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MORGAN COUNTY WEATHER THIS WEEK

Tue 11	69°/47°	
Wed 12	64°/44°	
Thu 13	64°/45°	
Fri 14	68°/46°	
Sat 15	71°/52°	
Sun 16	73°/56°	
Mon 17	77°/59°	

McCray Signs With Bryan



Madilyn McCray of Wartburg Central High School signed to Bryan College Volleyball. She is the first student in WCHS history to be signed to a college for volleyball and is also the first student in the county to be signed to a 4-year institution for the sport. Madilyn received All-District awards in 2018 & 2020 and

MVP in 2019. She plays with the K2 Volleyball Club in Louisville, TN. Her parents are Daniel & Tiffany McCray. She plans to major in Exercise Science at Bryan, then transfer on for her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.



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Donald Ballard



LEO of the Week
Chris Farrar



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Chamber of Commerce

The Morgan County Chamber of Commerce will hold the 1st "in person" meeting for 2021 on Thursday, May 20th at Morgan County Schools Central Office, 136 Flat Fork Rd., Wartburg. The Luncheon will be Sponsored by Roane State Community College. Lunch begins at 1130 am. The Board of Directors will meet immediately prior at 10:15 am. Details to come! Please RSVP to chamber@morgan-countytn.org or 423.346.5740 by NOON Monday the 17th.

Big Thanks to River Ridge Barn for Sponsoring our MCCOC Entrepreneurs "Open for Business" After-hours Dinner last night! We had really sweet group for our gathering, along with some really cool presentations. We have exciting things happening in Morgan County, Tennessee. Thanks also goes out to the following entertainment, refreshment providers, and presenters:
Refreshment Samples -
MoCo Brewing Project / Lilly Pad Hop-
yard Brewery / Brushy / Stonehaus Winery

Music by Doug Freels, "Mosaic"

Presenters -
Justice Entrepreneur Class, Central High
Miranda Price, Mitchell Productions
Ashley Davis, One Bank

The Morgan County Chamber of Commerce was proud to hold the Ribbon Cutting for such a GRAND Opening for MOCO Mutts this past Saturday in Sun-bright! Stop in and see just what a fine job these VOLUNTEERS are doing for your county!



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Ben Rankin, 93

Ben Rankin, age 93, of the Joyner community, passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at his home.

Ben was born on December 30, 1927 to the late Henry and Mandy Rankin. He is preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Bobbie Jo Thornton Rankin; brothers Ernest, Melvin, and William; sisters Ester, Dora, and Eva. He is survived by his son, Van Rankin and wife Janice; daughter Phyllis Potter; grandchildren Kevin Rankin and wife Megan; Valerie Hyder, Kelli Harvey and husband Aaron; great-grandchildren Lochlyn and Harrison Rankin, Benjamin Hyder, Avaleigh and Ezra Harvey; and brother Claude Rankin.

Ben was a faithful Christian and spent many years of service with Union Baptist Church and most recently was a member of First Baptist Church of

Wartburg. Ben was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a 50 year Mason with the Black Diamond Lodge and a 65 year member of the IAM Local 480. He retired in 1986 after 31 years as a machinist with Martin Marietta Y-12, formerly Union Carbide. Ben loved fishing and participated in many bass tournaments over the years. He was also a talented wood carver and made special carvings for the people he loved.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Schubert's Funeral Home in Wartburg with Brother Doug White officiating. Receiving of friends will be from 11:00-1:00, with the funeral at 1:00 and burial to follow at Estes Cemetery in Coalfield.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ben Rankin.

Shirley C. Hamby Shannon, 77

Shirley C. Hamby Shannon August 11, 1943- May 1, 2021 Shirley C. Shannon, of Sunbright TN went home to be with the Lord on May 1, 2021 at the age of 77.

Shirley was loved and admired by many. She was kind, caring, and respectful. Many of her friends and family describe her as always understanding, faithful and compassionate. She always did her best to help those in need. Shirley was proud of her family and heritage. She enjoyed life and traveled to many places.

Shirley was born to James Quintin Hamby and Ruth E. Moore Hamby on August 11, 1943 in Dayton, OH and was a citizen of Sunbright for 38 years. She married the love of her life, Leamon S. Shannon on April 1, 1961. After graduating from nursing

school in 1972, she worked as an emergency room nurse and for the state of Tennessee until she retired in 2002.

Shirley once said "the only thing I enjoy more than being a nurse, is being a mom".

She attended the Sunbright Church of God of Prophecy. She is proceeded in death by: Husband of 53 years, Leamon S. Shannon; 2 sisters (Louise Jones, Loretta Hill) and 1 brother (David Hamby) and 1 grandson (Joel Brandon Griffin) She is survived by her daughter, Jo Ann "Jody" Griffin (Joel Griffin), son Jeffrey L. Shannon; 3 grandchildren, Brandy Mann, Jackson Griffin, Andrew Shannon and 2 step-grandsons; Jason Griffin and John Griffin and 2 great granddaughters.

Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Shirley C. Hamby Shannon.

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

Itchy Feet: BANBURY, ENGLAND

By Janice Wilson

Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross,
To see a fine lady upon a white horse;
Rings on her fingers and bells on her toes,
And she shall have music wherever she goes.

Banbury is a market town in Oxfordshire, that goes way back to the sixth century, known as being a royalist town during the Cromwell rebellion. Besides the cross, which still stands today, in the centre of town, Banbury is also known for its Banbury cakes. An individual cake of fruits and spices, I buy them every time I go back to England. Banbury is also a market town, and on Thursday and Saturday the market is the place to go where one can buy anything from fruit and veg. to fresh cheese and eggs to clothes to groceries to gifts. Almost anything one can get at Walmart you can find in this market. My favourite stall was always the fresh cheese table, where I would go home with two pounds of cheddar and Lancashire cheeses. Nothing to beat the taste.

We lived in Banbury for four years while Joe was stationed at RAF Upper Heyford and I worked for the Base Exchange. The house we lived in was a four-hundred-year-old Manor House. It was a listed building so the inside and outside could not be changed in any way, including the eighteen-inch-thick stone walls and fourteen rooms.

That meant



the tiled hall way with its flower designs were faded but one could still imagine the vibrant colours they once were. The red terracotta tiles carried on through to the kitchen where a huge wood block table served as a work station and a dinning table. An Agar cooker, converted to oil, filled an alcove next to a five-foot window seat. To heat the house and water the stove remained lit all year round. The walk-in pantry was on the opposite side of the kitchen and boasted a twelve-foot wall of glass door cabinets on one side, with stone countertops and a six-foot wall of cabinets on the other, all a good couple of hundred years old.

The front door was a good three inches thick and boasted a brass lion head knocker that had turned green with age. To lock the door, one had to pull a six-by-six beam out of the wall and insert the end into another hole on the opposite side. Even though a more modern brass lock had been installed the kids always loved to use the beam. The living room and dining room had large black beams in the ceiling and wood paneling around the walls. The windows had wrought iron decorative bars over them and shades that folded into the walls. Most windows had window seats and the

living room had a walk-in fireplace. Where the side ovens used to be, one could now sit and enjoy the heat from a wood or coal fire. Behind this see-through fire place was the original kitchen.

The stair way was still original to the house and worn wood stairs carried you upstairs to four bedrooms and a bath room, all sporting the same black beams and worn wooden floors. The third floor was not needed and never used, but was good for storage.

Out side at the end of the garden was a dovecot with many carrier pigeons, though they were not required to carry any messages during our stay. The large trees in the garden were oak, holly and more I could not name, all at least sixty years old and in the front of the house, climbing the wall was a pear tree, over one hundred years old and still bearing the most delicious fruit.

Sitting alone in the living room, reading or knitting I would often hear 'footsteps' traveling the length of the house from our bedroom to Jacquelyn's on the other end. It is rumored that Charles I stayed in the manor while fighting Cromwell and the footsteps are his. My romantic side truly believes this one.



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Coal Dust: The Camp

By Terry Futrell

There was more love among these coal miners and their families than any community I have ever seen.
Lassie Futrell

Coalfield's mining heritage was ever present during my youth in the remnants of the mining camps that had housed workers and their families. There were three mining camps in the Coalfield area - Wiser Town was located northwest of Coalfield in Corbin Hill and the Coalfield and Conger Camps were located near each other in my neighborhood at the foot of Little Brushy Mountain.

The Coalfield Camp was located north of the ridge that runs from the Seventh Day Adventist Church located on Guy Jones Road toward the foot of Little Brushy Mountain. The Conger Camp was located to the east behind the Elbert Jackson and Lottie Goddard properties, reaching to the head of Walls Hollow.

Both my parents had lived in Coalfield Camp at some time as they were growing up. It was there that they met, dated, and married when my mother was only sixteen years old. In 1984, mother described life in Coalfield Camp to one of her granddaughters in the following way.

The first place I can remember living is Coalfield Coal Camp in Coalfield, Tennessee, Morgan County. The place wasn't so fancy and we didn't have very much. We didn't have electricity. We really loved this place and the people in it. There was more love among these coal miners and their families than any community I have ever seen.

The girls and boys in Coalfield Camp would all get together to play ball under a big pine tree. We would all get together and walk to Stevens Church, Pleasant Grove, Middle Creek or most anywhere we needed to go.

When [the] Futrells moved to the Camp I started dating Lewis. He didn't have a car. We walked with everyone else. When Lewis borrowed a car to go to Harri-man to the 4th July celebration, or somewhere we had the car as full as we could get it. There weren't very many places to go, only church and baseball games.

When I first began school in 1952, our bus route included both the Coalfield and Conger Camps. As I recall, there were only two or three families who still lived in the Conger Camp. The Harriman and Northeastern Railroad, commonly called the H&NE,

had switches near "downtown" Coalfield where spur lines took trains to Wiser Town and to the Coalfield and Conger Camps. As a result, downtown Coalfield was typically referred to as "the switch" by people in the community.

The railroad spur line to Conger Camp circled through the Coalfield Camp, across the Elbert Jackson dairy farm, and all the way to the coal tipple where the trains were loaded behind the Lottie Goddard property. The spur line was still maintained and used occasionally when I was a small child.

My greatest memories of the Conger Camp include the deteriorating remains of the coal tipple where the trains were loaded and the periodic fires that burned in the slate dumps near the tipple - we could see the smoke rising and sometimes even see the flames from our house. The few remaining houses in the Conger Camp were demolished soon after I entered school, and thereafter we typically referred to the remaining Coalfield Camp simply as "the Camp".

My school bus ran throughout the Camp until I graduated in 1964. The Camp included many families who had spent their entire lives there, while others were transients. All were tenants of the coal company.

Many of the homes in the Camp were primitive shacks with no indoor plumbing, not unlike our house when I was a small child. A large reservoir, or catch basin, had formerly provided water for the homes in the Camp, but several of the families were served by a com-

mon dug well.

I recall times as a child that the well would dry up and residents of the Camp would have to find and haul water to their homes. After my dad went to work at the K-25 uranium enrichment plant in Oak Ridge, he had a well drilled on our property and it always had plenty of water. During the summers, some of the Camp residents would bring their jugs and other containers to our house and get water from our well. No one was ever turned down.

To say that the Camp was an economically depressed community would be a gross understatement, but somehow folks found a way to survive. I recall one family that raised a few chickens for the eggs and meat that they provided. When their kids boarded the school bus in the mornings, you could usually smell the freshly fried egg sandwiches that the kids carried in a brown paper bag for lunch at school.

Some kids from the Camp came from desperately poor families, and their clothing and appearance were sometimes made fun of by other, more well-to-do students. Using today's terminology, they were bullied!

I recall one incident from sixth grade - a girl from the Camp was being harassed by a male student. Things were quite different in those days, and we had two pairs of boxing gloves in the classroom. The teacher left the room for an extended period one day and the harassment began. Other kids encouraged the girl from the Camp and the harassing boy to put on the gloves and settle it. They did, and she whipped his butt from one end of the classroom to the other. I was so proud of her!

One of my most terrifying experiences growing up came as my newspaper route took me through the

Camp when I was in eighth grade. I delivered newspapers on my bike and rode through the Camp each day. A transient family living in one of the old mining houses had a ferocious dog that normally stayed underneath their front porch. As I passed the house each day, the dog would attack me, snarling madly and trying to bite my leg. I raced my bike as fast as I could peddle past that house because I was convinced that the dog would tear me apart if it ever caught me. I was filled with paranoia each day!

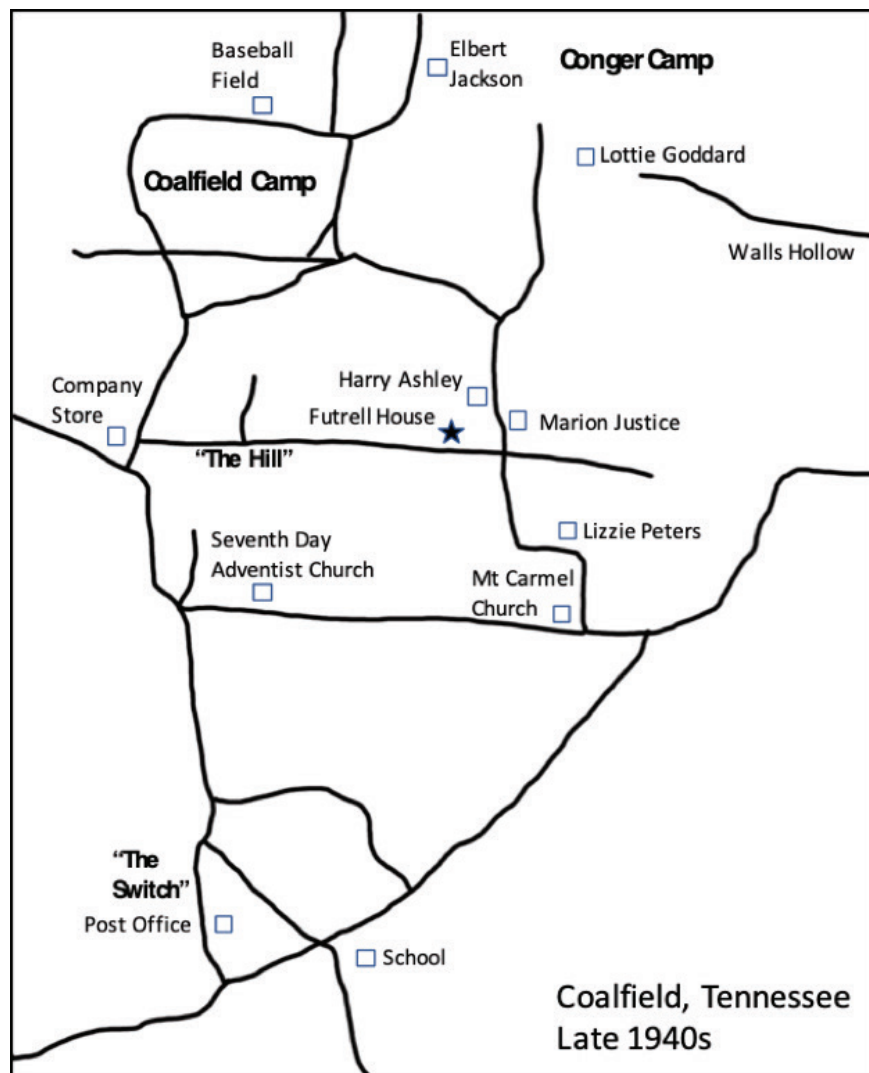
Finally, I had enough and one day took along my slingshot with a large steel ball about an inch in diameter. I held the slingshot and my handlebar in my left hand and pulled back

the loaded steel ball with my right. As the ferocious dog attacked me, I shot him in the head with the large steel ball. The dog let out a whimper and headed for the house. I never saw the dog again after that. Perhaps I killed the dog - I really didn't care! My time of terror had finally ended.

After the coal mines in Coalfield were closed due to excessive methane gas, strip mining was performed at the foot of Little Brushy Mountain where the Conger Camp was located. Then, in the 1950s, a new method of mining came to the area. Large augers were brought in that could extract the coal from seams within the mountain without requiring mine shafts and underground workers. A roadway was cut around Little Brushy Mountain near its top to extract coal from seams at that high elevation. The roadway exposed large areas of raw earth near the top of Little Brushy, badly scarring the pristine beauty of the mountain for many years.

The historic mining camps came to an end in the 1970s. The old mining shacks were demolished, roads were rerouted, and the landscape was transformed into a virtual paradise by comparison. Little remains to remind residents of the tremendous history of the Coalfield mining camps and the important role that they played in the heritage of many Coalfield families and their community.

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Map by Terry Futrell

Historically Speaking Lead Japanese Pilot at Pearl Harbor visited Oak Ridge in 1962 – Part 1

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian

Chuck Colson, on December 7, 2006, introduced his radio program “BreakPoint” with the following statement, “Sixty-five years ago today, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor—an action that dramatically altered the course of history. Jacob DeShazer was on KP duty in California when he first heard the news. Furious at what the Japanese had done, he resolved to retaliate personally. And in April 1942, he got his chance—as a B-25 bombardier when Doolittle’s Raiders attacked Tokyo.

In 2004, Donald M. Goldstein and Katherine V. Dillon published Gordon W. Prange’s unfinished manuscript entitled, *God’s Samurai – Lead Pilot at Pearl Harbor*. This is the story of Mitsuo Fuchida, the Commander leading the attack on Pearl Harbor who converted from Shintoism to Christianity when he read Jacob DeShazer’s story.

Jacob DeShazer, a bombardier on the historic Jimmy Doolittle mission to bomb Tokyo that ultimately proved to be the turning point for the war in the Pacific, spent the next three years after that successful raid as a Japanese “war criminal.” As you may know, Doolittle’s raid, while successful in its attack on Tokyo, failed to get any of the B-25 bombers back safely. All of the crews were forced to bail out except one that landed in Russia. Most of them bailed out over China, but eight were captured by the Japanese. One of these eight was Jacob DeShazer.

He was tortured and forced to watch helplessly while one of his friends died of slow starvation. Three other friends were executed. His hatred for the Japanese grew to be unbearable. He begged for a Bible because he had heard that Christianity changed hatred between human beings into real brotherly love. He was searching for any thread of hope for something to help him with the immense hatred he felt for his captors. It was literally driving him insane.

When the emperor of Japan told his captors to treat the prisoners better, he finally got the Bible he had been asking for. He read it with fascination, re-reading some parts six or more times. What he concluded was that if Christ is not in a person’s heart then cruelty is natural. His bitter hatred for his Japanese captors turned to loving pity as he remembered Christ’s words from the cross, “Father, forgive them.” He too forgave his captors.

In August 1945, DeShazer was freed from his prison cell by paratroopers. After the war, a chaplain on General MacArthur’s staff was looking for something to help heal the animosity between the United States and Japan. He sought help from Don Falkenberg of Bible Literature International. Falkenberg had read DeShazer’s testimony about the change he had experienced. A booklet called, “I Was a Prisoner of Japan” was being circulated.

This booklet had a profound effect on Japanese Navy pilot Mitsuo Fuchida, Chief Commander of the historic December 7, 1941 raid on Pearl Harbor. On that fateful day, Fuchida led 360 pilots and their airplanes on a devastating raid that signaled Japan’s formal entry in the World War II and soon compelled the United States to respond in kind and then some. Years after the raid on Pearl Harbor and after the war had been ended by the use of atomic bombs, he was given a copy of the booklet telling DeShazer’s story upon stepping off a train in Tokyo and it changed his life. He would never be the same again and he would soon dedicate his life to evangelism. His was an amazing change in his basic belief.

Intrigued by DeShazer’s booklet, he began reading the Bible. And despite his Shinto heritage, he converted to Christianity. Eventually DeShazer and Fuchida traveled together across Japan and saw tens of thousands of Japanese converted to Christianity.

How did this come about? Strange things happened in the lives of these two individuals. Let’s examine a few unusual events.

Mitsuo Fuchida logged more than ten thousand combat hours in his career. He was in Hiroshima the day before Little Boy was dropped. However, because he was called to come to the Japanese Military Headquarters in Tokyo for a conference the day before the bomb was dropped, his life was spared.

When the news of the attack on Hiroshima reached the Japanese Military Headquarters in Tokyo, Fuchida and eleven other military leaders flew to Hiroshima to inspect and report on the damage. The team spent two weeks learning the full extent of the damage to the city and the people. None of them had any idea of the danger of the deadly radioactive fallout blanketing the city. All of the military leaders except Fuchida died because of radiation sickness.

Fuchida said he suffered no ill effects from the radiation exposure. Fuchida was called as a witness in the war crime trials for Japanese tor-



Mitsuo Fuchida when he commanded the attack on Pearl Harbor (Photo Submitted)

ture of Americans prisoners of war. He became very bitter against the Americans who would punish Japanese for war crimes. He felt certain he could uncover much the same thing in American prisoner of war camps. His old friend, Shōhei Kanegasaki, was imprisoned in a hospital in Utah along with about 20 other badly injured Japanese prisoners. When he returned to Japan, Fuchida met his boat and asked him how he was treated by the Americans.

Much to his surprise, rather than stories of torture he learned of a young girl of 18 years named Margaret Covell, called “Peggy” by the prisoners, who had been kind to the lieutenant while he was in the hospital. She was the daughter of missionary parents who had been killed by Japanese in the Philippines. At first she was filled with hate for the Japanese because of the death of her parents, but when she learned how they prayed for 30 minutes before being executed, she began to better understand. Soon her heart was going out to the Japanese prisoners.

This was something that Fuchida could not understand. “What did they pray?,” he wondered. And what could cause an American young lady to care for the Japanese prisoners with kindness when she knew the Japanese had killed her parents. It was very confusing to Fuchida.

On his return from seeing his friend back home, he met a missionary who gave him a tract to read. Timothy Pietsch gave Fuchida the tract that told about Jacob DeShazer, who had hated the Japanese since the December 7, 1941 raid on Pearl Harbor. Fuchida learned of DeShazer’s torture by the Japanese and how he had changed completely when he read of God’s love. He also read that DeShazer intended to return to Japan after the war as a missionary.

Fuchida thought that maybe he too could learn about this love of God that caused people to act so differently. He thought if an American could find God in the Bible, he could too. He purchased a Bible and began to read it every day. He came to Luke 23 and was reminded of Margaret Covell’s parents and how they had prayed before their execution. He understood. Fuchida decided to turn his life over to God. This was in September 1949.

He found the address of Timothy Pietsch on the cover of the DeShazer tract and wrote a letter to him explaining that he had read the tract, purchased a Bible and was reading it. Pietsch replied asking Fuchida to come to Osaka to talk with him. Glenn Wagner was with Pietsch when they met with Fuchida.

One thing Pietsch stressed to Fuchida was the responsibility he had to testify of his Christian faith to others. This troubled Fuchida at first as he hesitated to let his Shinto friends know of his conversion. Yet, with more discussion Wag-

ner was able to convince Fuchida that he should witness for Christ.

That very day, Pietsch, Wagner and Fuchida proceeded to preach and to distribute pocket-sized New Testaments printed in Japanese. They had parked their two sound trucks at the foot of a bridge over the Yodogawa River in Osaka. Wagner preached first and the Japanese showed little interest. The pedestrians would stop momentarily and then just move on. Not many people stayed very long.

After about an hour of this discouraging response, Fuchida was asked to speak to the people. He went to the microphone and said, “I am Mitsuo Fuchida, a former navy captain who commanded the air attacking forces against Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. But now I’m a Christian, and I want to let you know how I became one. All Japanese want peace, I’m sure of that. No one wants war again, no one less than I who engaged in war as a naval officer for almost four years. I know the brutality and the cruelties of war better than many people. Now I want to work for peace. But how can mankind achieve a lasting peace? True peace of heart, mind, and soul can only come through Jesus Christ.”

As he spoke, the crowd began to grow and continued until it blocked the street to the bridge and also the adjacent street. Special policemen, who came to the scene to direct traffic, stopped their task and listened to Fuchida. This first success gave him an emotional lift and convinced him that he was pleasing God through giving his testimony. This was his first sermon, and he was well pleased with the result.

He asked to meet DeShazer and was taken to the Japanese house where he and his family were staying in Osaka, Japan in May 1950. The Pearl Harbor commander shook hands with the Doolittle Raider. Fuchida was eager to see the man who had had such a significant influence on his thinking. What he found was a gaunt and haggard DeShazer who was on a 40 day fast. He had grown frustrated with his inability to reach the Japanese and convinced that a miracle was required to win the Japanese to Christ.

Fuchida described DeShazer face as thin with “something wild” about it and having keen blue eyes that looked directly into the eyes of Fuchida in a piercing manner. Fuchida made a most insightful observation about DeShazer’s decision to fast. He admired DeShazer’s faith, but did not know what to make of the fasting. It struck him as totally unnecessary. Fuchida said, “Christ made the complete atonement for mankind on the cross, so there was no room for us to make an effort like DeShazer’s, which was like the Buddhist way. We should do only one thing – fully rely on Christ. That’s all.”

DeShazer saw Fuchida’s conversion as the answer to his prayers for Japan. They talked and prayed together and decided to both speak at the upcoming Osaka rally.

Next week we will conclude the story of Mitsuo Fuchida and will include his visit to Oak Ridge.

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

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

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



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John 3:7

- Jesus

May 20, 2021 – Post 149 will conduct their monthly meeting which will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day. Post 149 will observe Memorial Day at 9:00 am at the Wartburg Court House. They will have some snacks and drinks afterwards at Post 149.



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Independence: Part 1



John Burns
Opinion Columnist

What an incredible word. Have you ever thought about what it means as an American? Every nation and empire in world history have a lifecycle. America is at the climax of its own. Why do you think that is? There is nothing new under the sun. Why should America not suffer what every nation in history has: decline.

I was brought up to believe that independence meant responsibility. Unfortunately, I never learned what order to place the important things in life. So, I meandered through the majority of life doing what the majority of humans do, I did what my ancestors did. I learned their reasons for patriotism. I practiced their religious conviction. I copied their

rules for treating people fairly. I learned their work ethic and their brand of morality. I became a hamster in a cage. Round and round having the same results. What had to change about my thinking?

Independence has to become something you experience, not a catch phrase. You will never value something, if it did not take faith and hard work to get. Independence must lead you to the crossroads of life. Presuppositions have to melt away to achieve total independence. Independence must be born out of a healthy dose of humble pie. Freedom to fail is always better than bondage leading to success. To rightly understand freedom, you must first acknowledge how it is paid for. Your grandparents had a vastly different world in which they grew up in. Morality for the most part was absolute. God and country were what most Americans ascribed to, and in that order. The foundations for freedom found in our Constitution were born out of Judeo-Christian principles. Those principles were found in both testaments of our Bible. Today, the Bible has been legislated out of our lives by a government that seeks to end everything that truly made America great. Men do not the America make. Legalism will never replace God's mercy and grace. God is the reason America became great! The God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David and the God of Jesus Christ. Puritan Christians and Jewish immigrants fleeing church and government persecution gave us the foundation for freedom in America. God was hiding the Jewish remnant who would one day rescue Europe from the grip of anti-Semitism. He was changing course and focusing on western Christians. American freedom was grounded in church community and missionary outreach between them. The Church of Philadelphia was birthed out of the American Revolution. That revolution gave us our Constitution. That constitution states plainly that all our liberties emanate from our Creator. The Creator the Founding Fathers believed in was the trinity of the Bible. The Elohim of creation. The God-head. God the Father, the Holy Spirit, and the Messiah King, Jesus Christ. That was who the Jews and gentiles of the revolution consulted when they gave us our constitution. They consulted the God of the Bible.

Politicians have become adept at lying to our faces. They are deceptive at best. It begins in our public schools, continues through secondary education, and finishes the cycle when you are dependent upon the people you elect for independence. It makes no sense. Thank God for Watson and Crick. DNA is dealing the death blow to Liberalism and the church it created in America. Darwin will soon expire completely and then Satan will muster his most scientifically educated men and women to fear us into dependence upon them and the dollars they borrow from us. The Ponzi scheme must end. Independence is found only in freedom and freedom has its' foundation in the Bible and the Bill of Rights. The Constitution is the document politicians continue to hammer us with hoping they have completely succeeded in dumbing us down to keep power through fear.

Fear is a powerful weapon in the hands of people who control the money, the media, the entertainment we watch and the banks. Freedom has a price the protected have surrendered! The 1 % of Americans who have born the burden to defend this country are continuing to bear the financial responsibility for the other 99% of the country and it will all end very soon. We are not afraid any longer. We understand God has sent a judge to rule us and warn us the trumpet will soon sound. Now is the final hour of salvation. America is under the abandonment wrath of God, and no longer deserves the independence she has prostituted for financial gain and total political power. God and country need to be reasserted in our lives, or America is completely done as a nation. We have forfeited our exalted position in the eyes of our creator. Wars have been fought constantly showcasing America's Judeo-Christian values and the politicians continue to pretend we will die to advance any more pagan ideology. We will die to spread God's message of salvation to a fallen world or we will die putting God back in the lives of our children. But we will not continue to die to help you destabilize

nations for your own enrichment at the expense of the countries decline. We do not need to fight Islam abroad; our politicians have emigrated them here. They have a foothold. They are awaiting the advent of their Islamic messiah and then total Jihad upon non-believers in Islam will begin. America will not be spared.

The Two-party system in America could never deliver on freedom. Bondage is what they legislate and sow. Every bill they pass and the presidents sign, places new monetary bondage on children not yet born. They borrow against social security wages not yet earned. Their rush to get you child in their system is idolatrous at best. There is no freedom to be had by your great-grandchildren with their current rate of enslavement to social capitalism. Bondage to government as the religion of the state by politicians who fight to close God out of our lives. Government in any form will never sanction my ability to FREELY wash another Man's feet! This is the standard by which I judge independence. The freedom to choose with only two parties has left Bible believers with a conundrum. Which Pagan side do I vote with? You can no longer afford to vote the way your grandparents did. The government spent your social security on keeping them in bondage to Medicare and Medicaid. No wonder China came up with a virus that specifically kills people with pre-existing conditions and the elderly. The two people groups the godless Chinese have been lending us money to keep in good health. The war on poverty has only produced bigger gaps in the income earnings potential of the majority of Americans. And it was all pulled off by the people we continue to elect because grandma or grandpa was a Democrat or Republican. I am a Monarchist! I believe in a coming King named Jesus Christ. I need a new third party based on God's morality gleaned from the Bible. That is independence! Hallelujah.

What if I said it is time for true Judeo-Christian revolution in America? Would you cower in fear? Could you step out in faith and support an unabashedly Christian or Jewish candidate who got his political philosophy from God himself? Only from the pages of the Holy Bible? Less than 1% of Americans has ever read the entire Bible much less have actually tried to study it. Yet it alone guided our founding fathers to give us the Bill of Rights. The Most important ten amendments to the Bible God has ever supernaturally given men. British common law was never experienced on Earth like it has been enjoyed in America. True separation of church and state on a man's private property and the ability to protect which God's are worshipped on the man's private property. To include his wages! Money earned by labor is private property. We revolted in 1776 when the marginal tax rate was only 3%!

How have we gotten to the point where my private property can be confiscated to pay for programs that God does not support. And how can I enjoy freedom or independence with so many people dependent upon me? The Hard truth is we cannot and the politicians know it. That is why fear is their greatest weapon. They wield it every time a person comes along and reminds us of the fruits of

democracy. It can only last until the governed finally understand how much power they have given to the wrong class of people! There is absolutely no freedom in Capitalism or Socialism, only MONOTHEISM! The freedom to choose who your God is and how he is worshipped to include how you spend your wages earned to fulfill God's will for your life. The government cannot do a better job than me in ministry or tithing. Taxes are a Ponzi scheme! Keeping the poor in bondage to welfare and other social programs have failed those terribly underserved Americans. Poverty was weaponized in the 60's by political Eugenicists to destroy all low-income communities. Social engineering has produced bondage and decay and absolutely no progress toward a more civilized society. Race relations have been weaponized to produce fear in Americans. The political millionaires on one side are now arguing over how much they hate a billionaire and his family. I feel like the Democrats watch Gilligan's Island before they bash Trump. I feel like the Republicans have no empathy toward anyone but millionaires who lose money in the stock market. Quit picking the wrong horses!

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



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Around The World and Back Again

with Zack Ballinger

Being Late for a Job Interview



There is no excuse to be late to an interview. Let me repeat: There is absolutely no reason you should be late. This sounds like common sense, but we all know people who would be late to their own funeral.

What if you get

stuck in traffic? Let me give you a scenario. You have been chosen to interview with a major company and your interview slot is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. You are more qualified than your competition, based on your experience, education, and background. You have strong interpersonal skills as well, which include problem-solving abilities, relationship building, and communication skills. Your interview slot is on a Monday morning and you will be traveling in a huge metropolitan city with major traffic construction underway. Your competition, another extremely qualified candidate, has the 9:00 a.m. interview slot.

Monday is here and not only is the traffic construction underway, but there is also a major traffic accident on the interstate. Your competition isn't too

concerned because he left his house early enough. The other candidate actually anticipated that life doesn't always happen the way you want it to. He arrives at 8:15 a.m. in the lobby of the hotel. He reviews some of the company's history he had printed off a couple of days ago, in preparation for his interview. He arrived promptly and decided to enjoy a piping hot cup of coffee, unwinding a little, while also having enough time to read a news article. The interviewer greets him and says, "How was your trip here?" He responds, "The trip was fine. I love getting up early and enjoyed some quiet time reading and drinking some coffee." The competitor's interview ends at 9:50 a.m. After his interview, the traffic has gotten even worse. The wreck has blocked two lanes of traffic on the interstate. The clock strikes 10:10 a.m. You are sweating and breathing hard, because you are 10 minutes late to the interview. You greet the hiring manager and ramble in a negative tone, "I am so sorry. Traffic was a nightmare!"

Do you see the point? If you and he are equally qualified candidates, the interviewer may perceive the other candidate better because he was prompt, which demonstrated he can be on time. The interviewer is not going to have much patience for someone who is late, even though they really may have a legitimate excuse.

With all that being said, let's say your dog takes a dump in your shoe. You mash your foot right down on top of it, stand up, slide down the stairs, and sprain your ankle. (This actually did happen to me one morning—just not the day of a job interview.) You now have to take another shower and you are hobbling to your car because naughty Fido decided to relieve himself in your pathway. As you're driving down the interstate, you encounter a traffic jam. You look down and realize that Fido must not have been housebroken like the previous owner promised. There are yellow stains on your suit coat that "fell from the chair". As you look up, you instantly realize do not have enough time to stop for the car in front of you. There is an accident. Luckily, no one is hurt, but your automobile is badly damaged. You have a

brand new Dodge Charger and the other person as a 1987 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham (you know, the legalized tank cars that are allowed to drive on the road). There is way you're making it in time for this interview, even though you had planned to arrive a couple hours early. In extreme circumstances, you may not be able to make the interview. Call ahead and let a human resource person, the hiring manager, or a recruiter know what just happened—of course leaving out the Fido story. There is a chance that they understand the circumstances and allow you to reschedule. Just don't be late!

Information is better when it is fresh. One way to calm your nerves before an interview is to be extremely confident in your knowledge of the company. When you arrive early, this is not the time to play your favorite game on your smartphone. Use this time more wisely, to once more make sure you are fully prepared. I like to arrive to the interview early to glance over the company research that I have compiled.

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Sandra Helton's weekly column

Oakdale Area News

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Hello My Friends! Don't you just love this time of year? Freshly mown lawns with the smell of wild onions, birds chirping early each morning, pretty blooms everywhere and so much more. I hope allergy sufferers aren't faring too badly and that recent rains are washing away the pollen. Remember, we need the pollen so we have to endure it for a bit.

Good news! The Morgan County School Board has lifted the restrictions concerning High School Graduations. Tickets are no longer required and everyone can celebrate the graduates if they choose to do so. Attendees are just asked to be courteous and considerate of others and are asked to only attend ceremonies if they are comfortable in doing so. High Schools may have varying procedures in place so be prepared to abide by their requests.

Today would have been the birthday of two very special people. My daddy, Roy Shelton, and our longtime family friend, Jeanette Snow, shared a birthday on May 11. They are both with their Lord and Savior where they will never age. Isn't that wonderful!

Although they don't reside in Oakdale, many of you know Phil and Roberta Melhorn of Joyner. I would like to wish them a belated Happy 60th Anniversary. They were married May 5, 1960.

Condolences to the friends and family of Ann Duff (Margaret Ann Newell) who recently passed away. She was a 1966 OHS graduate.

Ruth Headrick recently enjoyed a visit with James and Glenda Ruppe. She said she was so happy to see them and appreciated the goodies they left with her.

Mother's Day was celebrated Saturday for the Holder matriarch, Barbara Holder. Thirteen people were at the "Ladies Only" luncheon held at El Cantarito in Harriman. All the gals had a great time.

Heather and Savannah Alonso would like to thank everyone who participated in their online auction for the American Heart Association. They raised \$1,050. They appreciate each one who donated and all who bid on the items.

Clara and Hattie Ruppe got baby kittens from their buddies, Colton and Cameron Clark. They named them Tiger and Coco. The girls are very excited. The kittens.....not so much!

Martha Ann "Annie" Johnson went to her Heavenly home Monday, May 8. She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Molly and Ricky Carroll, Ann and Marty Wilder and Cindy and Kevin Pollard and one son and daughter-in-law, Joseph Jr. "Joe" and Rachael Johnson. She is also survived by five grandsons, Jacob and Wayne Wilder, Caleb Carroll and Douglas and Alan Johnson. She is survived by sisters Mary Lee Brown and Linda Marlowe and a host of family and friends including her Piney Church Family. The family received friends Friday, May 7 and the funeral was Saturday, May 8 at Piney Baptist Church with interment following in Piney Church Cemetery.

Congratulations to all High School and College Graduates. Best wishes as you follow your dreams.

"Go into the world and do well. But more importantly, go into the world and do good." Minor Myers, Jr.

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Romans 3

(Romans 3:1-8) anticipated Jewish objections: Paul frequently anticipates objections to his reasoning and addresses them in advance. So it is with the case here. "If, Paul, as you have argued, the Jews and Gentiles stand on an equal footing before God, where is the advantage in being a Jew?" The answer is: "You had tremendous historical advantages. The oracles of God were entrusted to you." Paul considered the Old Testament documents to be inspired of God. Did the fact that some Jews were without genuine faith nullify God's fidelity? Certainly not; the Lord's character is not altered by the failures of his people. The Creator remains true even if all men become liars (v. 3-4), just as it was written in the Old Testament (Psa. 51:4; 116:11).

Then, reflecting another Jewish quibble, the apostle paraphrases his antagonists: "If our (Jewish) unrighteousness highlights the righteousness of God (by way of the contrast), would not this imply that God is unrighteous to punish us with wrath for doing that which actually benefits him?" (v. 5). Paul's response is: "Absolutely not!" If the Lord is shown to be unrighteous by punishing the Jews, then by the extrapolation principle, he would be unable to judge even the wicked world. "Not even you," he seems to say, "would argue in such an illogical fashion!" "On the other hand, if it is the case that God's righteous credibility in punishing evil (even in his people) is acknowledged to be moral, why do my own people continue to condemn me as a liar and sinner because I rebuke their rebellion? (v. 7). Why am I falsely accused of teaching that men may do evil that good may abound?" The condemnation of Paul's critics is entirely just! (v. 8).

(Romans 3:9-20) the entire world under condemnation: Paul then asks: "Are we (Jews) better than they (the Gentiles)?" The answer is "No." The charge of universal sin-guilt has already been sustained. "All"---the entire human family---are under the condemnation of sin. The apostle then cites a variety of Old Testament texts (from the Psalms and Isaiah) that depict both the universality and horrible nature of human rebellion (v. 10-18). The Old Testament itself indicts the Jews as sinners. Human wickedness results from the Testament itself indicts the Jews as sinners. Human wickedness results from the reality that "there is no fear of God before their eyes." (Atheism claims there is no connection between belief in God and human conduct. Scripture disagrees and human experience reinforces divine testimony. To whatever extent unbelievers are good, it is not because of their philosophical system; it is in spite of it.)

In principle, the law speaks only to those amenable to it; and when it speaks, it condemns, because all rational people are lawbreakers. "All the world" is condemned by divine law, and is subject to Heaven's judgment. It thus is clear that all are under law. This includes the Jews who boast of their uniqueness in having a special law from God. But the Jew's own law condemns him, thus his mouth is stopped (v. 19). Where does this leave the Jews? Lost! For no one can be justified by keeping the law (since no law can be kept perfectly). The law could only provide "the knowledge of sin"; it could not remedy it (v. 20).

(Romans 3:21-26) Justification defined: The apostle now begins a discussion of the divine remedy for the human sin problem. "Now (in the Christian age v. 26) God's righteousness (his plan for accounting people as righteous) has been manifested." It is not a totally new concept, for it was prophetically announced in the "law and the prophets"

of the Old Testament. It is the righteousness of God" (the divine plan for righteousness (1:16) that is accessible to all who desire it. But there are conditions: (a) It is obtainable only through faith in Christ. (b) It is universally available (to "all"). (c) It produces a state where the guilty are reckoned as "just." (d) It cannot be earned, but is freely bestowed upon those willing to receive it (Jn. 1:11). (e) It is not deserved, but is the result of divine grace. (f) It redeems (to set free by purchase from sin) (1 Pet. 1:18-19). (g) The process transpires within the "in Christ" relationship (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27).

In the divine plan of redemption, the Father has set forth Christ to be a "propitiation" (v. 25; Heb. 9:5; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10) for sin. In the Old Testament the term referred to the covering for the ark of the covenant, upon which the blood of a sacrifice was offered for sin. Thus, Christ is represented as the one who, by his death, covers the condemnation and consequence of sin. In this gift God has shown his righteousness and forbearance---for the sins that appeared to have been "passed over" (ignored) in the Old Testament era. The access to the cleansing blood is "by means of faith," or as the Greek text has it, "by means of the faith." This could signify the kind of personal faith that one exercises in obedience to the Lord or "the faith" system, which embodies the historical reality of Jesus' death along with the required human response. The difference is negligible.

This wonderful plan reveals God's righteousness at this "present season" (the Christian age). It explains how God's justice is preserved; yet, at the same time, he is able to justify the sinner who exercises faith in Christ. The death of Jesus was absolutely necessary in preserving the integrity of God. A perfectly holy being could not be faithful to his own nature (Hab. 1:13) and let sinful humanity go unpunished. An innocent victim had to pay the price. That was Jesus. This is one of the most important New Testament texts in understanding the reason for Christ's death.

(Romans 3:27-31) conclusion regarding justification: because of the previous facts, no human being can glory before God. Why is that? Because glorying has been excluded by the fact that no person can perfectly keep "law"; nor can the number of good works "piled up" ameliorate the sinful condition. What can? Only this: the "law of faith" (the gospel plan of salvation, which embraces the elements sketched above (v. 27).

One must conclude, then, that the sinner is justified by faith (the obedient faith (6:17-18); 1 Pet. 1:22) and not by works of law (v. 28)---either the law of Moses or the natural law under which the Gentiles lived. God is not the God of the Jews only, but of the Gentiles. The Lord is "one" (a unity without self-conflict); accordingly, he justifies both Jews and Gentiles in the same manner---by the faith centered in Christ (v. 30). Does our position on justification, namely that it is independent of perfect, legal compliance, nullify the validity of law? Of course not. It establishes the need of law in fulfilling the purpose for which it was designed. There is a "law of Christ" (1 Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2).

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Davis Funeral Home's Veteran of the Week

Hospital Corpsman Second Class (HC2c) Donald Evertt Ballard is our veteran of the week. We are honored to share his heroic actions during his service for our country in the Vietnam War during which he earned the Medal of Honor. Now enjoy reading his Medal of Honor citation.



HC2c Donald Evertt Ballard's official Medal of Honor citation reads: The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty while serving as a HC2c. with Company M, in connection with operations against enemy aggressor forces. During the afternoon hours, Company M was moving to join the remainder of the 3d Battalion in Quang Tri Province. After treating and evacuating 2 heat casualties, HC2c. Ballard was returning to his platoon from the evacuation landing zone when the company was ambushed by a North Vietnamese Army unit employing automatic weapons and mortars, and sustained numerous casualties. Observing a wounded marine, HC2c. Ballard unhesitatingly moved across the fire swept terrain to

the injured man and swiftly rendered medical assistance to his comrade. HC2c. Ballard then directed 4 marines to carry the casualty to a position of relative safety. As the 4 men prepared to move the wounded marine, an enemy soldier suddenly left his concealed position and, after hurling a hand grenade which landed near the casualty, commenced firing upon the small group of men. Instantly shouting a warning to the marines, HC2c. Ballard fearlessly threw himself upon the lethal explosive device to protect his comrades from the deadly blast. When the grenade failed to detonate, he calmly arose from his dangerous position and resolutely

continued his determined efforts in treating other marine casualties. HC2c. Ballard's heroic actions and selfless concern for the welfare of his companions served to inspire all who observed him and prevented possible injury or death to his fellow marines. His courage, daring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme personal danger, sustain and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

/S/ RICHARD M. NIXON

Law Enforcement Officer of the Week

Presented by Jerry Duncan Ford

This week we honor fallen Police Officer Chris Farrar who served with the Chandler Police Department in Chandler, Arizona for eighteen years.

On Friday, April 30, 2021 Officer Farrar was struck and killed by a vehicle during a vehicle pursuit of a stolen vehicle involving multiple agencies.

Deputies with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office had initiated the pursuit of a known felon shortly after 10:00 pm. The driver of the vehicle fired shots at the responding deputies before entering Chandler, Arizona.

The man drove through a gate and onto the runway of the Chandler Regional Airport and then back into the community. He drove to a

car dealership where he stole a truck.

As the man exited the dealership, he struck Officer Farrar and a Gilbert

Police Officer, causing both to suffer critical injuries. Officer Farrar was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The man continued to flee but was taken into custody after being shot by pursuing officers.

A sea of police motorcycles and



cruisers passed dozens of people — some holding American and "Thin Blue Line"

flags — to honor Officer Christopher Farrar whose body was escorted to Compass Christian Church during a procession Friday afternoon. The five-mile procession began near an Ethan Allen store by Chandler Fashion Center before eventually reaching Compass Christian Church.

Lynsey Valdez, whose husband is a law enforcement officer in the Valley, said she attended the procession to honor the fallen officer and show her support. Valdez said she often thinks about the possibility where one day her husband doesn't come home.

"Every single day this is something we go into knowing that this could happen," Valdez said. "It's not something that we take lightly."

Let Officer Farrar's actions be an example of what our local law enforcement officers are willing to go through on a daily basis for our safety and wellbeing. Support the Blue because they serve you.



David Zubler

Most of the third stimulus check payments have been sent by the IRS. However, many people did not receive the full amount of stimulus that they were entitled to receive. If you have received your third stimulus check, you could receive a plus-up payment as well.

If you haven't received your third stimulus payment you may be getting more than the \$1,400 per person when the money arrives. The

IRS will be sending a plus-up payment if the IRS underestimated the amount of stimulus you qualify for by using an older tax return when calculating your dollar amount.

The IRS has sent 163 million payments since March in weekly batches. The IRS will be sending more weekly payments for people who are eligible.

The IRS will be sending stimulus payments to nonfilers who don't normally file a tax return and for people who receive SSI and SSDI benefits.

After you receive your stimulus, you should be receiving a letter with information about your check from the IRS. Keep this letter where you will be able to locate it later. The IRS letter is officially called Notice 1444-C and is your proof the IRS sent a payment in case you don't actually receive it or if you receive less than the amount that you qualify for.

By law, the IRS has until Dec. 31, 2021, to send out all of the third stimulus checks. That gives the IRS time to process 2020 tax returns and make the plus-up payments. Since the filing deadline is October 15 for people who file extensions, the IRS needs additional time after Oct. 15 to make all of the plus-up payments.

If all of your stimulus doesn't arrive by then, you can claim the stimulus amount due on your 2021 tax return. It will be similar to the Recovery Rebate Credit for claiming missed stimulus on the

2020 tax return.

You can use the Get My Payment tracker tool for plus-up payments or other information about your payment. The details are updated once a day and the tool can be used to flag a problem with your payment. In the event there is a problem with your payment, you may need to respond to a message that you receive concerning your stimulus payment.

The IRS doesn't want you to call if you have an issue with the delivery or the amount of your stimulus.

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The Morgan County Highway Department will receive sealed annual bids for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Products must meet all state specifications and be able to comply with all state regulations. ANNUAL BID must be printed on the outside of the envelope on bid. More information can be obtained from the Highway Department office at 3519 Morgan County Highway Wartburg, TN from 7am-5pm, Monday through Thursday. You may also contact us by phone at 423-346-6661.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened on June 2, 2021 at 10am on the following categories:

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