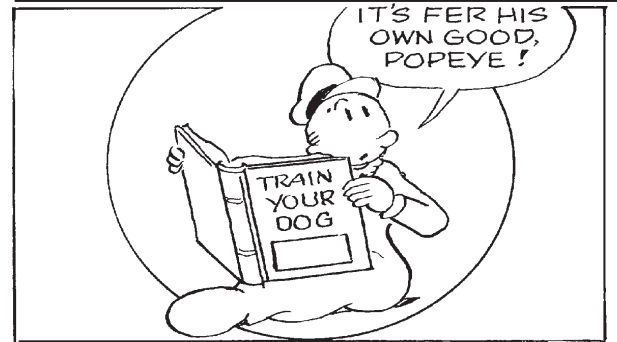
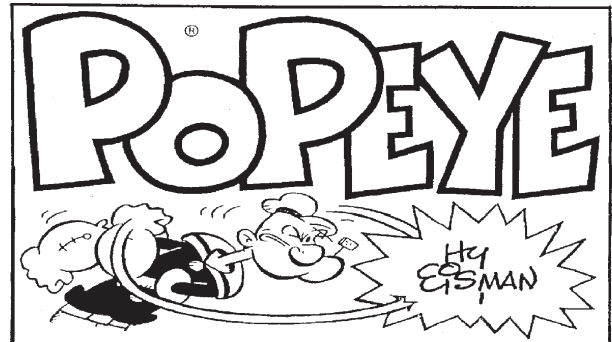
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Four Candles

By: MSG. Fred Mize

How fast time flies. It seems like yesterday that my wife and I were walking through our front door with our little man in our arms for the first time. Now, here we are celebrating his fourth birthday. I've learned so much by being a parent over the past twenty-three years. With our youngest of six children we do our very best to slow down time but no matter how hard we try we aren't able, just as we weren't

able with any of our other beloved children. As I write this, I can't help but to reminisce with tears in my eyes, over the past four blessed years. God blessed us with Andy from the very beginning. We appreciate every moment God has given us over the past four years with him and pray for many, many more to come. I know Andy will continue to grow and change quickly just as he already has. He's grown from a 6 lbs. bundle of

joy with a little fuzzy head to a very handsome little man. I know that he won't always greet me at the front door by running into my arms with joy and a smile. He won't always put his arms up in the air while asking me to hold

him. He won't always ask me to rock him to sleep as I have every night since the day he was born. He won't always want to play in his sandbox or fill the living room floor with his little cars. He won't always enjoy watching his

favorite cartoons or present us with his newest drawings or finished colored pages from his coloring books. He won't always want to hold my hand when he is being shy around new people. He won't always want to be surrounded

with his favorite stuffed animals while he sleeps. He won't always need help taking a bath or getting dressed. He won't always want me to hold him at church while we all stand and sing. He won't always say, "I love you Daddy" out of the blue. No matter how many things will change, one thing with never change for he will always be my little boy.... Happy 4th Birthday, little man!



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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger



Zack Ballinger

Yellow Stone National Park

A few weeks ago I got to visit Yellowstone National Park. It's a huge national park that crosses through 3 states: Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The largest area of the park is located in Wyoming. If you love parks and nature, this is the trip for you. A great description of Yellowstone National Park according to Wikipedia:

"It is a nearly 3,500-sq mile wilderness recreation area atop a volcanic hot spot. Yellowstone features dramatic canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs, and gushing geysers, including its most famous, Old Faithful. It's also home to hundreds of animal species, including bears, wolves, bison, elk, and antelope."



I didn't see any bears during my visit, but that doesn't mean you won't see any. It's really a hit or miss. I heard from park rangers it's quite common to see bears in their natural habitat. The park even sells bear spray in case you are confronted by one. The park also has warning signs posted everywhere. It's a full chart on "what do if a bear approaches you".

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 Yellowstone 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 Old Faithful, Hot Springs, and Morning Glory.

I loved seeing the Elk and Bison in their natural habitat. Remember these are wild animals in nature. Leave plenty of distance between you and them. I witnessed so many people approaching Elk too close. If you research what animal kills the most tourist, you would be shocked to learn it's not wolves, bears, or snakes. It's actually bison. Visitors see cute animals and don't realize these animals are in their natural habitat. They can attack anytime especially if they feel your too close to their babies.

If you are planning a trip to Yellowstone National Park the best city to fly to is Bozeman, MT. If you drive to the park from Bozeman, it will take you to the north entrance of the park. Bozeman is a small college town that's home to Montana State University. You can load up on plenty of supplies there to take with you to the park. It's about a 2 hour drive from Bozeman, but the drive is absolutely beautiful. Plan a trip to Yellowstone National Park! It's definitely worth it.

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

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Welcome October! Many people love this time of year for a variety of reasons. Cooler temperatures. Pretty fall colors. Lots of festivals and harvest celebrations. I hope everyone gets to enjoy October activities.

Morgan County Schools will have fall break next week, September 12-16.

Pine Orchard Church Clothes Closet will be open Tuesday, October 13 from 9:00 – 12:00. There will be winter coats and hoodies. The clothes closet is open on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Congratulations to Mike and Donna Tilson who celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on September 27.

Marley and Morgan Smith celebrated their 20th birthday September 27. Happy Birthday Girls!

Dennis, Tabitha, Kinley and Sophia Hamby, Kyle, Kayla, Clara and Hattie Ruppe joined me and Bunt Sunday, September 27 for a soup and cornbread supper to celebrate Dennis' and Kyle's birthdays. We enjoyed our time together.

Susan Brewer and Verna Webb went on a sister outing to the Hippie Tipi Barn Sale in Burkesville, Kentucky on Friday, September 25. You know that was a fun trip!

Some of the Johnson family recently went on their annual Townsend Camping Trip. Those going on the trip were Poke and Kay Johnson and their grandchildren McKinleigh

and Landon, Taylor and Tammy Smith and their girls, Bella Van Hoose, Edward and Edna Johnson and their grandchildren, Matthew and Anna and her friend Gracie, Marie Collier and Mike and Wendi Martin. Visitors on Saturday were Cory, Shannon and Emery Johnson, Teresa McGee and Doug and Erin Miller and their boys.

Darlene Headrick and I were blessed to volunteer at the National Quartet Convention/Fall Festival in Pigeon Forge for the 4th year. Things were very different this year with a reduced number of attendees due to social distancing mandates. We enjoyed a wonderful week of being among people who love the Lord and love Southern Gospel Music. In addition to singing good gospel music, the artists sang patriotic songs and focused on our freedom and the blessing of living in the greatest nation in the world, AMERICA!

As always, I posted a request on Facebook asking people to share news items. Thanks to those who did. Mrs. Vera Scarbrough sent me several things and I will share those with you. Thank you Ms. Vera.

As many of you know, Oakdale residents were excited upon learning that Dollar General would be building a store in our town. That plan has now changed because those who planned to build the store decided that it wasn't a lucrative venture. We have been asked to send letters of support of a Dollar General being built in

Oakdale addressed to "Whom it may concern" citing all the ways it would benefit our communities. The letter can be emailed to our County Executive's Assistant at bret@morgancountytn.org or written and dropped off at Oakdale School and 2nd District Commissioner Vera Scarbrough will collect the letters and take them to the County Executive's office.

Seasonal residents Debbie Hatfield Pendergrast and Dori Hatfield Ramirez have returned to their homes in California. Debbie who maintains a home in the Piney Community will be back for Thanksgiving. The girls were nieces of the late Delta Scarbrough and came to Piney when they were little girls and teenagers. They are welcome guests in the Piney Community.

Woody Tompkins recently attended the wedding of his granddaughter, Rebekah Tompkins, in Goodlettsville.

Belated birthday greetings to Bryan Foster who celebrated his birthday September 26.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Christine Kries Scarbrough, OHS Class of 1950 who passed away in Chattanooga on September 27. She was the daughter of Henry and Hazel Kries (who taught piano to many in Oakdale.) She was the wife of the late Gene Scarbrough. A private graveside service was held in Chattanooga Memorial Gardens at the Chattanooga North Funeral Home Thursday, October 1.

Condolences to the family of Jimmie Jean Powell Booth who passed away Sunday, September 27. She is survived by her son and daughter in law,

Roger and Paula Powell, her daughter and son in law, Elizabeth and Larry Futrell, grandchildren Leighann Beckwith, Ryan Futrell, Kayla Gronda and Kyle Powell and 5 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister and brother in law, Reba and Wayne Nelson and brother and sister in law Lebert and Trudy Knight and a stepson, Fain Booth. Services were held Thursday, October 1 at Mt. Teman Baptist Church.

There are several around us who are recovering from Covid or who are now dealing with the virus. Please keep these folks in your prayers. God knows who they are.

Continue to pray for our country.

At the Quartet Convention/Fall Festival, Mark Trammel spoke about the condition of our country. He quoted this verse and I decided to close with it. Regardless of all going on around us, we are a Blessed Nation.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Psalm 33:12

Acts Chapter 2

(Acts 2:1-13) The outpouring of the spirit: Pentecost, the feast of first fruits, came fifty days following the Passover. The apostles were all together when the sound of a mighty wind filled the house where they were, and flaming tongues like fire rested upon them. They were filled with the power of the Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages (v. 4). Many Jews from the ancient world were in Jerusalem and the unusual sound brought them together. They were amazed to hear native Galileans speaking in languages they had never learned (v.8). Those from Mesopotamia in the east to Rome in the west, Jews and proselytes, could understand the messages in their own language (v.9-11). The crowd mostly was puzzled, though some mocked, accusing the apostles of being drunk. The "tongues" were human languages, not the jibber-jabber of modern Pentecostalism.

(Acts 2:14-36) Peter's sermon: Peter addressed the crowd. He denied the charge of drunkenness, affirming instead that this was the fulfillment of prophecy. Joel had foretold the outpouring of God's Spirit in the "last days," and "this" was "that" (v. 17; Joel 2:28-30). The "last days" heralded by the prophets (Isa. 2:2-4) had begun (2 Tim. 3:1). Certain church members would be endowed with special gifts. "Wonders in heaven" and "signs on earth" may be apocalyptic language borrowed from the prophets (Isa. 13; Ezek. 32) that hints of the coming destruction of Jerusalem (v. 19-20). There was the promise that "whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (v. 21). This cannot be a mere call, "Lord!" (Mt. 7:21). Calling is the equivalent of obeying (v. 38; 22:16).

The apostle introduces his audience to Jesus of Nazareth, a man of whom God approved (in a special way), as documented by works of power that produced wonder and were signs pointing to God's endorsement. Some of those assembled had witnessed these miracles. The great plan of redemption reached back into eternity, when the Godhead foreknew and made a determination that Christ would become incarnate and die to purchase forgiveness of sins (v. 22-23). (What is to be said of those radical dispensationalists who contend that Jesus' death was not a part of God's original plan of salvation?) Peter indicted the Jews of crucifying their own Messiah by means of the "lawless" hands of the Romans. "Lawless" confirms Isaiah's prophecy that the Lord's "judgment" of innocence would be taken away from him (Isa. 53:7-8; Acts 8:33).

However, as David had prophesied (Psa. 16:8), God raised his Son from the grave. His "flesh" was not to experience corruption, nor would his "soul" be retained in the Hadean realm--a generic term for the "unseen" intermediate state of the spirit (a domain of punishment for the wicked (Lk. 16:23) but bliss for the righteous (Lk. 23:43). Peter noted that David could not have spoken of himself, since his undisturbed tomb was observable still. God had sworn to David that the king's illustrious descendant would inherit his "throne" in a spiritual sense (2 Sam 7:12-13; Lk. 1:32-33), and David, as a prophet foreseeing this event, spoke of Christ's resurrection, which was to precede the enthronement

(v. 29-31).

As Peter spoke these words, Christ was on his throne, exalted at God's right hand, the Father's promise having been fulfilled. Jesus is reigning now; there is no future millennial reign upon this earth. Evidence of the Lord's reign is established by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, administered by Jesus himself (Mt. 3:11), the effect of which they both saw and heard. Again, David is quoted to establish that God would place "my (David's) Lord" at the Father's right hand (a position of authority) until his enemies were vanquished (Psa. 110:1; 1 Cor. 15:25). (See also Christ's use of Psalm 110 at Matthew 22:42-46.) Thus, assuredly (without contradiction) all Israel should know that this Jesus, whom they crucified, has been confirmed as Lord and Messiah (v. 36).

(Acts 2:37-42) the Hebrew response: when the Jewish audience heard these words, they were deeply moved and asked: "Brothers (as descendants of Abraham), what shall we do?" Having thus expressed their faith in Christ, they were commanded to: (a) repent, convert their contrition into reformation; (b) be immersed by Christ's authority in order to obtain the forgiveness of their sins. As a result, they would be blessed with "the gift of the Holy Spirit." Most scholars see this as a non-miraculous gift, consisting of the Spirit himself (1 Cor. 6:19, 12:13; Gal. 4:6).

The divine promise to them and their offspring---and eventually to the "far off" ones, the Gentiles (Eph. 2:13, 17)---was the realization of Heaven's divine "call" via the gospel (2 Thes. 2:14). These called ones would be known as the ekklesia (called out), rendered "church" in most modern version. Peter urged his auditors, "Save yourselves," submit to God's plan to escape the fate of this "crooked generation". Salvation is not independent of human response. About three thousand people (those who received Peter's word (v. 41) were immersed that day, being added to those already prepared by the ministry of John the Baptist and the Lord's apostles (Mk. 1:4; Lk. 7:29-30; Jn. 4:1-2).

The new converts "continued steadfastly" in (a) the apostles' teachings; (b) the fellowship (including generous giving); (c) the observance of the Lord's supper; and (d) prayers, faithful worship on the Lord's day (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).

(Acts 2:43-47) the effect of the movement: a profound sense of reverential awe came upon every person; wonders and signs were done by the apostles. All those who believed were united and shared their substance among themselves and with those in need. ("Believed" v. 44 and "received his word" (v. 41) are comprehensive expressions that embrace all the components of the plan of salvation.) Every day they continued their familial relationship in wonderful harmony. For a while the church met in an area of the temple compound. The region covered some twenty acres and could accommodate two hundred thousand people. They praised God for their blessings, and their demeanor impressed the community. That would not last long! The church grew daily, God adding the obedient together in the one body.

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KINGSTON SOLDIER --- continued from page 1
could.

A Claymore is a powerful mine that fires a pattern of pellets parallel to the ground in whatever direction it is aimed.

The reports said Thacker and McEade began tripping their own mines and were illuminated between the enemy and their own lines but crawled back to safety.

American defenders in the action were given support by B-52 Stratofortresses carrying tons of explosives and B-52s pounded Red positions in raids so accurate the bombs were exploding only a few hundred yards from U. S. soldiers.

Thacker's mother said she receives letters from her son on a regular basis but that he seldom mentions the action in Vietnam. "He knows we worry about it and he just doesn't mention it."

Young Thacker was employed at Norris Creamery in Hariman when he entered the Army last August 30, 16 days after his 19th birthday anniversary. He has been in Vietnam since February. A cousin, Billy Thacker, son of Mrs. Jim Thacker of Hariman, also is in Vietnam, relatives said.

Morgan County Today is very pleased and honored to praise Paul Thacker as the Veteran of the week. Paul's military career began by being drafted into the United States Army on his nineteenth birthday. Paul served in the Army from August 1966 – August 1968.

He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Advanced Individual Training as a Mortarman at Fort Polk, Louisiana. After completion of AIT Paul served his country in Vietnam as an infantryman in the 1st Infantry, 26th Battalion "Blue Spaders".

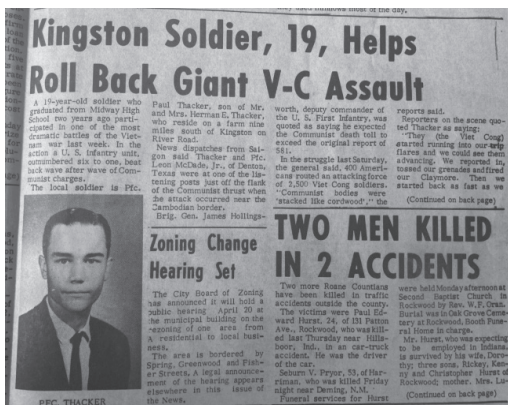
Paul's unit experienced tremendous amounts of combat. They were under intense fire every day from late February 1967 – April 1967. On April 29th, 1967 Paul and twelve of his close comrades were hit by an enemy mortar attack with pin point accuracy. Paul along with ten of his fellow brothers-in-arms were wounded and his Platoon Leader and Radioman were killed instantly.

Paul miraculously survived after receiving shrapnel

fragments in eleven different places of his body. He still has shrapnel in one lung and hip and has regained 86% use of his right arm that was badly wounded.

On April 6, 1967 Paul was in an article in The Roane County News. The article describes a battle Paul fought in near the Cambodian border against the Viet Cong. Paul and his unit were outnumbered six to one by the VC. The complete article from 1967 is attached.

Paul Morgan County Today can't express enough gratitude for the sacrifices you've made for our country and your fellow man. Thank you and God bless you.



Zoning Change Hearing Set
The City Board of Zoning has announced a public hearing on a zoning change for a residential area in the city.

TWO MEN KILLED IN 2 ACCIDENTS
Two men were killed in separate traffic accidents in the county.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Marla Hines, Circuit Court Clerk

This week the Morgan County Today has decided to educate our fine readers on the mission, vision, core values and strategic objectives of the United States Secret Service.

The mission of the United States Secret Service is to safeguard the nation's financial infrastructure and payment systems to preserve the integrity of the economy, and to protect national leaders, visiting heads of state and government, designated sites and National Special Security Events (NSSEs).

The vision of the United States Secret Service is to uphold the tradition of excellence in its investigative and protective mission through a dedicated, high-

ly-trained, diverse, partner-oriented workforce that employs progressive technology and promotes professionalism.

Each point of the Secret Service star represents one of the agency's five core values: justice, duty, courage, honesty and loyalty. These values, and the Secret Service motto "Worthy of Trust and Confidence," resonate with each man and woman who has sworn the oath to uphold them. To reinforce these values, Secret Service leaders and em-



ployees promote and measure personal accountability and program performance across the agency. By holding each person to the highest standards of

personal and professional integrity, the Secret Service ensures the preservation of its core values, the fulfillment of its vision and the success of its mission.

Strategic Goal 1: Protect the nation's financial infrastructure by reducing losses due to counterfeit currency, financial and electronic crimes and identity theft.

Strategic Goal 2: Protect national leaders, visiting heads of state and government, designated sites and NSSEs.

Strategic Goal 3: Enhance the administrative, professional and technical infrastructure as well as the management systems and processes that sustain the investigative and protective mission.

The Morgan County Today sends a warm thank you to all past and current members of the United States Secret Service for putting their lives on the line for our country's leaders.

Employer credits available to help businesses overcome covid.



David Zubler

Several credits were created specifically to help small business owners overcome the financial crisis caused by the pandemic. The Employee Retention Credit was created to encourage

businesses to keep employees employed during the difficult financial times. The refundable tax credit is 50% of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by an eligible employer whose business has been financially impacted by COVID-19.

This credit is available to all employers regardless of size, including tax-exempt organizations. However, there are two exceptions. State and local governments and their instrumentalities and small businesses who take small business loans are not eligible for this credit. Employers must qualify with one of two categories. The employer's business is fully or partially suspended by government order due to COVID-19 during the calendar quarter. The employer's gross receipts are below 50% of the comparable quarter in 2019. Once the employer's gross receipts go above 80% of a comparable quarter in 2019, they no longer qualify after the end of that quarter.

Employers will need to calculate their gross receipts for each calendar quarter to determine if the quarter qualifies for the credit.

The Paid Sick Leave Credit was created to allow business to get a credit for an employee who is unable to work (including telework) because of Coronavirus quarantine, self-quarantine or has Coronavirus symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis.

Employees are entitled to paid sick leave for up to 10 days (up to 80 hours) at the employee's regular rate of pay up to \$511 per day and \$5,110 in total.

The employer can also receive the credit for employees who are unable to work due to caring for someone with Coronavirus or caring for a child because the child's school or place of care is closed, or the paid childcare provider is unavailable due to the Coronavirus. Those employees are entitled to paid sick leave for up to two weeks (up to 80 hours) at 2/3 the employee's regular rate of pay or, up to \$200 per day and \$2,000 in total.

Employees are also entitled to paid family and medical leave equal to 2/3 of the employee's regular pay, up to \$200 per day and \$10,000 in total. Up to 10 weeks of qualifying leave can be counted towards the Family Leave Credit. Employers can receive the credit by reducing the amount of their required deposits of payroll taxes that have been withheld from employees' wages by the amount of the credit.

Eligible employers are also qualified to immediately receive a credit in the full amount of the required sick leave and family leave, plus related health plan expenses and the employer's share of Medicare tax on the leave, for the period of April 1, 2020, through Dec. 31, 2020. The refundable credit is applied against certain employment taxes on wages paid to all employees.

If the employer's employment tax deposits are not enough to cover the credit, the employer may receive an advance payment from the IRS by using Form 7200.

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- Oct 6 "Paint the Town Pink" Competition
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- Oct 8 Local Businesses give out information.
- Oct 9 Everyone wear pink in support of awareness.
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