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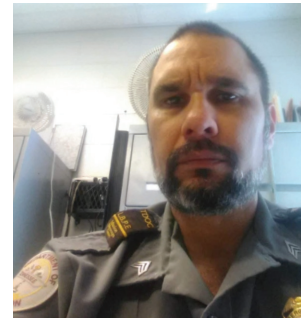
MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 20	71°/39°	
Wed 21	51°/33°	
Thu 22	57°/35°	
Fri 23	63°/48°	
Sat 24	63°/49°	
Sun 25	67°/43°	
Mon 26	75°/51°	

Bridge Dedication for Bernard Hall and Roland Hall



Veteran of the Week
Carl Gaskin



LEO of the Week
Carl Gaskin

There was a large turnout of family members for the bridge dedication for Bernard Hall and Roland Hall at Twin Bridges in Deer Lodge on Sunday, April 11. Morgan County Executive Brian Langley, Morgan County Road Superintendent Joe Miller and

Morgan County Commissioner Susie Kries were on hand to speak about the father and son who both served their country in the military. "I appreciate the efforts of the Road Committee and the County Commission for recognizing the legacy of Ber-

nard and Roland Hall. It was really nice to see so many of their family take part in the dedication ceremony. I also want to thank Joe Miller and Susie Kries for their involvement for making it happen," said Langley.



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MoCo Mutts to the Rescue

It has been years in the making but it has finally arrived; the MoCo Mutts animal shelter has opened for business. What was formally known as the Senior Dog Lodge has opened to help animals in Morgan County.

Under its previous mission the dog lodge took in animals that were hurt, stray, or abandoned and gave them a place to live.

People would also adopt the animals.

Now they will be able to serve the community on a larger scale.

MoCo Mutts Rescue Center Grand Opening in Sunbright happened at the old Habitat for Humanity building in downtown Sunbright on Hwy 27.



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Reba Crabtree, 86

Reba Crabtree, age 86 formally of Wartburg, TN, passed away Friday April 9th, 2021 at Roane Medical Center. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a member of Armes Chapel Church and loved cooking and crocheting.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Seaberry and Eliza Woods; daughter, Vickie Lynn Hall; and her husband, William T. Crabtree.

She is survived by her sister, Edna Perky; her daughter, Fay (David) Hammons of Ten Mile, TN; sons: Robert (Anita) Hall of Lancing, TN, James (Pam) Hall of San Diego, CA, and Ronald (Kim) Hall of Kingston, TN; step-

son, Michael (Pearl) Crabtree of Kentucky; 16 grand children and several great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm at Schubert Funeral Home in Wartburg. The funeral will follow at 2:00 with Bro. Tommy McCool officiating. The graveside service will follow immediately at the Armes Chapel Cemetery in Wartburg, TN.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Reba Crabtree.

Stephen Warren Williams, 64

Stephen Warren Williams, age 64 passed away April 13, 2021 at Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge. Stephen was a line-man who worked for cable construction for many years.

He is preceded in death by his father, HG Williams; mother, Wilda Branstetter; infant brother, Robert Leon Williams.

He is survived by his brothers, Frank, Tommy, Paul and Sher-

man Williams; sisters, Susan (Boyd) Pyles and Judy Branstetter and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

The family has chosen to honor Stephens wishes for cremation. No services are scheduled at this time.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Stephen Warren Williams.

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

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Don't waste your breath
proclaiming what's really
important to you. How you
spend your time says it all.

Eric Zorn

me?" What they want is for you to say "yes." Sometimes the question is "Are you having a good day?" or "Is this X?" if they have your real name.

Do not say "Yes"!

Once they have a recording of that one word from you, they're free to do all kinds of things. They can sign you up for a service or send items to you in the mail. They have proof, they claim, that you agreed to those ... because they have your "yes" recorded in your own voice!

The Morgan County Collaborative, Together Morgan County, will hold their monthly meeting Friday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County School's Central Office. Everyone is encouraged to attend as plans are made for upcoming events to support Morgan County Students and Families.

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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Scammers Try New Ways to Trick You

How many phone calls did you receive today? Of those, how many were scam calls? So far today I've received eight.

This is nothing new, but the tricks that scammers use are changing, and we need to be up on all of their tactics to steal our identities and money.

The latest scammer craze is something called tele-transformer. This is step one in the scammer bag of tricks before handing you off to the closers who will pull you into a deal. Sometimes the message will leave a call-back number. Or they'll claim they're returning your call, or calling because you recently bought one of their products.

If you answer, a typical message will say, "This is Kristen with benefits advisers calling on a recorded line. How are you today?" No matter what you say, they launch into their spiel, sometimes about Medicare, sometimes about Social Security, or your mortgage or your student loan, or car insurance, your disability or senior-living home improvement. The range of topics is long.

Just hang up.

With other types of calls, however, what they're looking for is "yes." With that simple word, they can steal your identity and your money.

Here's how it works: The first question they usually ask is "Can you hear

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The Tabernacle



John Burns

Opinion Columnist

As a Christian, I am required to question how God sees the Human experience against the backdrop of Hebrew hermeneutics. The first mention of a Tabernacle has never been explained to the A-millennial Church. They turn to doing what their ancestors did, and cling to Greek Hermeneutics. The Tabernacle of God must be rightly understood to understand the human experience.

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. If a Christian can grasp that statement and believe Jesus Christ is the God of creation, then the tabernacle will be easy to discern. And the word became flesh and tabernacled amongst us. Most Christians have read the English translation to read Dwelt.

How-ever a closer look at Greek Hermeneutics reveals that God actually was the authorized tabernacle to dwell amongst men in Jerusalem as Jesus the Messiah Nagib. So, if God is a Tabernacle and we are created in his image, then we also must be a Tabernacle of God?

The God of creation labels himself as Elohim in Genesis 1. So, if God is Elohim, then who is Jesus Christ? How did Transliteration from ancient Hebrew to Modern English determine Elohim is the proper name of God? Ancient Hebrew renders God's title from the root of three Hebrew Characters. The Lamed, the He, and the Mem. This happens to be how to rightly identify God as one God in three distinct persons. By adding the Aleph to the beginning and the Yod to the Middle we get the proper Name of God. Aleph, Lamed, He Yod Mem. ELOHIM!

Elohim is known in language as a duality. In this case it is a plural noun with three persons in one distinct Creator God. A duality is rightly identified when use in a sentence. Today I had all of my friends over, both of them. All and both denote I had two friends which amounted to the total number of friends I have. In God's case, The Aleph, Lamed, He, Yod, Mem, equal God! He is the Ox or Aleph, He is the lamed or shepherd's staff, He is the He or Ruah which is rendered in English as the Spirit, The Yod is the Open Hand of God, the Mem is the Water both as a destructive force and the Water of refreshing. This is how to rightly divide the Word of God using Hebrew Hermeneutics. Jesus Christ said in Hebrews 10:7 in the abundance of the Book it is written of Me. What book was Jesus Christ referring to as the Book? Dare I say the Hebrew Old Testament?

When John referred to the Word becoming flesh and Tabernacling amongst us, was the Tabernacle the Trinity or Just Jesus Christ, The Son of God? If Christians are saved by The Death of Jesus Christ on the cross, then, was it God on that cross? Was it God, who tabernacled amongst us? I believe it was God the creator on that cross! I believe when a Christian submits to the Fact that in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God, then Jesus Christ was the Word who became flesh. He was the Word who left Eternity to enter our dimension of time to die to pay our sin debt! This revelation is what leads to revelation. This is why the veil of the Earthly tabernacle was rent in two. When God gave up the Ghost on Calvary, he did it because he was Veiling the Gentile bride of Christ. No need for an Earthly tabernacle of any sort, with the resurrection, God intended to once again Tabernacle amongst Men through his Holy Spirit. If they would accept his entire Testimony about who it was who died on the Cross of Calvary.

Man created in God's image is a triune image. Solomon in the book of Proverbs instructs Men to intreat wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. If God is a trinity, then the Human condition is that we also are a Triune being. But How? The Greek translators of the Septuagint under Pharaoh Ptolemy give us a glimpse into the mind of Elohim the creator. Humans are a Spirit, that possess a soul, that occupy a body. To access the trinity of God one must recognize that this is a spiritual incursion behind the veil of creation. It is available to all who accept Jesus Christ own testimony as to his identity as the creator of Genesis 1. Jesus Christ is the I am of John 8:58. He is YHWH on the cross as identified by Pilate himself. To rightly identify the sacrificial lamb as God himself, one must understand that God is the God who promised Abraham he is the God who would one day provide himself as the lamb. John the Baptist identified Jesus Christ as the lamb Promised to Abraham as Isaac's replacement. It is God the trinity whom we access through our spirit in communion with God's spirit. The soul is the seat of reasoning in humans. It is where we learn and process experiences. It is our soul where we wrestle with principalities and powers of the air. The seat of reasoning can only be overcome with access to the Holy Spirit. The soul is where we become double minded. Serving the world while claiming to know Yeshua. Without the spirit, the soul is where we reason our coming actions in the flesh. If our soul acts upon reason alone, then all the thoughts of man are only evil continually. The acts of the flesh become the actions of our soul alone, and God is nowhere in our lives. Our flesh becomes something God cannot use. To be Christian, not just talk Christian, requires we recognize we are sanctified through the washing and cleansing of God's word. The Bible is the Word that was in the beginning, and that every letter is written of Jesus Christ. To know the Word is to really know God. To know God, is to surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord. To be Overcomers who accept God's dowry of his own death to win our hand in Levirate marriage. Hallelujah!

Humans have always required three dimensional spaces in which to fellowship with God. God has always desired fellowship with men in the tabernacle he alone created without the hands of men. It is the human condition. We were created to be the place God occupies. We are the only authorized Earthly tabernacle that God will inhabit. He does not dwell in houses made with human hands. He is the God of time, who occupies all space. To be inhabited by God one must accept the most preposterous debt payment plan in human history. You can achieve this and never step foot in an Earthly tabernacle! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ died to start a kingdom, not a bunch of heretical Denominational Churches. His desire is that you will hear him knocking at the door of your Earthly tabernacle and let him in, because the Church continues to gather inside and he is outside Knocking to get in to Church. He is not in Church. They Married the world and divorced God.

It started in Egypt. After God delivered them from the bondage of Slavery and the influence of Egypt's God's, they wandered into the desert full of the treasures of Egypt, along with the trappings of Egyptian life. As Moses was called up the mountain to receive the Law, the new nation that God had delivered from bondage, returned to the Egyptian pantheon and crafted a Golden Calf. The golden calf is representative of their own financial stability. They left Egypt with treasure, God had destroyed Egypt's Military in the Red Sea, and now Israel wanted to return to worshipping Egypt's God's. This is America's story. A nation that once worshipped God, created a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, then legislated him out of their lives and is marching toward the total abolition of God from our Children's thought's. America has created two golden calves after the pattern of Jero-boam. Over-dependence on the bull of Wall Street and the golden calf of Washington D.C. will be our nation's death. And it is on our near horizon. America is under the abandonment wrath of God! Teshuva!

The Golden calf erected by the Hebrews in the wilderness was a direct mocking of God. The Hebrews understood that God gave them their alphabet and God was to be understood from the perspective of him being their heavenly Father. God the Father is indicative of the Father's identity. He is the Aleph and the Lamed identified as EL. He is the Ox and the Ox goad. The erection of the golden calf was consistent with all religions moving from worship of the creator toward worship of his creation. America has the Religion of the bull of Wallstreet continuing the rebellion begun in Babylon by Nimrod. Marry that to a little bit of English Jesus and you have the modern, Amillennial Christian Church. They continue to build lavish tabernacles, while God stands at the door knocking, wanting back into their salvation experience. Pergamos is on full display. The Greek Temple of Pergamos was where John identified the marriage of the church to the world system. Per and Gamos make up the Greek word meaning unholy marriage. Jesus Christ revealed to John, that church history would follow a distinct pattern in their march away from sound Hebrew Old Testament teaching. The Church moved toward a Greek Eugenic model. The Priest class was born with bishops becoming overlords. The monopoly of Mother Church was born at Pergamos. The doctrine of deifying the feminine gender was born again at Pergamos. The Temple of Pergamos is indicative of every church erected in America. It receives tax breaks from the state and federal government. If the church rendered unto Caesar

what belongs unto Caesar, every citizen in America would see their tax burden decrease. And the church would actually begin doing something Jesus said. More people would listen to the message of Christ if the church would quit looking exactly like the world around them. Complete with a business plan, they corrupt God's seedtime and harvest message. They receive incredible amounts of money from willing gamblers who actually believe that planting a seed of money will guarantee a bigger harvest of money. How does that fare with Christ teaching to not store up Treasures on Earth? The gospel was freely given by Christ himself. Planting the seeds of the Gospel has nothing to do with collecting money in lavish tabernacles. The seeds you should all be planting is the reason for the joy that is within you. His name had better be Yeshua Ha Messiah. He had better be understood as God incarnate and eternal. You better believe he died to pay your sin debt. You better begin reading his entire word to prepare for the coming kingdom promised to Jesus Christ in eternity past. That kingdom will be governed in the Millennial Temple in Jerusalem. That is the only temple we as Christians should support. Israel is on a collision course of destiny. They will begin the building of the temple in the City of David. Setting in motion the final seven years of human government on Earth. The rapture will be in the rearview mirror of the bride of Christ. The wedding of believer with our heavenly bridegroom will occur after Jesus returns to receive his reward, the bride of Christ. The body of Christ, will see some go through the tribulation. But take heart, you can still be martyred and enter Heaven at the second resurrection. Now is the hour of salvation.

The Bible subject that takes up the second most scripture happens to be the description of the tabernacle. Only the subject of Christ occupies more space in scripture. The tabernacle is the Christ and Christ is the spirit, soul, and body. Wisdom, knowledge, understanding. Father, Son, and Spirit. Are all synonymous with the tabernacle and its architecture. The human condition is addressed by every aspect of the temple layout. The outer court, the holy place, and the holy of holies all point to our total dependence upon the word of God to understand our relationship to him. Justification by faith in the word of God is our first step. Faith birthing sanctification and dependence upon God's word for all questions regarding how to rightly divide the word of truth comes second in our faith walk. Sanctification will lead to our eventual glorification in Christ coming kingdom. The Christian destiny is for Christ to occupy our Earthly temple. He desires to inhabit your spirit, soul, and body. Will you answer the still soft voice of God? Will you become the habitation of Christ Who became flesh and tabernacled amongst us? You can become the tabernacle of God's Holy Spirit. Listen for God's whisper and Say yes Lord, I believe you died to pay my sin debt! Hallelujah.

The overdependence of Christians upon three dimensional spaces has isolated sinners outside of your denominational theatre. The tabernacles bearing the symbol of the cross on their facades long ago stopped preaching the blood of the Lamb alone can cleanse a sinner of his sin. That Lamb was God himself. The alternate gospel being perverted in cults of every sort in America, will collapse and God will return us to the Acts of the Apostles. The message of the Lamb is being taught in houses once again. Families should take advantage of the current pandemic and repent and return your family to sound Biblical literacy. God needs your children Bible trained to enter the world. The world is where the sinners God desires in the kingdom exist, and your children are needed to witness of the message of Christ. Taking the name of the Lord in vain has nothing to do with vocabulary. It is all about being an ambassador for Jesus Christ to a fallen world. While we build elaborate churches with competing doctrines, God has been building a kingdom one testimony of salvation in the blood of the Lamb at a time. He is God and he can get his message to his creation without ever stepping foot in a denominational church. The Tabernacle of God is the body of a true believer. He occupies all the thoughts of his children and they in turn recognize their responsibility as the virgin bride of Christ. We are approaching a period of time when the Apostate church will be on full display. They have no need of the blood of the Lamb, because they have amassed incredible Earthly wealth and Jesus Christ says they have their reward.

To become the tabernacle of God's Holy Spirit, one must allow God to crucify your members. The first domino to fall should be all of your religious pre-suppositions. The Bible alone must become your pastor. God is capable of ordering your foot steps and he is more than capable of getting you the message from the Bible he alone crafted in Eternity past. Mercy and grace await. Whenever Mercy is exhausted in the lives of God's people, grace appears! Hallelujah. The Tabernacle of David is the only tabernacle God says he will raise up. David's tabernacle was the tent of meeting he carried from the house of Obed-Edom to Jerusalem. It housed the Ark of the Covenant. Within the Ark was Moses' staff that budded almonds. Almonds are indicative of two harvest in a season. It was signifying how God would harvest his creation and Israel at two distinct periods of Time. The first-fruits were harvested at the resurrection, and the second harvest will be at Christ second coming at the end of the 7 year tribulation. The Tabernacle of David offered unfettered access to God. The sides of the tent were rolled up, and Israel had 24/7 access to YHWH and the Shekinah glory of God inhabited the mercy seat. That is the pattern of redemption. The final temple will see unfettered access to the mercy seat in Jerusalem. Christ will be ruling and reigning with his bride and David will be present to receive his inheritance as the first-fruits of resurrection. The Tabernacle of David will be established forever and Jesus Christ will be worshipped for all eternity as the King of the Jews!

Understanding that you were created to be the Tabernacle of God has never been more important. Teshuva is required of everyone who believes Jesus Christ died to pay their sin debt. Teshuva means repent and return to sound Bible literacy, your rewards and inheritance in the kingdom of God require it. Do not believe me believe God. Study to show yourself approved, a workman rightly dividing the word of truth. God's Bible is the only word of truth that exists. It is a love story written by the creator of the universe. The central plot is the Redemption of creation which Lucifer corrupted. The central players are us as the sinners and Jesus Christ as the Messiah who is sinless. At the hearty of the matter is your salvation. If you were the only sinner, Christ would have still died for you! Hallelujah.

It is time to sanctify the tabernacle of God so he can inhabit our entire being. It begins with Biblical humility in realizing we all like sheep have gone astray. We are all in need of God's mercy and grace.

We all need to return to God's Bible for all matters of morality. Pray for God to make you the Tabernacle of God. He will inhabit you and keep you from the hour of temptation. He was crucified upon a cross of wood, Yet He created the hill upon which it stood. He is the Aleph and the Tau. He is coming soon to rapture His bride. Will you be watching for His imminent return?
John Burns RLW 6-21-2020

Staff Sergeant John Burns enlisted into the United States Army on September 23, 1987 as an IIC Infantry Mortarman. He graduated from the 7th Infantry Division, Ranger Class 11/89 and served in the invasion of Panama, Desert Storm and the Battle of Mogadishu while assigned to the 75th Rangers.

Some of his many decorations, awards and badges include; Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Sniper Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantry Badge and Expert Infantry Badge. Throughout his prestigious military career, he traveled to forty-five countries on five continents and all but two states while serving in the military.

He currently serves as the Chaplain for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. His devout faith demonstrates to all he comes into contact with that he believes nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He enjoys writing and teaching God's Word while sharing his faith with a dying world.

Historically Speaking History of Cherokee Caverns: Part II

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Two weeks ago we introduced the history of Cherokee Caverns, a historic cave with most unusual formations and unique features found in few caves. We chronicled the early history of the cave dating back to the American Indians and noted the first time it was opened for public access. This week we continue the history of this beautiful historic cavern in our community.

In the late 1960s a restaurant was built over the entrance to the cave and operated until fire destroyed the restaurant, gift shop and cottage in October 1980. The last time I visited the cave before recently was during the fall of 1980, just before the fire. I recalled the many formations and the beauty of the flowstone and crystals. When I went on the special photo tour during this year's "Cool Down in the Cave" event, I recalled with fond memories my last visit there when our two boys were still at home and we went often to such places as a family.

As mentioned last week, this cave has some of the most diverse formations of any cave. Unfortunately, from 1980 until 1989 the cave was heavily damaged through vandalism after public access was stopped and the cave was left unprotected for several years. What a shame! The formations destroyed by vandals in a matter of a few years cannot be replaced. Remember, cave formations are created at an approximate growth rate of one cubic inch in 125 years! So, the actions of a few very stupid people destroyed beautiful objects that took nature hundreds, even thousands and in some cases millions of years to create.

In 1989, the first Haunted Cave was held. It was a resounding success. Along with that effort, local cavers (spelunkers) who are members of the National Speleological Society began an 18-year vigil and implemented protective actions to prevent future damage. Jim Whidby is leading this effort.

The following more specific details of the history of Cherokee Caverns is taken from the history section of the Web site: www.cherokeecaverns.net:

"The caverns began forming about 300 million years ago. Shells and skeletons of ancient marine life mixed with sand, clay, and other material to form the Copper Ridge Dolomite rock. This occurred in an inland sea, which covered the area at that time. Ancient earthquakes created cracks in the dolomite rock, as the inland sea gradually receded the water enlarged the cracks to form the caverns. Ground water, acquiring a small amount of carbonic acid from the air and vegetation on the surface, dissolves the dolomite rock as it works its way into the caverns.

"As this water drips and flows within the cavity of the cave it leaves a very small amount of dissolved rock on the cavern ceiling, walls and floor, gradually creating the cave formations known as speleothems. Soda straws, stalactites, stalagmites, columns, flowstone, are only a few of the beautiful speleothems found in the caverns.

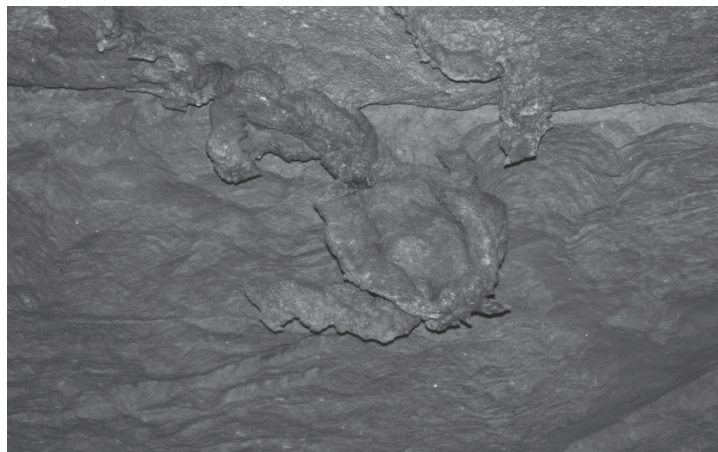
"The caverns were first entered by early American Indians as indicated by cane torch marks (stoke marks) found on the cavern walls. The caverns were rediscovered about 1854 by Robert Crudington, a farmer.

"According to legend, Crudington was hunting on the hillside when he noticed fog emerging around rocks. After moving the rocks he entered the caverns and at the time was thought to have been the first person to see the caverns. In 1866 Crudington bought 800 acres of farmland, including the caverns.

"Crudington's daughter, Margaret Crudington Gentry, was urged by friends to open the caverns to the public. In 1929 the first commercial tours were given under the

name Gentry's Cave, but within a year she renamed it Grand Caverns. The caverns were well advertised and were well visited by many people. In 1946 Margaret passed away and her family sold the caverns in 1947.

"The property and cave was leased resulting in it being renamed Atomic Caverns. This name came from a large stalagmite column,



The formation straddles the earthquake fault line - note the shift of approximately four inches (Photo Submitted)

which was thought to resemble the bottom of the "mushroom" of the famous Bikini Atomic test, which was heavily publicized during that time.

"During this period of time Homer Harris, known as the world's tallest singing cowboy, along with his famous performing trick horse, Stardust, held a one-day western music show in the Crystal Ballroom of The formation straddles the earthquake fault line - note the shift of approximately four inches the caverns. A second show was held out-



Jim Whidby stands by the "Historic Cherokee Caverns" sign near the entrance to the cave (Photo Submitted)

side the caverns entrance. Admission was, adults 75 cents and children 35 cents, for both shows.

"In the mid-1950s the caverns were redeveloped once again and opened with the name Caveman's Palace, but after a short time the name was changed to Palace Caverns. In the 1960s much improvement was made to the cavern trail and lighting.

"A restaurant was built over the cavern entrance and the cave was reopened with a new sixth name, Caverns of The Ridge. In 1970, the caverns underwent further development, and once again, were given a new name, Cherokee Firesite Ceremonial Caverns. This unusually long name was soon changed to its eighth and current name of Cherokee Caverns.

"In October 1980 Cherokee Caverns Restaurant was destroyed by a fire believed to have begun in the kitchen area. The fire destroyed the restaurant, the gift shop and the adjoining stone cottage, which had been built in the late 1800s. During the next eight years the caverns experienced extensive vandalism and became the local 'party' place.

The Web site history ends with "Check back soon for the rest of the story!" So, there is obviously more history to tell and the efforts being taken to preserve the cave are creating history every day.

During the past years, the caverns have experienced major improvements to the original tourist trails. Today, the cave is one of the best tourist "show" caves in the area and continuing to improve. The trails are smooth and wide making for easy access.

Robert Hamm (Hamm Landscaping) joined Jim and has spent thousands of hours removing obstacles, as well as widening and leveling the original trails to make the caverns handicapped-accessible. Robert is the official "caverns engineer." Most commercial (show caves) are not handicapped-accessible; nature just didn't make them that way. Today people in wheelchairs do not have a problem touring Cherokee Caverns.

In addition to being open for the Haunted Cave event at Halloween and the one-day event in the summer, Jim Whidby will give guided tours to groups of 12 or more by appointment. A sign at the cave states, "Cherokee Caverns is now being developed into a non-profit educational center. Donations to this effort are greatly appreciated. For information concerning special group tours contact Jim Whidby, a member of the National Speleological Society, by e-mail at cherokeecaverns@aol.com.

Jim and I agreed to meet the next Saturday, to photograph the cave's extensive formations. We spent four hours in the cave photographing unique and unusual formations. Jim told me much about the cave during the afternoon. What a treat that was! I can hardly wait for my next opportunity to continue photographing the cave.

One of the most unusual things Jim showed me was the earthquake fault line in the middle of the ceiling in the large room near the back of the cave. It has a chert pod formation that straddled the fault line. The formation was split by the earthquake and is clearly shifted approximately four inches. Isn't it amazing the interesting things I learn about local history and the special folks I meet as I pursue stories to publish in Historically Speaking! Jim Whidby is a most knowledgeable individual when it comes to caves. He knows all the formations and understands cave formation like no one I have ever met.

We still want to take more photographs of the formations. We just got started when our time ran out. We are going to try again later. Jim wants to set up the camera and use a flash to create extensive "light paintings." I look forward to that adventure.

Cherokee Caverns is an excellent example of a unique community asset. Jim's desire to protect the cave and also to allow access by all is certainly an admirable and challenging endeavor. His optimism is catching. He has several people working with him. He told me about film companies that had filmed at the cave, including Bill Landry's Heartland Series and a film company specializing in movies about caves. He is also working with some local radio personalities who help mostly with the Halloween Haunted Cave.

Jim is a special person and is dedicated to the preservation of Cherokee Caverns. I am glad I got to meet him and look forward to more interaction with him in the future.

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.

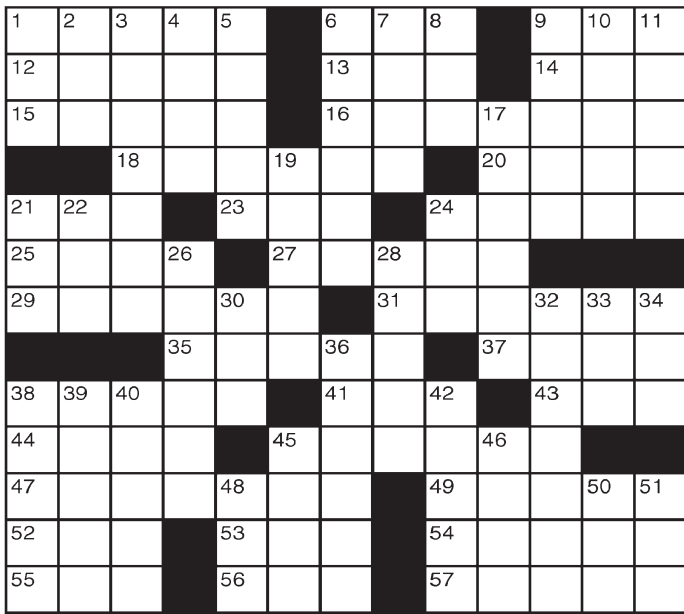
Oak Ridge began in war, has continued to support our nation's efforts through the Cold War, and even now in the age of terrorism. Oak Ridge has also produced nuclear medicine, nuclear power and fuel for the US Navy nuclear submarines and ships.

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King Crossword

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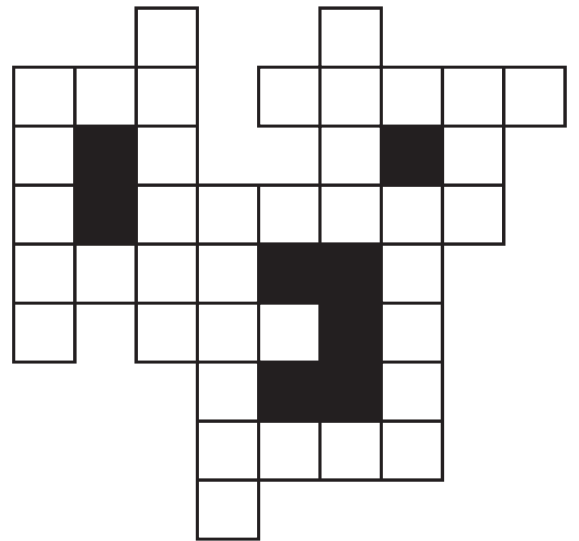
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- 18 Van Gogh painting
- 20 Black, in verse
- 21 Lass
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- 24 Raiment
- 25 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 27 Bush
- 29 Refines, as ore
- 31 Decrees
- 35 Void
- 37 Old U.S. gas brand
- 38 "West Side Story" song
- 41 Stashed
- 43 Science room
- 44 Shortly
- 45 Party snack
- 47 "The War of the Worlds" author
- 49 Did yard work
- 52 Enzyme suffix
- 53 Granola grain



- 54 Speak one's mind
- 55 USPS delivery
- 56 "— Clear Day"
- 57 Egg holders
- DOWN**
- 1 Word of denial
- 2 French pal
- 3 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author
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- 10 Ones for the road?
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- 40 Crew member
- 42 Matt of Hollywood
- 45 Family
- 46 Francis, e.g.
- 48 Privy
- 50 Tolkien creature
- 51 — Moines



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

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Weekly SUDOKU

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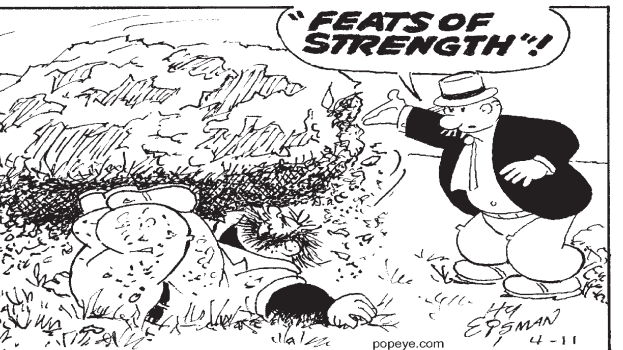
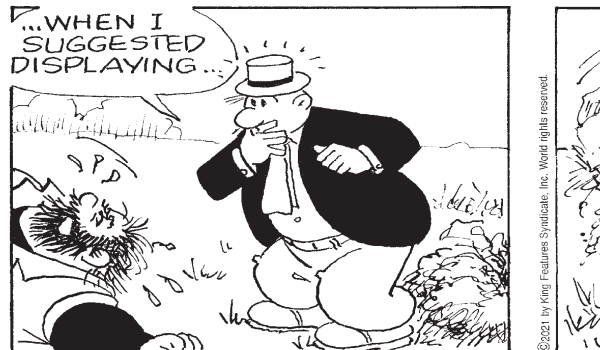
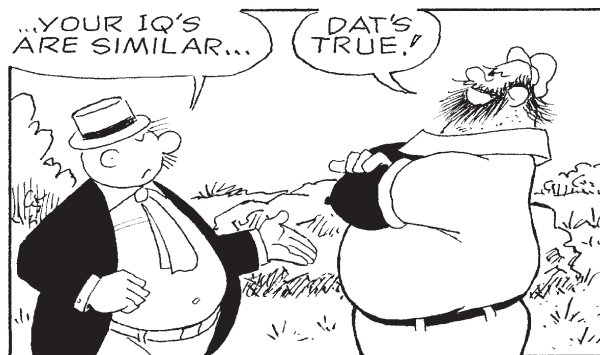
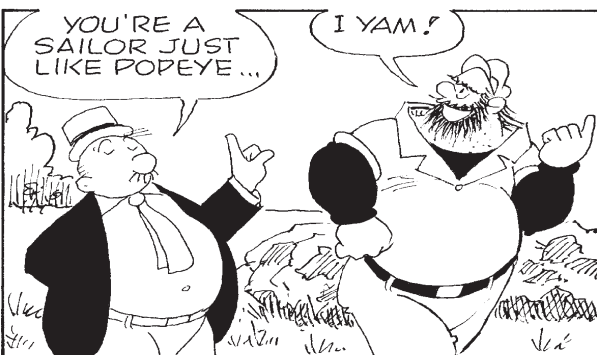
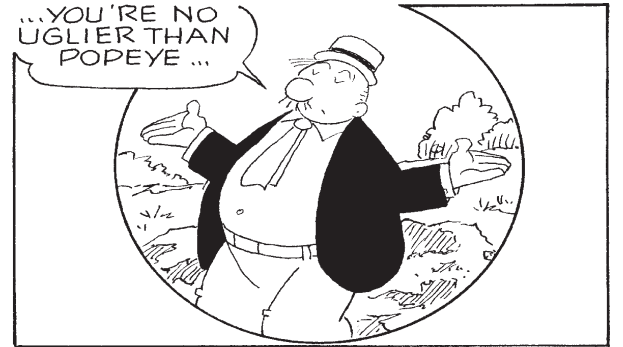
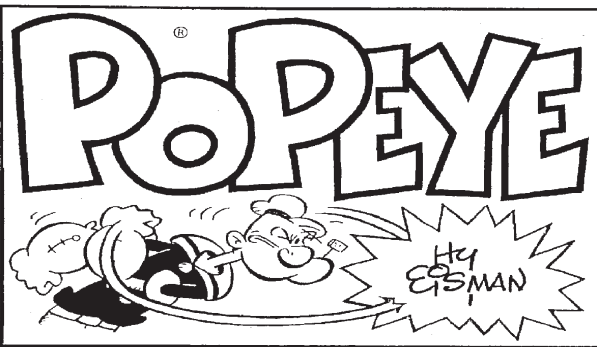
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

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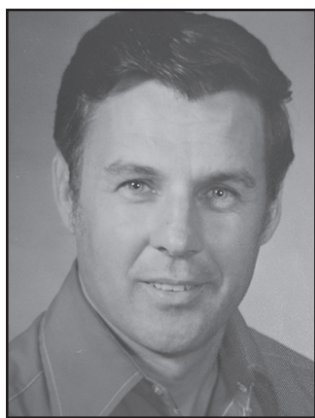
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My Navy Adventure: Part II



Tom Redmon
Columnist

Castilleo continued his big-headedness to the end. We were sitting around the table in the barracks with only a few days left in training awaiting our orders for our next duty

station. Someone asked Castilleo where he was going next and without hesitation, he said he might be staying at NCS San Diego and help C.O. Mazza train troops. Mazza was so glad to see this man go that he wanted to beat him all the way to the gate. Some recruits wanted to know if he was going to the bus station. They wanted to whip his butt. Most of us were just anxious to get home on a fifteen-day leave.

From San Diego I went to Norman, Oklahoma for a prep-training. Yes, there was a naval base in Oklahoma so far from the sea, and how different it was from NTC. It was so lax that I didn't like it after getting the rigid military training in San Diego. The school part was easy for me since I had 2 1/2 years of college. We marched in close rank with half of the men out of step, but our Chief didn't seem to mind.

Several memorable things happened at Norman that I remember it like it was yesterday. One day someone came to one of my classes and said the Executive Officer needed to see Redmon. My thought was what in the world have I done, because the Executive Officer only saw men who were in trouble. I went into the office and there was a Yeoman sitting at the desk. I asked him what the Executive Officer wanted to see me about. He said, "You will find out." I said, "Well I don't think I've done anything wrong, are you sure you have the right man?" He finally looked up at me and said, "Oh yeah, I think so. You are Thomas L. Redmon right?" I said, "Yes, but what is the man's service number?" He read it off and it was not mine, (5262189). He said, "Yes, there might be another Thomas Redmon on base."

About a week later I was standing in line to get my mail and in front of me was a Navy man with the letters REDMON stenciled across the back of his shirt. I asked him what his first name was and he said, "Thomas." I said, "Man, you almost got me into trouble because my name is also Thomas Redmon." We laughed as we talked on. He was from Missouri and like me had recently completed boot training, but his was at Great Lakes, NTC. He told me he was AWOL for about six hours and the Executive Officer gave him fourteen days restriction. Another strange thing is we looked alike. Maybe we even had some of the same Irish blood flowing through our bodies.

When I got bored at Norman I would go to the "Gedunch" (Naval term for eating place) and listen to the latest country records on the juke box. Hank Locklin had just released his big song, "Send me the pillow you dream on", and it was playing a lot. The reverse side, "It's a little more like heaven where you are", became one of my favorites. I wasted quite a few nickels on that record. Don Gibson's "Oh, Lonesome Me" was big during basic training and continued to be so for several months.

I have not kept it secret that I love country music, especially that of the 1950's and 1960's. I even tried singing some but mostly when I was alone because I was too shy to sing in front of people. That would change one day.

A lot of Navy men back then loved country music, especially those from the South and Mid-West. Regardless of which base I went to country music was on the juke boxes and radio. Many Navy men who had talent formed their own country band. Some were pretty good and some were average.

From Norman, Oklahoma I went to Pensacola, Florida to what they call "A School" which was Aerial Photography. It was late August when I got there and I was assigned a class. I soon found out that the school would not be a breeze.



NAS Pensacola is a training base for not only Aerial Photography but for pilots and crew members also. At the time I was there they were training the pilots for the Navy's Blue Angels. Planes were taking off and landing all the time. It was a noisy place.

The ten weeks I had spent at prep-school in Norman, Oklahoma really spoiled me. The classes were easy and we had no inspections. What we learned in Basic at San Diego was out the window.

When we marched to class half of us were out-of-step. Once a recruit appointed himself RCPO and tried to organize us but to no avail. I remember to this day marching cadence he yelled out: Sound off, one, two, three. Sound off.

We nicknamed the Chief in charge of us who came around every once in a while, "high pockets", because he wore his pants so high. It seemed that his pockets were almost at his waist. Pensacola was pretty regimented. The classes were hard and we moved rapidly in every phase of photography. The instructors were all very militaristic and if they caught you sleeping or nodding off in their class you might get a text book

up the side of your head. I could swear these instructors were Marines in Navy uniforms.

Aerial photography was twice as hard as ground photography. We not only had to take the picture from the air but we had to develop and print them and make mosaic maps. You had to be on your toes.

A good friend of mine who had ridden the train with me from Oklahoma was a football player for Pensacola Navy. He was around 6'6" and weighed around 240 lbs. and all muscles. But he was a good friend to have I found out later.

In about the 7th week of training I got the flu and ended up in the hospital one night with a temperature of 104 degrees. While in the hospital, my friend came to see me and brought my mail. I was real concerned about getting behind in my course work. I requested to see the Head Chief over the Photo School. Here is where God put someone in my pathway to help me out. While I was sitting in his office, he was reviewing my records. I had pretty good grades before going to the hospital.

In a few minutes, he asked me what I wanted to do. I said, "I guess I'll have to drop out of "A" School and join the fleet. He looked at me, not as a Navy Chief but as someone who deserved help. He said, "Redmon, it's not your fault that you ended up in the hospital." I said, "I know sir, but in the Navy, you have no excuse." He came back, "Yes, but there is a reason. I tell you what I'd like to do, I'll have one of your First Class Petty Officers give you a refresher course and then you can take the final test in ground photography." You'll make it I'm sure and you'll enjoy your tour in the Navy. I thanked the Chief for giving me a second chance.

A few days later I took the test and made an 89. When I got my orders on December 15, 1958, I didn't know what to say. I was to spend the next eighteen months on a little Pacific Island named Guam, but first I was to go through a Naval Survival Course. Man, how lucky could you be! That's a joke.

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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

My Career Podcast



My career podcast show debuted back in September of 2020.

The Zack Ballinger Show started off with my very first guest, Morgan County native and physician, Dr. Jonathan Laymance. Dr. Laymance is a family medicine physician at Summit Medical Group at Wartburg. For 7 months, I have been broadcasting live to shine a light on various careers in North America.

The format of the show is a simple informal interview that broadcasts live virtually on my YouTube channel every week. My guests use a streaming application through their computer or smart phone, so the interview is captured live. The broadcasts then are later uploaded on Facebook and Instagram. So far, we have now recorded over 70 episodes for our career library.

The Zack Ballinger Show's vision is to create a career library among students and professionals. The career library will have interviews from professionals in various career fields. Zack plans to have over 821 career pathways represented via his show. These videos/podcasts will help students and professionals with career exploration and development.

This is a free career resource that I think will benefit high school, college students, and millennials for many years to come.

The career library allows for people to connect with various professionals via LinkedIn. Many colleges have inquired about using the career library for their students for career exploration and development.

Morgan County is my hometown. I really want to shine the light on Morgan County professionals and I need your help. Please spread the word to your family members, friends, coworkers, neighbors, connections etc. I am looking for guests in interesting career fields. Everyone reading this article knows someone in career fields that may be very unique. I am looking for guests that work in these unique career fields for my career podcast show. In addition to unique career fields, I am particularly looking for people working in the following fields:

- Mechanics
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Electrical Power Line Installer/Repairer
- Transportation Inspectors
- Telecommunications Equipment Installer
- Construction
- Custodial Work
- Engineers
- Elevator Installers
- Drill Operators, Oil and Gas
- Boilermakers
- Signal and Track Switch Repairers
- Pipefitters
- Brick masons and Block mates

- Truck Drivers
- Architects
- Manufacturing
- Warehousing
- Steel Worker



Zack Ballinger

The future career podcast guest only needs to possess a smart phone or be able to access a computer with internet connection for a virtual interview. My interviews are only virtual at this point and time. Spread the word!! I would love to have more people on the show from Morgan County.

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 posted on Facebook on www.facebook.com/thezackballinger. What if you want to listen to a podcast? The show can be found on iTunes, iHeartRadio, and Spotify: search for The Zack Ballinger Show and you can find all the episodes.

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

Visit www.zackballinger.com for more of Zack's travels and events.



Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Kudos to Oakdale Drama Club for once again providing their audiences with two fantastic performances. On April 16 and 17, the cast performed "The Show Must Go On" which was written and directed by Julie Johnson Crowe. Following Saturday's show, Seniors Amelia Clark, Willow Jones and Bellamy Croft were recognized with balloons and gifts for their years on stage.

Mariah Elise Redmon was born Friday, April 16 weighing 8 lbs 8 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Mariah's parents are Caleb and Keeli Redmon. Her grandparents are Chris and Missy Redmon and Keith Helton. Her great grandparents are Jr. and Shirley Ruppe, Charles Redmon, Fayette Helton and Bobby Jackson. Her great, great grandmother is Irene Helton. Congratulations everyone and Welcome to the World Mariah!

Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary to Randy and Christine Chapman. They were married April 18, 1986. Wishing you many more blessed years.

Miss Ashlyn Ruppe turned 11 years old on April 10th. She had a birthday party at her Papaw and Gammy Foster's house with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mrs. Ruth Headrick recently enjoyed visits from grandchildren and great grandchildren she doesn't see often and got to meet her new great grandson for the first time. On Wednesday, April 7, Drew, Kristan, Konlin and Kloe Headrick visited. On Sunday, April 11, Landon, Tessa, Hallie Jane and Bram visited. Ruth enjoyed meeting Abraham Denton "Bram". Ruth always enjoys visits from her children and grandchildren.

Jayla and Kameron Show spent Easter weekend in Pennsylvania with their dad Kurt and his family. During Spring Break, Jayla, Kameron and Crusade Ruppe went to North Carolina with their Nanna to visit their Uncle and his family. They had a lot of fun with their cousins playing in the creek and playing games.

Justin, Valerie, Cartie and Clayton Disney spent some time in Pigeon Forge during Spring Break. They went to Pirate's Voyage. They had an old timey family picture made. They were dressed as mobsters. Congratulations to Clay who got a hit and made it to first base his first time at bat in his first ever baseball game. Congratulations Clay!

The Morgan County Community Collaborative, Together Morgan County, will hold a meeting Friday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. at Morgan County School's Central Office. This will be the first in-person meeting since March 2020. Everyone should wear masks and safety protocol will be practiced. Grab and go snacks will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Any young ladies who would like to join Girl Scouts

can contact Robin Greer or Jennifer Lynne Lewis on Facebook to register.

Appointments are now being accepted for children to register for Pre K or Kindergarten in Morgan County Schools. Appointments can be made by calling 423-346-6214 and asking for Julie. To complete the application for Pre K, a copy of the child's Social Security Card, a copy of their official state birth certificate, proof of income, copy of the child's insurance card and proof of Morgan County residency. Complete details can be found at www.mcsed.net. Registration will also be held at Oakdale School on May 10 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The last day of school in Morgan County will be May 27. School will dismiss at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Oakdale Alumni Association Online Auction. Thanks to everyone who bid on items. The auction went well and that is due to the generosity of everyone who participated in some way. A special thank you to Ashley Ruppe who always does a fantastic job of photographing items, creating the Facebook event page, posting items, keeping up with the bids, notifying the winners and arranging delivery of the items.

Happy Birthday to our niece, Heather DeVaney, who will celebrate her special day Wednesday, April 21.

Happy Birthday to our cousin, Randy Chapman, who will celebrate his special day Thursday, April 22. Randy had a special visitor over the weekend. His grandson, Beau Chapman, visited family in Tennessee for the first time.

Happy Birthday to our nephew, Kinley Hamby, who will turn 20 years old April 23. Happy Birthday to Alan Jones and Edgar Brown who also have a birthday on April 23. Have a great day gentlemen.

Happy Birthday to Teresa Jensen, who will celebrate her birthday April 25. Wishing you a great day my friend!

Please keep praying for the many needs all around. Pray for the sick and the ones caring for them. Pray for the grieving as they adjust to life without loved ones. Pray for our homes and families, our churches and pastors, our schools and educators, our military, our country and leaders and most of all, pray for the lost. The Lord is coming for his children soon.

Thursday, April 22 is Earth Day. I searched online for a quote about Earth Day to end this column. I couldn't find one that felt right. I will close with something I read on Facebook last week. It made me happy and maybe it will make you happy too!

If you eat an entire cake without cutting it, you technically only had one piece. – Unknown (But I like their way of thinking!)

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Acts 28

(Acts 28:23-29) an appointment for Continuing discussion: on an appointed day, the Jews returned (in considerable number) to his dwelling. He may have secured a large apartment in order to accommodate evangelistic studies. In a day-long session, Paul "expounded" (laid out in logical format) his case. The verbal tense would indicate a lengthy argument. (a) He spoke of the "kingdom of God". He may have shown prophecies regarding, the coming of a new kind of kingdom (Dan. 2:44; 7:13; Zech. 6:12-13). He may have called attention to prophecies regarding the Jewish rejection of God's reign among Old Testament Israel and the replacement of it with a new and broader regime (Mt. 21:43). (b) He doubtless cited numerous Old Testament prophecies regarding the nature of the coming Messiah, his rejection by his own people, his atoning death, burial, and resurrection, along with the matching information concerning Jesus. His presentation no doubt was powerful, and the controversy was heated at times.

Some were "persuaded"---the verb can mean they started believing or that they became believing ones, they were ripe candidates for gospel obedience. On the other hand, other disbelieved, remained in their unbelief. They rejected Paul's message. There clearly was disagreement among the Jewish auditors. It is almost certain that the disbelievers would have been incensed that some of their colleagues had been persuaded by the gospel. Tempers likely flared, necessitating an apostolic rebuke. Paul gave them a stinging response. The Holy Spirit had spoken through Isaiah the prophet (6:9-10), foretelling the disposition of many of the rebellious Jews: (a) they would hear but refuse to understand, see but not perceive; (b) their hearts would be "gross" (thick), their ears "dull," and their eyes "closed"; (c) they simply did not want to believe and turn to God for his healing of their diseased souls (v. 25-27).

Paul's parting words would cut them to the quick. In view of their rejection, the "salvation of God" would henceforth be offered to the Gentiles. Unlike the spiritually deft Hebrews, the pagans would listen---as indeed a "remnant" of the Jews had done already (see Romans chapter 11). Verse twenty-nine (KJV) is not found in the better Greek texts.

(Acts 28:30-31) conclusion: Paul remained in his dwelling, paid "at his own expense." Two entire years went by---the implication being that he was released at the end of that period. The New Testament indication is that Paul did "stand before Caesar" (27:24), even though it is commonly argued that Nero usually did not hear cases personally. During this two-year phase, the apostle enjoyed remarkable freedom to teach the gospel. He received all who came to his dwelling.

Thus ends the book of Acts---rather abruptly. Why? Apparently Luke knew of the outcome of Paul's situation; that is implied by the "two whole years" reference. We do not know why a further explanation was not given, save this was the design of the guiding Spirit. One thing is sure: no writer, directed solely by human impulses, would have left the story hanging in the way it ends. Surely this is a subtle evidence of the divine inspiration of the document.

During this two year span, four of Paul's letters were composed---Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. From references in these epistles, certain facts can be gleaned: (a) The apostle was under great stress, both physically and emotionally (Eph. 3:1; 4:1; Phil. 1:17; Col. 4:18; Philem. 1, 9, 10). (b) He had some anxiety as to how his trial before Caesar would go (Phil 2:23-24). (c) In addition to Luke and Aristarchus (27:2), Tychicus was there at some point; he conveyed Paul's letter to Ephesus

(Eph. 6:21). (d) Timothy joined the apostle, for his name is connected to Paul's in the salutation of the letters to the churches at Philippi (1:1) and Colossae (1:1) and in the epistle to Philemon (v 1). (e) Sometimes during this period, Paul came in contact with the runaway slave, Onesimus, and led him to the Lord (Col. 4:9; Philem. 10). (f) Mark joined Paul during this period, as did a Christian named Justus and another named Epaphras (Col. 4:10-12). (g) Demas, who later forsook the apostle, was there as well (Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:10). (h) Epaphroditus came from Philippi, bringing Paul financial assistance (Phil. 4:18).

As dark as this time must have been in some ways Paul viewed it positively, suggesting that his troubles really had worked for the progress of the gospel (Phil. 1:12). What a man!

This ends commentary on the book of Acts of the Apostles, but this does not end the pattern which they established, by means of the Holy Spirit, for the church of the living God, which is the kingdom of Christ. Every soul that was saved by the grace of God, through faith, were saved when they heard the PURE gospel of Christ and believed it and repented of their sins and confessed their faith that Jesus is the Son of God and were immersed (buried) in water into Jesus Christ for remission of their sins. This is how the Ephesians of Eph. 2:8-9 were saved (Acts 19:1-7). Friends, this is the way the truth and the one and only way to life eternal. We have this pattern of salvation in the book of Acts, many thousands of people are saved, made righteous by the blood of Christ at the point of surrender to the king. Hear Paul explain it in Romans 6:3-14 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law (of Moses), but under grace (the new covenant)."

All of the apostles died for the faith (the gospel), except John who was exiled. They did not distort the pattern of salvation as men do today. Covenant: Luke 1:72; Acts 3:25; 7:8; Rom. 11:27; Gal. 3:15-17; Heb. 8:6-13; Heb. 9:1-4; 10:16; 10:29; 12:24; 13:20.

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week



Carl Gaskin grew up in Mossy Grove and attended high school at Wartburg Central High School. He now lives with his loving wife, Patty in Harriman but has plans to someday live once again in Mossy Grove.

Carl decided to enlist into the United States Military after seeing the news footage of the beheading of The Wall Street Journal Journalist Daniel Pearl on February 1, 2002. Many of our readers remember that tragedy of the global war against terrorism. Carl decided to do his part in standing up for justice and did so by enlisting into the United States Marine Corps infantry in 2003.

Carl's military career be-

gan in Boot Camp at the famous Parris Island, SC. After Parris Island he was assigned to Camp Geiger, NC where he became a qualified (0311) Marine Corps Infantry Rifleman. Once Carl was a qualified Infantryman, he was assigned to serve in the 2nd Battalion 6th Marines Company G.

Carl served in the USMC from 2003 – 2008. Throughout his service in the USMC, he earned the rank of Corporal (E-4) and served in three deployments to Iraq including Operations Iraqi Freedom IV, V, and VI. During those deployment he was stationed in Fallujah, Iraq and witnessed firsthand the rebuilding and revitalization of the city which was made possible by the security provided by U.S. and allied forces.

Cpl Gaskin earned not only one but two Navy Achievement Medals among other awards throughout his service in the USMC.

Cpl Gaskin you've worn different uniforms while serving in different capacities but it is evident that one thing remained the same, your heart and desire to stand up for those who could not stand up for themselves and your courage to do your part to make a positive difference in a dark world. For that we are thankful!

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

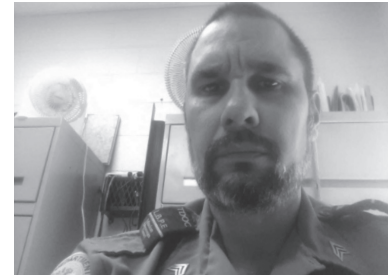
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This week we are pleased to honor Carl Gaskin as the law enforcement officer of the week. Not only does Carl serve our state and community as a Correctional Officer at the Morgan County Correctional Complex but he also served our country in the United States Marine Corps and will also be honored as this week's veteran of the week.

Carl began his criminal justice career in May, 2009, after his service in the

USMC ended on October 28, 2008. He began working as a Correctional Officer and has now earned the rank of Correctional Sergeant and serves as the 2nd Shift Sergeant.

Sergeant Gaskin enjoys the sense of family among his fellow officers at the MCCX. He also enjoys the unique and complex challenges himself and his fellow



officers face together each and every day. Such as feeding, clothing, and ensuring

the safety and security of the complex's inmates without incidents. Sergeant Gaskin stated, "I'm as passionate

and as serious about my service as a Correctional Sergeant as I was in my service in the United States Marine

Corps. It's my opinion that serving in corrections is just as important."

We at Morgan County Today are beyond thankful for Sergeant Gaskin's sense of service and duty to his country, state, and community. We pray that the Lord continues to guide, lead, inspire, and protect him while he continues to selflessly serve and protect others as a Correctional Officer at the MCCX.

Suspension of tax liability from Marketplace health insurance credits



David Zubler

If you received too much of a credit from the government for your Marketplace health insurance, you are not required to pay back the excess credit for tax year 2020.

The IRS announced that taxpayers increase of their tax liability from their excess advance premium tax credit (APTC) payments for 2020 has been suspended. If you received too much of a credit you are not required to file Form 8962 Premium Tax Credit.

The excess APTC is the amount by which your advance payments of the APTC exceed your Premium Tax Credit (PTC). The latest IRS announcement regarding Marketplace health insurance credits includes terms, acronyms and principles which can make it challenging to understand. Consequently, I am providing the following example to make it easier for everyone to understand the concept.

John signs up for health insurance at the Marketplace. John estimates his income for tax year 2020 will be \$25,000. Since his income is relatively low, his health insurance is subsidized by the government based on the amount of his projected income. When John files his income tax return if his income for 2020 was more than \$25,000, he would have received too much of a subsidy and would have to pay back the excess amount of the advance subsidy. The excess subsidy is called an excess premium tax credit. Normally John would have to pay back the excess when he filed his tax return. As a result of the IRS announcement, he would not have to pay back the excess credit or file Form 8962 with his tax return for 2020.

If John's income was less than \$25,000, he may be qualified to receive additional credit when he files his return. The credit he would be eligible for is called net premium tax credit. John would need to file Form 8962 to receive his credit.

You can check with their tax professional or use tax software to figure the amount of allowable PTC and reconcile it with APTC received using the information from Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement.

Taxpayers who have already filed their 2020 tax return and who have excess APTC for 2020 do not need to file an amended tax return or contact the IRS. The IRS will reduce the excess APTC repayment amount to zero with no further action needed by the taxpayer. The IRS will reimburse people who have already repaid any excess advance Premium Tax Credit on their 2020 tax return. Taxpayers who received

a letter about a missing Form 8962 should disregard the letter if they have excess APTC for 2020. The IRS will process tax returns without Form 8962 for tax year 2020 by reducing the excess advance premium tax credit repayment amount to zero.

This change applies only to reconciling tax year 2020 APTC.

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