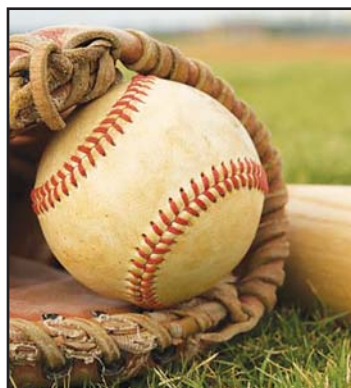




The nature of a collector

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Spring sports set to wrap-up

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First Safety Day draws big crowd

Cannon County Rescue Squad's first annual Safety Day proved to be a hit Saturday, April 22 drawing a big crowd to the county fairgrounds.

Firefighters, police officers, Vanderbilt's Life-Flight helicopter provided static displays as well as demonstrations to interested spectators.

A Safety Day centerpiece was the Rescue Squad's new, fully-equipped rescue truck that includes state-of-the-art equipment like the Jaws of Life designed to cut through boron steel used in today's automobiles.

"We first started with a little pickup truck and thanks to the support of every one in Cannon County we have managed to upgrade," said First Lt. Adam Hayes.

The new rescue truck pulls a search and rescue trailer that carries four-wheelers and other equipment including a mobile version of the county's 911 system.

"This is a side of 911 you never see," said 911 director Roy Sullivan, explaining the mobile system is a redundant back-up.



MIKE WEST photo
Junior Rescue Squad volunteer Will Daniel demonstrates the Jaws of Life. The new jaws operates at 10,000 psi and is designed to cut through boron steel.



MIKE WEST photo
Putting the finishing touches on a 1963 Corvette at the Cruise-In. Participants ranged from sports cars to hot rod jalopies with Chevy and Ford dominating the nearly overflow field of participants.

Cruise-In gets off to roaring start

Perfect weather helped draw a major crowd to the first Cruise-In car show of the season.

"It was a great turn-out," said Carolyn Motley of the Cannon County Chamber of Commerce. "Almost all of the parking places inside the Square were taken. If this continues we're going to have to use some of the places on the outside of the square."

"We had several classic motorcycles as well," she said.

Car fans were happy about the showing as well. Hot rods, two rare Chevy Nomads, the latest Mustangs and Corvettes and dozens of other custom and stock cars were shown.

The next Cruise-In is set for Saturday, May 28.



MIKE WEST photo
Zach Barker manned the sound system putting rock 'n' roll sounds from the '50s and '60s for the first Cruise-In of the summer season.



MIKE WEST photo
Standing in front of Old Yeller, Maelyn Bagley handed out fire prevention information at the first annual Safety Day at the Cannon County Fairgrounds.

Woodbury up for improvement grant

The Town of Woodbury has formed a steering committee to apply for the TN Downtown Grant Program.

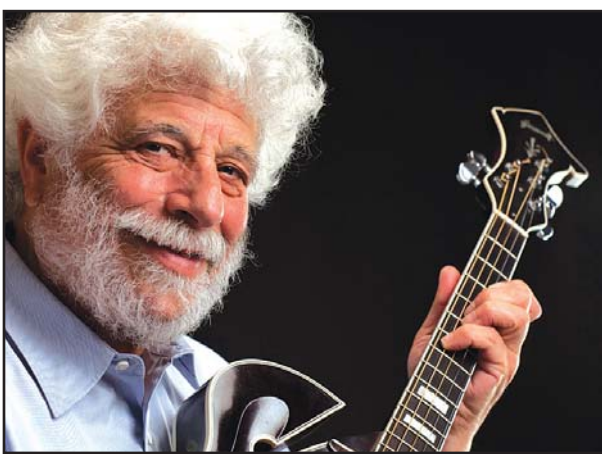
The five person steering committee has partnered with the Upper Cumberland Development District

to apply for this two year program. If awarded, the Town of Woodbury will be granted \$15,000 to spend on the downtown business district after spending a year learning about the Main Street points of design, promotion, organiza-

tion and economic restructuring.

Eligible projects include awnings, facades, streetscape, lighting, way-finding and similar projects to help revitalize the downtown.

The application awards will be announced in June.



Lowell Levinger (aka Banana) will bring his unique brand of bluegrass to Bird Song Studio on Saturday, May 14. Tickets are now on sale.

Bird Song Studio to go Banana(s)

Tickets are now on sale for the Saturday, May 14 appearance of Lowell Levinger at Bird Song Studio in Woodbury.

Levinger was a founding member of The Youngbloods - known for their 1965 hit song "Get Together" ("Come on people now, smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love one another right now").

The event will also mark the two-year anniversary

of musician Robyn Taylor living in the former Presbyterian Church, located next to Woodbury's Post Office.

Levinger, best known by his nickname Banana, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of The Youngbloods. The 70-year-old is still is still rocking, playing and singing better than ever.

Penning his own original songs, Banana incorporates Youngbloods favorites as well as gems from

his extensive musical roots into his performances with a gutsy, engaging style.

Banana is also a well known vintage instrument collector and multi-instrumentalist. He delivers his repertoire while picking his unique five-string tenor guitar, breaking out a banjo for occasional accompaniment or tickling the ivories for just the right mood.

He is touring in support of his new arrangements of Youngblood classics.

Guests on the album include Jesse Colin Young, Ry Cooder, Maria Muldaur, Dan Hicks, David Grisman, Darol Anger, Peter Stampfel, Duke Robillard, Nina Gerber and others.

Following The Youngbloods final gig in September 1973 after nine memorable years together, Lowell's musical opportunities stretched his diversity. Not only did Banana tour and record as the sole

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OBITUARIES



Joy Dell Davis Fann

Joy Dell Davis Fann, 64, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at St. Thomas Dekalb. A native of Wilson Co., TN., She lived in Auburntown.

She is survived by her daughters, Amy (Calvin) Lack of Auburntown and Rhonda Stills of Greenville; Grandchildren, Amber (Aaron) Sissom, Justin Alexander, Dustin, Dalton & Devin Lack; Sister, Carrie Belle Davis of Auburntown; Brother, William Paul (Pam) Davis, Jr. of Virginia.

She was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church and was a seamstress. Joy Dell was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Davis & Louise Pitts; husband, Ronnie Fann; Father-in-law and Mother-in-law, Buddy & Alpha Fann and brother-in-law, Donnie Fann.

Funeral Services will be 2 pm Saturday, April 23, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Nichols officiating. Pallbearers include Calvin, Dustin, Dalton & Devin Lack, Aaron Sissom and Justin Alexander. Interment will follow in the Riverside Gardens Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4 pm until 8 pm Friday, April 22, 2016.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or visit www.woodburyfuneralhome.net

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

Charles Robert Jones

Charles Robert Jones, age 73, of Murfreesboro, TN. passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2016. Charles was born August 10, 1942 in Auburntown, TN. to the late Paul and Helen Jones and was preceded in death by his brother, Reed Jones.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Hazel Love Jones; Sons, Mike (Claire) Jones of Singapore and Richard (Cynthia) Jones of Auburntown; Sisters, Kathryn Vandygrift of Elizabethtown, KY. and Joann (Windol) Tate of Woodbury; Grandchildren, Josh and Emilee Lance; several nieces and nephews also survive.

Charles worked for the Tn. Farmers Co-Op for 44 years.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 4 – 8 pm with funeral services Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 2 pm in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Odom Cemetery.

WOODBURY FUNERAL HOME, 615-563-2311 or leave online condolences at www.woodburyfuneralhome.net

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

Holley Alton Scott

Holley Alton Scott, 78, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Woodbury Nursing Center following an extended illness. He was a native of Cannon Co., Tn.

He is survived by his sisters, Mettie Lou (William) Money of Murfreesboro and Joy (Carl) Jones of Woodbury; Nieces, Judy Money, Barbara Money, Gayle Barker and Angie Melton and many cousins also survive.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Church of Christ. He loved working on the farm cutting wood and taking care of the animals. Holley loved trains especially steam trains and enjoyed to travel. He lived a simple but happy life.

Holley was preceded in death by his parents, George & Bonnie Rogers Scott.

Funeral Services will be 11 am Saturday, April 23, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with interment to follow in the Cherry Cemetery. Visitation with family will be from 4 pm until 8 pm Friday, April 22, 2016.

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

Marlena B. Summar

Marlena B. Summar, age 73, of Murfreesboro passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2016. She was a native of Cannon County and the daughter of the late Frank and Rachel Davenport Bryan.



Funeral service will be 1:00pm Wednesday at North Boulevard Church of Christ. Bro. David Young will officiate. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Summar is survived by her husband, Doug Summar, daughter, Tamera Neely and her husband Jeff of Murfreesboro, Todd Summar and his wife Joy of Lascassas, grandchildren, Lucas, Matt and Zac Neely, McCall Dunaway and Mason Summar, great grandchildren, Evie and Ava Grace Neely and Cale and Emmett Dunaway.

Mrs. Summar was a member of North Boulevard Church of Christ and a Real Estate Agent with Bob Parks for 28 years before her retirement. Marlena impacted so many lives with her words of encouragement and sense of humor; she was an inspiration to all who knew her.

2 Cor. 4:18 "What we see will only last a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever." Memorials may be made to Greenhouse Ministries, 309 S. Spring St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130 or at (www.greenhousemin.org) in her memory.

Pallbearers are Lucas Neely, Matt Neely, Zac Neely, Mason Summar, John Dunaway and Greg Young.

Visitation will be from 11:00am until 1:00pm Wednesday at North Boulevard Church of Christ.

Woodfin Memorial Chapel. 615-893-5151. www.woodfinchapel.com

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

Jolene Barrett Pemberton

Jolene Barrett Pemberton, 56, passed away Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at her home. A native of Davidson Co., she was from Woodbury.

She is survived by her parents, Joe & Billie Cummings Barrett of Woodbury; Daughter, Deanna Pemberton of Lebanon; Granddaughter, Keely Pemberton of Lebanon; Sister and Brother-in-law, Rhonda & Adam Clark of Woodbury; Nieces & Nephews: Shalynn & Jacob Clark of Woodbury.

She was a member of the Sunny Hills Baptist Church. Jolene loved to ride horses and she loved her family especially her granddaughter, Keely!

Graveside Services will be 5:30 pm Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at McMahan Cemetery with Bro. Greg Mitchell officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 2 pm until 5 pm Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or www.woodburyfuneralhome.net.

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Woodbury, Tennessee*



Mary Eleanor Howell

Mary Eleanor Howell, 89, of Woodbury passed away on April 18, 2016. She was born on October 24, 1926 in Arlington, TN on her family's farm. Her parents were Thomas Francis Maher, Sr. and Ella Josephine (Duerbusch) Maher. She was also preceded by her husband John Hi Howell, Sr., son, Tansil Mark Howell, brothers, Thomas Maher and Joseph Maher, sisters, Lorraine Kelley and Jean Maher, daughter-in-law, Debbie Norman Howell and son-in-law, P. J. "Rooster" Cook.



She is survived by her sons, John Hi (Deborah) Howell of Manchester, Thomas Howell of Woodbury, Abbie (Lauren) Howell of Woodbury, Michael (Rita) Howell of Bradyville, Shawn (Sheryl) Howell of Woodbury and Timothy (Penny) Howell of Knoxville; daughters, Mary Jean Cook of Woodbury, Katherine Ann Howell of Knoxville; sisters, Frances (Fred) White of Texas and Pat Hayden of Missouri; 21 grandchildren; Diane Howell, Sara (Brian) Brannom, Jennifer Howell, Rachel Pearl (Alex Ford) Howell, Jessica Howell, Abby Frazor, Stephen Cook, Tommy (Amanda) Howell, Amber (Jeremy) Vassar, Michael (Jendee) Howell, Jr., Phillip Howell, Randy (Jennifer) Howell, Kimberly Tucker, Velvie Howell, Tansil Howell, Travis (Samantha) Howell, AJ Howell, Danielle (Alan) Smith, Rene (Ernie) Horn, Carrie (Jonathan) Woods, Ciara Howell; and 29 great grandchildren.

She was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was always willing to give up things to make her family happy. They enjoyed a close knit family life with lots of laughs and fun. She was a simple but elegant lady. During her life she earned a teaching degree from Siena College in Memphis. Prior to marriage she taught in Memphis for several years. When her first child was born she stayed home to raise him and then the other eight to follow. She moved to Cannon County with her family and went back to the teaching she loved so much. The Third Grade was her favorite age to teach. She taught from 1971-1990. Her life can be summed up in a simple statement, "To teach is to touch a life forever", that included her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren as well as students. She was raised in the Catholic Church and was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Murfreesboro.

Visitation with the family will be held at Smith Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 3-7 pm. A funeral mass will be held at St. Rose Catholic Church, 1601 N. Tennessee Blvd. Murfreesboro on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 1 pm. Interment will follow in Riverside Garden. In lieu of flowers memorial donations are requested to Adams Memorial Library, American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Share memories and condolences with the family at www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net Smith Funeral Home, (615)563-5337

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What Makes a Beautiful Mother?

The warmth in her heart for her family, her welcoming hugs at the door, How happy she is just to see you and to spend time together once more...

The way she cares so much about you and thinks of you often each day, And the way that, no matter how old you may be, she worries that you'll be okay...

Her pride in the things you've accomplished, her interest in things that you do, And the way that she offers such love and support for the dreams most important to you...

What makes a beautiful mother? It's the love that she's shared from the start And the lifetime of family memories she's made that will always be dear to your heart.

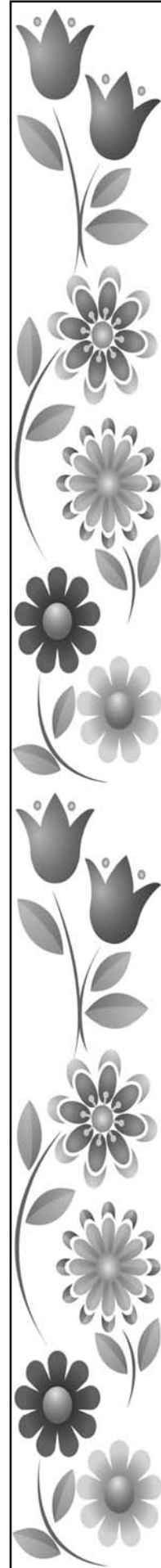
You're all the beautiful things a mother could be, and you're loved so very much, Mom.

Happy Mother's Day

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The event will be held at The Arts Center of Cannon County, 1424 John Bragg Highway, just west of the town of Woodbury, approximately 20 minutes from Murfreesboro, Manchester, and McMinnville and one hour southeast of Nashville. Jewelry Showcase hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm for one day only. For additional information call 615-563-2787 or visit our website at www.artscenterofcc.com

For up to date obituary information, go to

www.cannoncourier.com



News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



Hope everyone is doing well and able to get outside and breathe once again the fresh air that springtime brings and nice temperatures. We have been cooped up in house it seems forever with that cold winter weather that seemed to hold us hostage for so long. We're ready for some relief now and it's coming just in the nick of time. Since the weather is cooperating a whole lot better, everyone is trying to get back into the swing of things I would imagine like me to get the landscape around your home looking like someone truly does live there after-all!

Typical jobs to get started with are the mowing, trimming, pulling unruly weeds, and then spraying some weed killer here and there.

I haven't seen the first little hummer this spring. With the weather getting so much warmer, I'm hoping I might just see at least one this week. Don't know why but one hummingbird will always fly around at my kitchen window to alert me of their arrival. It must be a scout for the others. They have to get their little bags unpacked and need I guess some rest from their flight. Feeders will be out to quench their thirsts as usual.

Monday should have been designated as National Insect Day. So many wasps, bees, and other flying insects everywhere. I was working to try and clean up the place. They were even after Aubrey's little John Deere Tractor. Sure had to be careful as I didn't want to get stung. They are probably as hap-

py about spring getting here as we are.

Late in the day after the mowing was done relaxed on our patio as it was such a peaceful evening not too cool or not too warm - just right. Birds with their chirping sounds were the only noise going on. Couldn't have asked for anything better after a day of working outside. Plan on hitting the work thing again tomorrow. Hope you got to enjoy being outside as I do. Getting out for 15 or 30 minutes a day can really rejuvenate a person. Exercise is good for us all. The mountain behind our house so splendid looking and really turning on the green color now. The beauty around here can't be matched as far as I am concerned.

Saw Ronald Lawson at the store the other day. He's doing well. Debby and Ralph and the rest of the crew all good, also.

Bobby Taylor wanting to sell me a box of crackers for \$5.00. Last time he was asking \$6.00 a box. If he'll throw in a can of tuna and a Diet Dr. Pepper, we might could negotiate a deal. Got to have tuna with my crackers.

Talked with Ann Warren a few days ago. Ann's my sister-in-law. Her and the family all well.

Keep these people on your prayer list: Edith Miller, Ruth Brown, Fay Pitts, Denise Stanton, the family of Macon Wade, Carlon and Mai Nell Melton, Carlie Mai Daniel, and Donna Lawson.

A postage stamp has been lowered to .47 cents from the previous price of .49 cents. Hard to believe isn't it? I have been frankly worried about the Post Office's problems for quite sometimes. The mail it seems takes longer to get to you nowadays, unless, of course, it is a bill (you'll get that if you don't get anything else). What if the Post Office should go under? Not to worry as I believe that are enough horses around here to mount a calvary if need be as the mail must be delivered. The Pony Express being revived again. How nice would that be?

All is very peaceful with those 'little green men' and the 'invisible cow' for the time being, and also that overgrown 10 foot bunny rabbit. Little green fellas happy residing in that devil's hole, and that cow was spotted in a nearby farmer's hay field not too far from here grazing away. The bunny rabbit last seen in Krogers hopping down the vegetable aisle grabbing up carrots and lettuce with a security officer trying to catch him. It's gonna take more than one officer to subdue such a big rabbit as 'Harvey' don't you think?

If you have any news for this column, just give me a call at 615-563-4429. Have a great day!

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
Matthew 24:42

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Special Kids to Hold 17th Annual Golf Classic

Local nonprofit Special Kids Therapy & Nursing Center will hold its 17th Annual Special Kids Golf Classic on Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, at Indian Hills Golf Course in Murfreesboro.

The 17th annual event is proud to be presented by Nissan for the sixth consecutive year. Employees from Nissan will join other participants in a four-person scramble to compete for prizes from Indian Hills and other local businesses. Players will also receive a bar-b-q lunch provided by Slick Pig and The Alley on Main with additional food provided by Newk's and Buffalo Wild Wings. Participants

will also have the option to play in the Thursday or Friday tournament.

Registration is \$600 per team of four or \$150 per individual. For a \$250 sponsorship, organizations will have their company name listed on a tee sign at one of the 18 holes. Higher level sponsorships are also available and already include Nissan as the presenting sponsor with Albatross sponsor Tri-Start Title & Escrow. Eagle sponsors are Atco, Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperation, EchoPower Engineering, Aetna, Yates Services, SEC Inc., and CB&S Bank.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities

or to register a team, visit specialkidstn.com/golfclassic or call 615.893.4892. Funds raised from the tournament support therapy and nursing services for children with special needs at Special Kids.

Special Kids is a Christian therapy and nursing center for children with special needs. The Murfreesboro-based ministry started with one child in 1998 and has grown to serve over 3,100 children from 18 counties in middle Tennessee. For more information on Special Kids, please visit specialkidstn.com or call 615.893.4892.



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Courier columnist Gender question prompts toilet stay

As a farm boy, I almost became genderless.

There I was, minding my own business, not bothering a soul and looking nice, well, about as nice as a boy can look in an outdoor two-holer with overall galluses unhitched and britches down around both ankles.

Since my outdoor Johnny experience back on the farm, I've been a 'Nervous Nellie' regarding trips to the toilet.

RETRACT THAT, for 'Nervous Nellie' is the wrong "gender," according to my birth certificate.

I was age 4, when all hell broke loose in our farm's shack out back sometimes called the "moon room."

That's when Ol' Red, our meanest barnyard rooster, sneaked like a fowl demon under our family's little building at the end of the path.

When Ol' Red struck what he must have thought was a worm there for the taking, I invented "streaking" in the year 1948 as I bolted out of that toilet trying to get to Momma Whittle and her warm nurturing farm house kitchen.

After finally getting my britches hitched up where I could make some speed, I emitted these words: "Momma that damned old rooster has done pecked my 'peck peck'," as I displayed bloodied and bruised appendage.

Older brother Van was also rolling around on Momma's kitchen floor. But he was on the floor for a different reason.

His laughter-laced words to this day still rattle around in my traumatized soul from boyhood: "That ol' rooster nearly made a girl out of you!!!"

Fast forward to the 1990s when I was officially brought into today's high tech world. We're talking more restroom trauma here.

I was attending a college basketball game between Middle Tennessee State and Vanderbilt, when my third hotdog slathered with mustard and other condiments triggered some personal gastric distress.

It was great personal relief when I managed to out-race my distress to the nearest gymnasium rest room

While being seated on the throne, a male voice echoed from the next toilet stall: "How you doing?"

I thought that odd, but then, maybe the guy was one of my loyal newspaper column readers, so I muttered sheepishly: "Fine: How you doing?"

"OK, so how's the wife?" next stall voice continued our toilet conversation.

"OK, but she wants me to return

with some popcorn when I finish the paper work here," I managed meekly in response.

But, next exchange from the stall next door brought me into modern-day

technological reality: "Did you know that our mutual friend and English professor John had to be hospitalized with double pneumonia?"

That's when it dawned on me the man in next stall was not talking to me, but speaking into one of those new-fangled cell phones.

Red-faced, I slinked quietly out of that restroom facility.

Now, to the present as America is in a tizzy about whether transgender folks can change restrooms formerly restricted to only males or only females.

A big question facing society back in the late 1940s when I was born, was whether President Harry S. Truman was right in dropping the big bombs on Japan to end World War II.

In the 1950s, I recall some so-called religious parents claiming to hear directly from God that their young'ens should be withheld from receiving the Salk vaccine against polio or the penicillin drug that cured influenza, whopping cough and pneumonia.

Now, those were weighty heavy questions for society.

I may have a solution about today's current controversial question about whether transgender folks can use alternate restrooms restricted to male or female only.

Does American society need to revert back to the outdoor privy era, when there was never a question about boys and girls sharing public rest rooms?

Writer's Footnote of Concern: On my official Missouri birth certificate dated Aug. 22, 1944, the nurse and doctor entered my name as Dannie Whittle ... with an "IE" that's often used in feminine girly-sounding names. If the doctor and nurse had looked closely, they could have determined I was NOT a girl. Amen and whewee!!!



Words of Wisdom
 DAN WHITTLE



WWI veterans reunion triggers past thoughts

By COL. JIM STONE

The picture above is a group of World War I Veterans from Cannon County at a reunion held in Woodbury after the war. The picture was taken behind the old gymnasium at the old Woodbury Central High School.

When I saw the picture I immediately spotted my Uncle Charlie B. Stone, on the front row with hat on and a big smile as usual. He was the Woodbury Post Master from 1936 to 1952 when he died. And I quickly spotted another of my boyhood heroes, J. Barrett Melton, just to the right of Charlie Stone on the front row with his straw hat in his hand, this was the typical head gear during that time and even into the 30s,40s,and 50s.

These were the fortunate veterans from WWI. They survived and came home. Twenty-two of their fellow veterans gave their lives in WWI for their country. Their names are engraved on the monument in front of our Courthouse.

There are similar pictures of Veteran's reunions from WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM, IRAQ, AND AFGHANISTAN. Pictures of veterans who came home from the wars, the lucky ones. And, as I said, we are the fortunate ones, because we came home. All total, Cannon County has given 61 of her heroic and brave young men defending this great country and the freedom we all enjoy today.

This picture of these brave men got me to thinking. When a tragic event occurs, such as a flood, a tornado, a fire, we feel helpless, and think, what can I do to help, I am but one person. And on the other hand when a tragic event occurs to you, you realize that you need all of the help you can get.

I focused on the Hilton Stone American Legion Post 279. We have 110 members in this great organization. And we have strong, dedicated, and devoted leaders, and some of the greatest Veterans of this great country. These 110 members are only a few of the veterans in



Uncle Charlie Stone, left, and J. Barrett Melton, right, were World War I veterans.

Cannon County, which is close to 1,100. If we all band together as brothers and sisters, just think of the possibilities. We would be taking care of ourselves as veterans, still serving, and doing good things for all of our Veterans, our Youth, and our Community; building a better Cannon County, a better Tennessee, and a better America. With strength in numbers when a tragic event occurs, we are there to help each other, and to help others in need. With strength in numbers we can do wonderful and marvelous things, there is no limits, when a large group of men and women put their hearts and minds together great things happen.

I hope and pray that all Veterans in Cannon County consider seriously about being part of a great organization and a great group of men and women. All veterans gave some, and some Veterans gave all. It is time to step up and continue to serve. The Veterans of Cannon County owe our continued service to those 61 heroic and brave men listed on the Veterans Memorial in front of our Courthouse. They gave all for their country, surely we can band together and pay forward for their sacrifices. These were young men, 18, 19, and 20 years old; they never got to enjoy a family, children, or grandchildren. God bless the Veterans of Cannon County, bless the American Legion Post 279 in Woodbury, bless the people of Cannon County, and bless the United States of America.

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Letter to the Editor Churches need to speed up

To the Editor:

The Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County admires Scott Walker and Courtney Greene. WGNS radio host Scott Walker courageously shared that he was sexually abused as a child by a neighbor on News Channel 2 on March 21, 2016. Courtney Green is the brave young woman who shared her story of being sexually assaulted by her church youth pastor in the Tennessean front page news article on Sunday, April 17, 2016.

It is time for churches to get up to speed. Schools and non-profit agencies that serve children conduct thorough criminal background checks on staff and volunteers that work with children. Unfortunately, all churches do not provide the same protection to children. A pedophile will go where there are children and where adults do not conduct the background checks on staff and volunteers that protect children.

The state needs to require churches to have criminal background checks for church staff and volunteers, like FBI fingerprint background checks. Until the state requires this, churches need to protect children by adopting similar criminal background check policies as schools and non-profits. Often churches tell us they cannot afford

expensive criminal background checks. We believe that you cannot afford not to conduct background checks. Children are counting on us to keep them safe. No church congregation wants to see any child in their church family sexually assaulted by a pedophile.

The Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County is available to assist churches and other organizations in developing policies and procedures by utilizing the Darkness to Light training curriculum. In Rutherford and Cannon Counties, contact Ryan Wallace at the Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County for Information on Darkness to Light training at 615-867-9000.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Get involved. Attend an event in the community. In Rutherford County, you can lace up your tennis shoes and join us for the Hometown Heroes Walk for Children on Friday, April 29 at 12:00 noon at the Murfreesboro Civic Plaza, downtown on square. For more information or a walk registration form contact the Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County, Inc. at 615-867-9000.

Sharon De Boer,
 Executive Director
 Child Advocacy Center of
 Rutherford County, Inc.



Pictured are, from left, Gary Hanna, Local Veterans Employment Representative for the Tennessee Department of Labor; Peggy Mahaney, Department of Labor and Workforce; Diane DeRossitt, Pacesetters; Jane Byers, Area Employment Manager for Goodwill Career Solutions; and Johnnie Wheeler, Equal Employment Officer for Cookeville, TN's Career Center.

HUGE JOB FAIR COMING

Goodwill Career Solutions and state officials met April 13 to discuss plans for a multi-employer job fair. Goodwill will co-host with the Cookeville Career Center and American Job Center from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Cookeville Career Center, 580 S. Jefferson Ave., Suite B, Cookeville. Thirty area employers confirmed they will participate in the job fair, and more are expected. The job fair is one of several events planned by the Cookeville Goodwill Career Solutions Center to celebrate Goodwill Industries Week, May 2-6.

USDA Announces \$4.7 Million Available in Grants for Food Safety Training, Outreach and Technical Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of \$4.7 million in grants for food safety education, training, and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners and operators of small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers, food hubs, farmers' markets, and others. The grants, offered through the Food Safety Outreach Program and administered by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), are designed to help these stakeholders comply with new food safety guidelines established by the Food and Drug Administration under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA).

"As growing demand for local food creates new economic opportunities for small farms, beginning farmers, and others, we are committed to ensuring that all types of farmers and businesses have the tools they need to be successful," said Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By supporting projects that offer tailored training, education, and technical assistance for producers and processors

of local food, these grants will benefit producers, the entire food supply chain, and consumers."

This year, NIFA will fund three types of projects to help producers comply with FSMA. Pilot projects will support the development and implementation of new and potentially high-risk, high-impact food safety education and outreach programs in local communities that address the needs of small, specialized audiences from among the various target groups.

Industry data estimates that U.S. local food sales totaled at least \$12 billion in 2014, up from \$5 billion in 2008. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium.

To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts, sign up for email updates, or follow us on Twitter @usda_NIFA, #NIFAimpacts.

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Agents will be on the grounds April 24th from 1pm to 5pm for preview. Estate listing includes: 2030 JD tractor, 3pt 6' rotary cutter, 3pt posthole digger, 3pt carry all, pick up bed trailer with stock rack, fence posts, hay feeder rack, Honda fourtrax 4-wheeler, 3pt scraper blade, 16 ft bumper trailer, 3pt heavy boom pole, and a few more items.

Immediately after the Hale Estate property, we will be selling an adjoining farm property that is owned by a neighbor. This property includes an older frame home with a small detached garage, plus two other outbuildings and a large spring. This property is not a part of the Hale Estate and will be selling with reserve.



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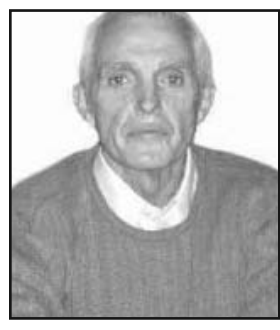
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**Taking a Walk
on the Wild Side:
LGBT Bathroom Issue
(a 'Lower 40' Installment)**

*Holly came from Miami F.L.A.
Hitch-hiked her way across the
U.S.A.
Plucked her eyebrows on the way
Shaved her legs and then he was a
she
She said, hey babe, take a walk on
the wild side,
Said, hey honey, take a walk on the
wild side*

married to TV reality show matriarch
Kris Kardashian, of "Keeping Up
With the Kardashians" fame. It
would be narrow-minded to label
Caitlyn Jenner as the ambassadress of
transgenderism; however, it could be
argued her photo on the cover of the
July 2015 edition of trendy "Vanity
Fair" magazine shifted the movement
into a higher gear.

*(From the song "Take
a Walk on the Wild
Side," lyrics written
and sung by New
York rocker Lou Reed,
a founding member of
cult rock band Velvet
Underground, the
band inducted into
the Rock 'n' Roll Hall
of Fame in 1996.)*

*Though it's
difficult to pinpoint
the true origin
of this latest
LGBT bathroom
controversy, it's for
certain our very own
state of Tennessee
and border neighbor
North Carolina are at
the epicenter. North
Carolina governor
Pat McCrory,
Republican,
recently signed a
controversial bill
blocking cities from
allowing transgender
individuals to use
public bathrooms
for the gender with
which they identify—
and great was the
outrcy!*

Though it's difficult to pinpoint the true origin of this latest LGBT bathroom controversy, it's for certain our very own state of Tennessee and border neighbor North Carolina are at the epicenter. North Carolina governor Pat McCrory, Republican, recently signed a controversial bill blocking cities from allowing transgender individuals to use public bathrooms for the gender with which they identify—and great was the outcry!

If ever a column qualified as a "Lower 40" installment, this one certainly does. Before commencing the potentially treacherous journey down into "No man's land," though, it's crucial that we first define the abbreviation/ acronym "LGBT."

L: Stands for "lesbian": a woman who is primarily attracted to other women.

G: Stands for "gay": a man who is primarily attracted to other men. (NOTE: In the case of the female gender, "gay" is interchangeable with "lesbian.")

B: Stands for "bisexual" or "bi": a person who is attracted to both people of their own gender and, also, another gender.

T: Stands for "transgender": an umbrella term referring to people who do not identify with their assigned gender at birth. This includes transsexuals, cross-dressers, drag kings, drag queens, and others. Some transgender people feel they exist not within one of the two standard gender categories, but rather somewhere between, beyond, or outside of those two genders. (NOTE: A transsexual is a person who, by a medical procedure called "sexual reassignment," has his/her external anatomy changed to resemble that of the opposite sex: He becomes a she, or she becomes a he.)

Spreading faster and burning hotter than a California wildfire is the ongoing "anti-LGBT bathroom bill" controversy, which if enacted into law would keep things as have been: Women have to continue using the women's restroom. Men have to continue using the men's restroom. However, if the bill is shot down, anyone could use any bathroom he/she desired, regardless his/her gender.

Some will argue celebrity transgender Caitlyn Jenner is the "spark" that ignited this social-political inferno. For those possibly unaware, Caitlyn Jenner is the former Bruce Jenner, winner of the gold medal in the decathlon at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, Canada. (NOTE: The decathlon consists of 10 events, and the winner is generally considered the "best all-around athlete in the world.") Also, before coming out as "Caitlyn," Bruce was

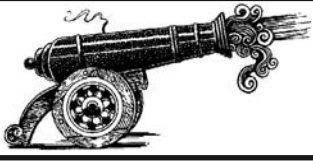
Expectedly, North Carolina state legislators took issue with Governor McCrory, when "The General Assembly went into special session ... to push through the legislation a response to a nondiscrimination ordinance that the city of Charlotte enacted that, among other things, made it possible for transgender individuals to use the public bathroom of the sex they identify as" (source: CNN News).

Even New Jersey born-and-bred super rocker Bruce Springsteen ("Born in the U.S.A.," "Glory Days," etc.) cancelled a concert in Greensboro, North Carolina, which had been scheduled for Sunday, April 17, 2016. Springsteen was quoted as saying: "Some things are more important than a rock show and this fight against prejudice and bigotry — which is happening as I write — is one of them."

The LGBT bathroom controversy in Tennessee is similar to North Carolina: While there was a recent attempt to pass an anti-LGBT bathroom bill through state legislature, the bill has been "delayed" until next year. Butch Spyridon, CEO of Nashville's Convention & Visitors Corporation, stated that passage of the anti-LGBT bill in Tennessee would cost the state millions in revenue, as liberal-minded Hollywood filmmakers and top music acts would take their projects elsewhere.

To avoid responsibility, it appears many lawmakers and politicians, to coin an old adage, are attempting to "pass the buck" with this LGBT bathroom bill: federal wants to make it a state decision; state wants to make it a district-by-district decision; superintendent of schools wants to make it each school's decision. Thus, when a young, innocent, gender-confused boy or girl gets sexually assaulted or brutally stomped for utilizing the wrong restroom, well, "It wasn't my fault!"

What we have is a classic liberal vs. conservative issue that, indeed, has gone over to the "wild side." The question is: Just how "wild" will it get? As a minister stated to me, "If this LGBT bill passes, people will needlessly die. There simply is no way to police it."



THE CANNON BLAST

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Community Dinner Sycamore Baptist Church

Sycamore Baptist, 7165 Sycamore Creek Road, will hold a community dinner the first Wednesday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations accepted with the funds going for a new church building.

Sign up for Flea Market

Sign up now for the May 21 Flea Market at the Short Mountain Trading Post. Free spaces ... just set up and sell away! Free lunch also. Call Savannah at: 615-464-7824 and make reservation.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you drink alot that's your business. If you want to stop that's ours. Call 615-653-7914.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery from hurts, habits and hang-ups meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Democratic Party Election Kickoff Saturday, April 30 Cannon County Courthouse

The Cannon County Democratic Party will hold an election kickoff meeting on Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at the Cannon County Courthouse. Local Democrats will elect a new Chairperson, Secretary and Executive Committee for Cannon County. Members will discuss the party's agenda and events for 2016. This meeting will be open for all attendees to express their ideas and thoughts about the future of the Democratic Party. All Democrats who are eligible voters of Cannon County are urged to attend. For more information contact Jordan Wilkins, Chairman of the 6th District Democratic County Chairs at 615-464-5440 or email jwilkins16@yahoo.com

Flags for Sale

The American Legion Post 279 in Woodbury is selling flags and accessories. The monies raised from the sale of these flags goes 100% back to our Community, our Youth and our Veterans, in Cannon County. This is an on-going project. We have available an assortment of all sizes and all types of flags - United States Flags, State Flags, Military Service Flags; and all sizes of flag poles. The United States Flag 3'x 5' nylon is \$25 (best price anywhere). This is our most popular flag. The United States Flag 4"x 6" is .50 each or \$5 a dozen for special occasions. The military services/branches flags are \$30 each. For that special display. We can get you any State Flag, different size flags and different size flag poles, (small house flag poles to large business flag poles.) WE ALSO HAVE INDOOR FLAG SETS. FLAGS FOR ALL OCASSIONS. If you need to make a special order, call and we have a catalogue available to make your selections. CONTACT A MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 279 OR CALL CHARLIE HARRELL 615-542-1289, OR JIM STONE 615-563-6111, OR BRENT BUSH 615-563-2691, OR BRITT KNOX 615-904-5644, OR PENNY DANIELS 615-563-6729. We will be glad to take your order, deliver your order, and all with a smile and a big thank you, for Supporting the American Legion Post 279, AND OUR YOUTH, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR VETERANS, OF CANNON COUNTY.

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Dr. Benjamin Caldwell, Jr. and Mrs. Gertrude Caldwell generously donated the collection to the Arts Center of Cannon County in 2005. The Caldwells have collected art for more than forty years. Mrs.Caldwell says about collecting art, "I am attracted to art immediately for some reason, either the color, the form or action...As we began to go places and meet the artists, I came to love the people." The collection includes numerous internationally recognized self taught and outsider artists from the south, including works by Mose Tolliver, Jimmie Lee Sudduth, Bessie Harvey, and Homer Green.

Bluegrass Music at Gassaway Friday, April 29 Gassaway Community Center Live, free Bluegrass music open to the public.

Reagan Day Dinner Saturday, April 30 at 6 p.m. Cannon County Senior Center

Join the Cannon County GOP and friends to hear state Sen. Mark Green, the doctor who treated and interrogated Saddam Hussein after his capture and the author of "A Night With Saddam." Tickets are \$25 each or \$200 for a table of eight. For additional information email CannonCountyGOP@gmail.com or call 615-563-4128.

2016 Jewelry Showcase Saturday, April 30

Join us for the Arts Center of Cannon County's indoor Jewelry Showcase on Saturday, April 30 to shop for fabulous, unique gifts from local craft artists. Over a dozen Middle Tennessee jewelry makers will be in attendance, selling a wide selection of hand-crafted silver, copper, leather, stone, and beaded jewelry. Admission to the event is free, so bring a friend and come out to support your area artists!

Music Night Cannon County Senior Center Friday, May 6

Rode West Band will perform at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Fish Fry Saturday, May 7 Hollow Springs Community Church

Hollow Springs Community Church, 6396 Hollow Springs Road, Bradyville, will hold a fish fry at 5 p.m. May 7. \$7 per person either dine in or carry out. Children under 10 years old eat free. Proceeds will be used to benefit Renewed Life Ministries.

Are you raising a relative child or need housing assistance?

For more information on assistance and support, please contact Melissa Allison at the Upper Cumberland Developments District toll free at 1-877-275-8233. A support group meeting will be held for relatives that are caring for relative children. This meeting will be held at the Adams Memorial Library, Monday, April 25, 2016, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, downstairs. For housing assistance while caring for minor child, contact Myra Walker at 931-432-4111.

Cannon County Historial Society Tuesday, May 10 Cannon County Senior Center

The new Cannon County Historial Robert Bush will be quest speaker at the 6:30 p.m. meeting. His subject will be "Back to Bradyville." A talented historian and gifted writer, many of Mr. Bush's articles have been featured in the Cannon Courier. The program will begin at 6:30 with snacks and goodies. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is invited.

Music Night Cannon County Senior Center Friday, May 13

Lonnie Jones and Tennessee Shine will perform at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Daisy Day at Camp Sunday, May 22

Girls entering kindergarten and first grade are invited to hang out in the Daisy Den and go for a hike around camp. Games and crafts are planned. Bring a picnic lunch and find a place to eat, then feel free to explore our camp from 2 to 4 p.m. May 22 at Camp Piedmont, 230 Pilot Knob Road, Readyville.

Cannon County Commission Meeting Thursday, May 5 @ 5-7 p.m. At the Cannon County Courthouse.

Mule Day Saturday, May 14 @ 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Middle Tennessee Mule Skinners Association presents "Mule Day" in Cannon County. Gates open at 11 a.m. at the Horse Show Arena located on Lehman St. in Woodbury. Contact Andy Duggin at 615-624-1708 for further information.

Cannon Courier "Hall of Fame" Sports Banquet May 19 @ 5-9 p.m.

The Cannon Courier "Hall of Fame" Sports Banquet will take place at the Arts Center on John Bragg Hwy. Join in when athletes of the past and present are acknowledged for their accomplishments in Cannon County Sports, dinner will be included. Contact the Cannon Courier for details at 615-563-2512.

The Good Ole Days Friday, May 20 - 21

May 20-21: The Good Ole Days, sponsored by the Cannon County Senior Center will take place On The Square in Woodbury. Enjoy, music, pageants, food, vendors and special attractions beginning at 8 a.m. until the fun is over each day. Contact the Senior Center at 615-563-5304 for further information and vendor applications.

Cruise-In on the Square Saturday May 28

Ready for some spring fun? Then join the Cruise-In on Saturday, May 28 on the Square in Woodbury. The show is open to all cars, trucks and unique vehicles from 4 to 7:30 p.m. No entry fees or spectator fees are charged for the Cruise-Ins, which are presented by the Cannon County Chamber of Commerce.

Memorial Day Trail Ride Saturday, May 28 - 30

Cannon County Walking Horse Assoc. Memorial Day Trail Ride. Riders will leave the fair grounds in Woodbury at 11 AM, ride to the camp grounds on Short Mountain for a week-end of camping, trail riding, music, food, dancing and a horse show. Contact Korie Loftus at 615-542-2311 for further information.

Cruise-In On The Square in Woodbury May 28 4 - 7:30 pm

All makes, models of cars and trucks plus motorcycles are welcome. No entry fee, enjoy DJmusic, cruiser of the month award, door prizes and register for the Grand Prize to be given away at the October Cruise In. sponsored by DTC Communications. Contact John Barker at 615-542-4065 or Carolyn Motley at 615-563-2222 for information.

Always... Patsy Cline Begins June 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Always...Patsy Cline is based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston housewife Louise Seger. The play focuses on the fateful evening at Houston's Esquire Ballroom when Seger hears of Cline's death in a plane crash. Seger supplies a narrative while Cline floats in and out of the set singing tunes that made her famous--Anytime, Walkin' After Midnight, She's Got You, Sweet Dreams, and Crazy--to name a few. At the Arts Center of Cannon County.

Summer Youth Conservatory 2016 Junior Sessions: June 6-17 or June 20-July 1 2016 Senior Session: July 11-22

Summer Youth Conservatory is dedicated to the development of life skills through participation in the arts - helping kids reach a new stage at the Arts Center of Cannon County. In addition to classes, this program offers the opportunity for all participants to appear on stage in a production at the end of each session. This is also a valuable opportunity to be seen on stage by Arts Center directors. Students will audition for various roles in performances, but every student will be featured. Please call The Arts Center of Cannon County at (615) 563-ARTS or 1-800-235-9073 for more information.

What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

April 24-30—Senior Trip April 25—Progress Reports

April 26—CCHS Softball game at Dekalb Co., 4:30 p.m.

April 26—CCHS Baseball game at Dekalb Co., 5:30 p.m.

April 26—CCHS Soccer match at Central Magnet, 5 p.m.

April 27—WBRY Spotlight—Title I, Pre-K, and summer reading programs will be featured.

April 28—Middle Grades Sports Committee meeting, 5 p.m., WGS

April 28—Recessed School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., WGS cafeteria

May 2-6—TN Ready testing (TCAP Achievement testing)

May 2-6—Teacher/ Staff Appreciation Week

May 2—CCHS Baseball game with York at home, 4:30 p.m.

May 2—CCHS Softball game with Franklin Co. at home, 7 p.m.

May 2-3—Tennis District Tournament (TEAM)

May 3—CCHS Baseball game at York

May 3—CCHS Soccer match with Dekalb Co. at home, 6:30 p.m.

May 5—CCHS Soccer match with Community H. S. at home (SENIOR NIGHT), 6 p.m.

May 6— CCHS Prom at Stones River Country Club

May 5, 6 &9—Tennis District Tournament (INDIVIDUAL)

May 6-11—Softball District Tournament at Upperman

May 10—Senior Awards night, 7 p.m., CCHS gymnasium

NOTE—May 6, 2016 will be a regular instructional day.

Trading Post Chat

BY SAVANNAH CUNNICK



THE NATURE OF A COLLECTOR IS ONE WHO WALKS TO A DIFFERENT DRUMBEAT...

Whether a COLLECTOR searches for the historical factor in their treasure hunting or merely capturing the unique reasonable purchase of the day, collecting and picking have become the primary entertainment in the shopping world.

The challenge of looking through as much STUFF as we can at a given time is exhilarating! We are like a ONE-EYED DOG IN A MEAT FACTORY!

The search begins anywhere. Mainly in antique shops, thrift stores, auctions and of course, the ever-famous GARAGE SALES! Moving sales, estate sales, charity sales, fund-raiser sales or roadside sales...no matter...the collector sniffs them out. It's like a magnet...it's a VIRUS.

Some pickers are selective...some are hogs. While the real collector is more selective...the hoarder backs up her van and loads it ALL to either stumble over in her already packed garage and then has her own garage sale. (Maybe...) That is not a TRUE COLLECTOR.

We will drive to Tin Buck Too and spend more gas and time in that maddening search for those special items. The saving grace during that lengthy search is that we run into four other yard sales while we are lost.

Have you ever followed someone around when they just happen to pick up that EXACT item that you just HAVE TO HAVE ? If you are lucky, they are just one of those obnoxious buyers who tries to buy it for nothing and nit picks it to death...when there is not a thing wrong with it. Finally, they set it down. You grab it...and when they turn around to reconsider, it's GONE. (Oooops..)

Snag it while you can, my friends!! I have seen nose-to-nose toe-to-toe fights over items. It can get ugly. But, we COLLECTORS never give in. Heck or high water, we shall overcome and win that prize!!

Remember that a price tag is merely a springboard for negotiation...DICKERING is the fun part. WHAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO? is a common opening line. Some sellers covet the item as the wonder purchase mentioned on the internet while others just want to sell it and get whatever they can for it. (I am a big fan of that SECOND seller !)

I, myself, truly search for the strange and unique items and place them in the TRADING POST for others to discover. More than most...I hear comments on these collectibles that brighten my day and encourages me to

keep searching for those special attention-getters.



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Back to the collectors...hey, some of us are known to dive into dumpsters and pick through curbside discards. Yes, we are the TRUE TROLLS of TRASH!!

If the weather is bad, we seek out the year-round thrift shops and even the local sales network on the internet. Anything...to satisfy our collector addiction.

Hey, we are not the only crazed ones, Folks...ever take a peek at how many television shows such as: American Pickers, Flea Market Flip, Junk Gypsies, Pawn Stars...who offer tips to their fellow COLLECTORS.

There MUST BE something to it...Ever stand by and be amazed at just how many clothes a garage sale shopper (not collector) can stuff into a 12 inch by 12 inch Wall Mart bag for a DOLLAR? A true test of dexterity I would say!

Another amazing observation is just how many different garage sale signs there are. Such as: PUT OUR JUNK IN YOUR TRUNK SALE...or DIVORCE SALE (hurry before spouse gets home), or TAKE MY EX'S STUFF SALE (it's ALL gotta go...just like HIM), or GARAGE SALE: FREE BEER, or GOING TO JAIL SALE, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT SALE: Never Used, or a phonetically spelled sign: GROJ SALE.

Then there are those who feed off their neighbor's garage sale sign and place their sign next to it saying: BETTER SALE NEXT DOOR.

Oh well, whether there is a sign or not the motive of the true COLLECTOR still remains the same...find that

STUFF! Forever driven to the end!

This addiction doesn't always run true throughout one's family...especially mine...

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Uncle Festus detests garage sales. Aunt Martha loves them. Festus goes along with her just to make trouble and cause chaos. He switches or removes price tags. He rounds up all the neighborhood kids and dogs and sets them loose at the sale and watches what happens. He acts like he is lost and bothers the garage sale host for directions and acts like he doesn't understand. He drives by...back and forth...slows down...and repeats a dozen time. He will ring the neighbors' doorbells near the sale and keep asking where the garage sale is. A real pest in a rat suit! The only thing that Festus ever bought was a computer that was sooo old that when you pushed the SEND button, a little door opened and a pigeon flew out.

Cousin Clarence once bought a PARROT at an auction. After he won the bid...he kept bugging the auctioneer by saying: I HOPE HE TALKS...I REALLY HOPE HE TALKS.... Finally, the original owner said: Well, who do you think was bidding against you!

Uncle Pete, who is a well known cheapskate...purchased a used AIRBAG for his wife's car...when he got home and took it out of the box...it was a WHOOPEE CUSHION that taped to the steering wheel!

Aunt Patsy bought a used push-up bra which had already turned into a : wonder-where-they-went-bra.

Poor Aunt Martha is such a bad cook that she ended up buying a smoke alarm as a cooking timer...and a new garbage can with biohazard symbols on it.

Her cooking is SO bad, that even the dog goes to the neighbors to eat! The last skillet that she had took forever to clean. After three boxes of scouring pads, a bottle of Drano and a crowbar...Festus finally got the job done.

Cousin Marvin stopped going to garage sales ever since he took his six-year-old niece Polly to one with him. He perched her up on his shoulders to make it easier to keep track of her. The only thing is that she kept picking on his head with her fingernails. Clarence finally yelled, will you stop that !! Little Polly said: Yes, I will as soon as I get my gum out of your hair....!

Now, do you see what I mean that one's family does not always produce successful collectors...entertaining...but not true to the TASK OF THE PICKING.

For now, I am signing off and have a date with the TREASURE SEEKERS. Go for it...enjoy the hunt for your own prize... have fun at whatever you choose to do. Whatever makes you happy ... that's what counts. Have a great week and chat again with you soon.

HUGS, SAVANNAH

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Chronic Ear Infections Resolved With Chiropractic According To Case Report

from the desk of

Dr. Trea Wessel

The Journal of Pediatric, Maternal & Family Health published a case study in their January 14, 2016, issue documenting the case of a young girl with otitis media being resolved with chiropractic care. Otitis media is the technical term for ear infections.

The study estimates that approximately 40% of children suffer from otitis media (OM) before the age of five years. Commonly children who suffer with this problem have reoccurring episodes and are often prescribed antibiotics as medical treatment. The authors report that in an acute phase, OM is often associated with ear pain, fever, headaches, irritability, and listlessness. Otitis media is the most common infection for which antibiotics are prescribed for children in the United States, with medical costs being about 3 billion dollars a year.

In this case, a 4-year-old boy suffering from chronic earaches was taken to the chiropractor by his mother to see if chiropractic could help. The boy's history

showed that he had been suffering with otitis media since age three. In an effort

After the failed medical care, the boy, who was scheduled to have a second



to medically treat his problem, tubes had been inserted in his ears which fell out nine months later.

ear tube surgery in less than one month, was brought to the chiropractor. The boy's mother reported that her son would regularly pull on his ear, and she observed that his ear was red and had excessive wax buildup. A chiropractic examination was performed which included palpation of the child's spine, range of motion, as well as basic inspection and physical signs. From his examination, it was determined that the boy

had subluxations in his upper neck area.

Specific chiropractic adjustments were given to address the boy's subluxations. The boy was seen three times per week for the first two weeks of care, followed by a visit frequency of twice per week. Following the first adjustment, the boy's mother reported that her son experienced relief for the entire day. She did notice fluid coming out of his ears as well as a runny nose. It was reported that he slept better that night and was less irritable. After three visits, the mother reported that her son had improved enough that she decided to cancel her son's second ear tube surgery. When the initial portion of the chiropractic care was completed, the boy's parents decided to continue their son's care on a wellness basis.

In their conclusion, the study authors offered, "This case report opens for the possibility that children with otitis media and failed medical care in the way of tympanostomy tubes may benefit from chiropractic care vis a vis chiropractic adjustment."

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April 26 • 2 PM
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Wednesday
April 27 • 10 AM
Shareware, Freeware, Adware
Learn what it is, where to find it, and what precautions to take: Part I

April 27 • 2 PM
Cleaning and Updating Your Computer
Class covers Malware and Patch MY PC

Thursday
April 28 • 10 AM
Shareware, Freeware, Adware
Learn what it is, where to find it, and what precautions to take: Part II

April 28 • 2 PM

Email Safety
DOs, DON'Ts, When to Delete

Friday
April 29 • 10 AM
Online Buying and Selling
Amazon, Facebook, Craig's List, Ebay, Offerup, and Swappa

Monday
May 2 • 10 AM
MS Word Essentials
Basic features of Word, where to find them and what they do, includes practice time

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MS Word Essentials
Basic features of Word, where to find them and what they do, includes practice time

Tuesday
May 3 • 10 AM
MS Word II
Practice formatting documents, changing fonts, inserting pictures, printing

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Wednesday
May 4 • 10 AM
MS Word Advanced
Advanced topics: shortcuts, practice addressing and printing envelopes, mail merges

May 4 • 2 PM
MS Word Advanced
Advanced topics: shortcuts, practice addressing and printing envelopes, mail merges

Thursday
May 5 • 10 AM
Review of Word capabilities and Overview of Excel
See Excel in action and learn terminology

May 5 • 2 PM
Review of Word capabilities and Overview of Excel
See Excel in action and learn terminology

Friday
May 6 • 10 AM
Basic Excel
Learn how Excel works,

practice entering figures, tracking costs, and calculating.

May 6 • 2 PM
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Learn how Excel works, practice entering figures, tracking costs, and calculating.

Monday
May 9 • 10 AM
Excel Essentials
Formatting and printing worksheets, moving columns and rows, create a budget

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Tuesday
May 10 • 10 AM
Excel Advance
Review of Excel and introduction to formulas and charts

May 10 • 2 PM
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Review of Excel and introduction to formulas and

charts

Wednesday
May 11 • 10 AM
PowerPoint Essentials
Learn how PowerPoint works using master slides and presentation tip. Practice creating a presentation

May 11 • 2 PM
PowerPoint Essentials
Learn how PowerPoint works using master slides and presentation tips. Practice creating a presentation.

Thursday
May 12 • 10 AM
PowerPoint Advanced
Learn and practice inserting graphics, changing formats and fonts, adding backgrounds

May 12 • 2 PM
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Friday
May 13 • 10 AM
Review of PowerPoint and presentation tips.

SONG...

accompanist to Mimi Fariña for over 20 years, but he worked in bands with Norton Buffalo, Dan Hicks and his Hot Licks, David Grisman, The Barry "The Fish" Melton Band and Zero, where he played keyboard and sang lead for over 10 years. He has performed duo gigs with David Nelson, Keith Little, Freebo, Peter Rowan and many other notable artists, as well as producing and lending his musical prowess on countless recording sessions.

Throughout the years to augment his musical career, Banana has utilized unique talents that are not just musical.

A pioneer hang glider pilot, in 1973 he started "Hang Gliders West" in Marin County and for a decade taught over 5000 people to fly. He cobbled together a bootleg Apple II computer in 1982 and also bought a synthesizer, realized the two of them should be able to talk to each other and wound up managing the development team at Passport Designs that created Encore, a Mac/Windows software program that converts live Midi performances or Midi files to notation for sheet music as well as allowing complex editing and input by hand.

Since his college days at Boston University circa 1962, he has been collecting, swapping, buying and selling old fretted instruments and maintains a web site called Players Vintage Instruments (www.vintageinstruments.com).

Banana's infatuation with Americana music started in the early 1950s growing up in Santa Rosa California when he discovered the 'race station' KWBR in Oakland and started hearing the likes of and buying the records of Lightning Hopkins, Jimmy Reed, John Lee Hooker, Big Bill Broonzy, Little Willie John, James Brown, and on and on. Then along came Chuck Berry and Ray Charles, and Little Richard and Fats Domino and Elvis and by that time he had learned enough piano to play with a group of local Philly style street corner singers called The Chandells. They got to go to LA to make a record but he was too young to go. He got hooked on guitar as a teen and then the banjo of Pete Seeger and The New Lost City Ramblers and then, just before heading off to Boston University, he heard Flatt and Scruggs for the first time. A life changing experience. One that added a permanent place in his heart and in his practice for bluegrass.

Banana began his career in bluegrass on the east coast in Boston with "Banana and the Bunch, Old Time Music with Appeal" playing bluegrass in the local coffee houses of the early 60's being mentored by the likes of Bill Kieth and The Charles River Valley Boys.

After several years in the east coast folk/bluegrass scene, he co-founded The Youngbloods with Joe Bauer, Jesse Colin Young, and Jerry Corbitt. The band moved from New York City to West Marin in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1967.



MIKE WEST photos

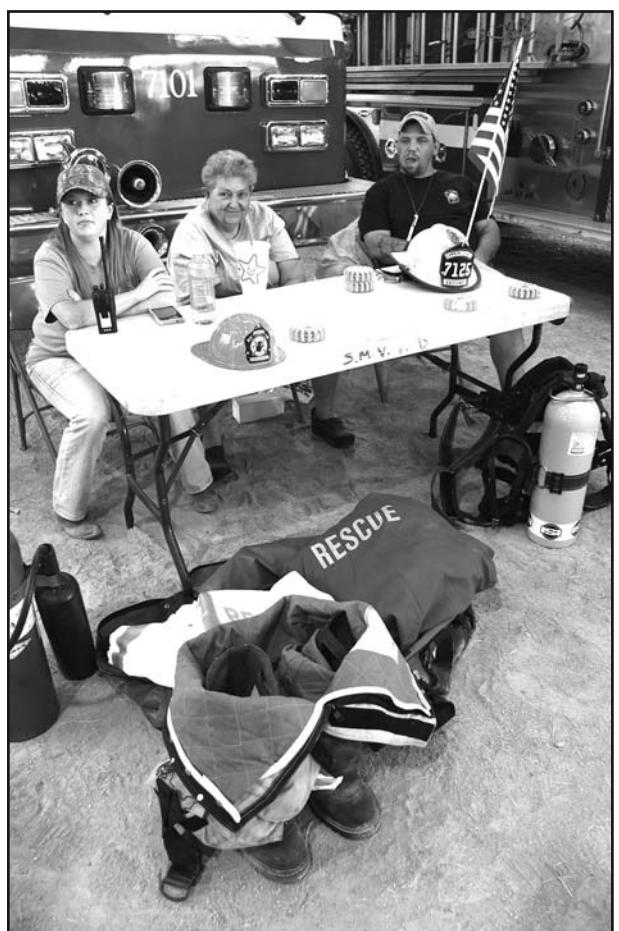
911 commander Roy Sullivan discusses the various uses of the 911 backup system housed in a mobile rescue unit.



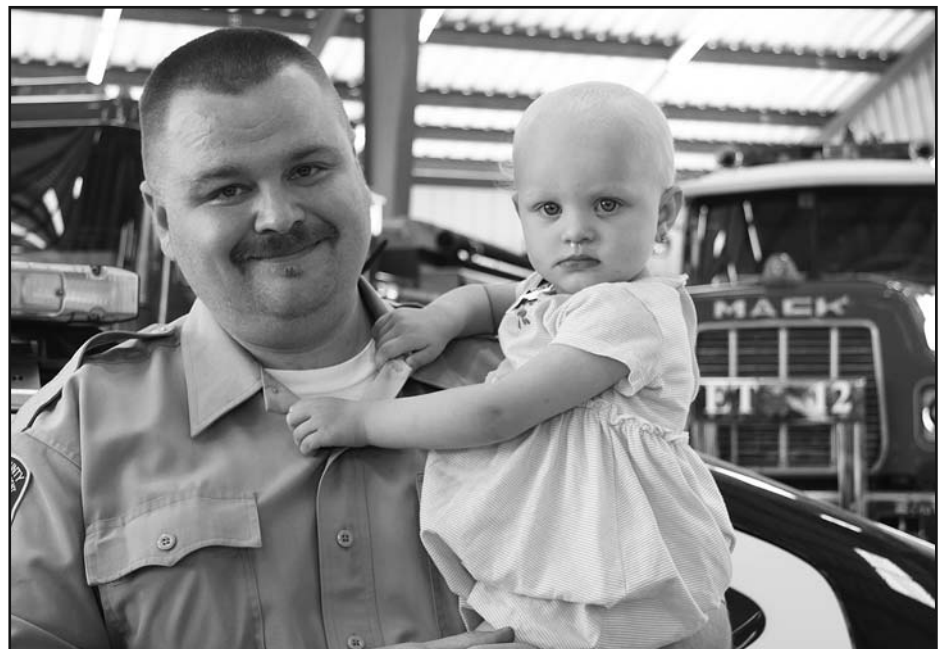
West Side Fire Department's "Old Yeller" was a popular attraction for Safety Day attendees.



Lisa Goodmaster, Corey Ashford and Joe Bryson, from left, offered information regarding the state forestry unit.



Gassaway Fire Department was well represented at the Safety Day event by Tabbitha McCoy, Chief Karen Ashford and Rich McCoy.



SRO Paul Reed with his daughter, Winter, represented the Cannon County Sheriff's Office at Safety Day.

St Thomas to perform heart transplants

Saint Thomas Health has re-launched its heart transplant program after receiving certification to perform heart transplants from the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), officials announced today. Kyle Stribling, M.D., will serve as the medical director of the heart transplant program, and Ashok N. Babu, M.D., will serve as surgical director of the program. Babu recently joined Saint Thomas Health, a member of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non-profit health system, from the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver.

As the largest heart failure program in the state, Saint Thomas Heart serves more than 5,000 patients each year in Saint Thomas Health clinics and hospitals. It currently is following more than 20 heart failure

patients monthly who may be candidates for a heart transplant once they are strong enough to receive one. Officials expect the first heart transplant surgery to be performed at Saint Thomas West.



Vanderbilt's LifeFlight rescue helicopter takes off from the horse show ring at the Cannon County Fairground.

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AAU Followers Hit the Road to Support our Youth

Lots of Cannon Countians were in and around Sparta and Cookeville last weekend to watch our athletes in action at AAU basketball tournaments.

Members of our volunteer Fire Department conducted a Safety Day Presentation Monday the 18th at Auburn School. Several of the students tried on some of the gear our volunteers have to

wear during a fire. This taught them the weight of the gear and how hot it can be when working a fire. They enjoyed watching how far the hoses can shoot the water as well as fire prevention and what to do in a fire.

It looks like the flu waited until warm weather to raise its ugly head. Seems it comes with double ear infections for the little ones and strep throats for any

Auburntown News

By ANNA PATRICK

age. Speedy recoveries to all who has these maladies.

It is with heartache to report three deaths affecting this community. Although she spent her adult life in Owensboro, KY, her roots were here. Our condolences to Sara Gaither, Donna Nichols and Connie Leyhew on the loss of their sister and aunt, respectively - Sue Hamilton

Whitaker better known as "Pete".

Our thoughts and prayers to Amy Lack and Rhonda Stills on the death of their mother, Joy Dell Fann, who passed away at home Wednesday.

He fought a hard fight and won many battles but lost the war with cancer early Thursday morning. Our sympathy to Hazel

Jones and other family members on the passing of Charles Robert Jones.

It's Joan Marie Bryson who begins our birthday list this week when she celebrates the 27th. Abby Jakes James and Vanessa Gaither Hardy have their days on the 18th. Delores Heady gets to celebrate on the 29th. The last day of April sees Louise Green, Sara Turney Wilderon and Justin Turney celebrating. Jenny Francis open up the month of May when she celebrates her 25th on the 1st. On the 3rd

Earah Stinnett Lankford and Jamison King have their days, Happy, happy day to each of you.

Two anniversaries and both on the same day - the 30th. It's the 39th year for Ken and Scarlett Turney and the 27th for John and Kim Francis. Happy anniversary to both couples.

If you have news for this column, please e-mail me at apatricks@dtccom.net or call 464-4310 and leave a message if no answer.

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The Cannon County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cannon County Senior Center, 309 Lehman Street, in the small dining area.

At the March 8th meeting, the Cannon County Historical Society recommended the appointment of Robert D. Bush as Cannon County Historian. County Executive Mike Gannon was contacted and requested to present this to the Cannon County Commission. This was presented to the Commission on Saturday, May 16 and Robert was elected by a unanimous vote.

The new Cannon County Historian Robert Bush will be the speaker at our May 10th Meeting. His subject will be: "BACK TO BRADYVILLE" Mr. Bush is a talented historian and a gited writer. Many of his writings have been featured in the Cannon Courier. And, his writings as Cannon County Historian will appear in the Courier on a regular



basis. "The Historical Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. for snacks and goodies; bring your favorites! The program will begin at 7 p.m.

Come and bring someone with you; and, remember, "Everyone is welcome," said Joe Davenport, society president. "Plan to attend on May

10th and hear a great presentation by our new County Historian. Looking forward to seeing you on May 10th," Davenport said.

USDA Announces \$4.7 Million Available in Grants for Food Safety Training, Outreach and Technical Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the availability of \$4.7 million in grants for food safety education, training, and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners and operators of small to mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially-disadvantaged farmers, small processors, small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers, food hubs, farmers' markets, and others. The grants, offered through the Food Safety Outreach Program and administered by USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), are designed to help these stakeholders comply with new food safety guidelines established by the Food and Drug Administration under the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). "As growing demand for local food creates new economic opportunities for small farms, beginning farmers, and others, we are committed to ensuring that all types of farmers and businesses have the tools they need to be successful," said Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack. "By supporting projects that offer tailored training, education, and technical assistance for producers and processors of local food, these grants will benefit producers, the entire food supply chain, and consumers." In fiscal year 2015, NIFA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) funded an infrastructure of National and Regional Centers to extend food safety education, training, and technical assistance to specific audiences affected by new guidelines established under the



FSMA. In fiscal year 2016, the Food Safety Outreach Program at NIFA will build upon this established national infrastructure by focusing on the delivery of customized training for owners and operators of small farms, food processors, small fruit and vegetable wholesalers, food hubs, farmers' markets, terminal markets, and farms that lack access to food safety training and other educational opportunities.

This year, NIFA will fund three types of projects to help producers comply with FSMA. Pilot projects will support the development and implementation of new and potentially high-risk, high-impact food safety education and outreach programs in local communities that address the needs of small, specialized audiences from among the various target groups. Community outreach projects will focus on the growth and expansion of already-existing food safety education and

outreach programs that are currently offered in local communities. Multistate Education and training projects will support the development and implementation of multi-county, state-wide, or multi-state food safety education and outreach programs where there are common food safety concerns, but the states are not necessarily located within the same regions.

A webinar for potential applicants is scheduled for April 19, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. EST. Applications are due June 2. See the request for applications on the NIFA website for more information.

The Food Safety Outreach Program is just one example of the many USDA programs and services that support strong local and regional food systems. Across USDA, the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative coordinates the Department's policy, resources, and outreach efforts related to local and regional food systems.

Over the past seven years, USDA has supported providing consumers a stronger connection to their food with more than \$1 billion in investments to over 40,000 local and regional food businesses and infrastructure projects since between 2009. Industry data estimates that U.S. local food sales totaled at least \$12 billion in 2014, up from \$5 billion in 2008. More information on how USDA investments are connecting producers with consumers and expanding rural economic opportunities is available in Chapter IV of USDA Results on Medium. Since 2009, NIFA has invested in and advanced innovative and transformative initiatives to solve societal challenges and ensure the long-term viability of agriculture. To learn more about NIFA's impact on agricultural science, visit www.nifa.usda.gov/impacts, sign up for email updates, or follow us on Twitter @usda_nifa, #NIFAimpacts.

Spring tour highlights Short Mountain Ecotone

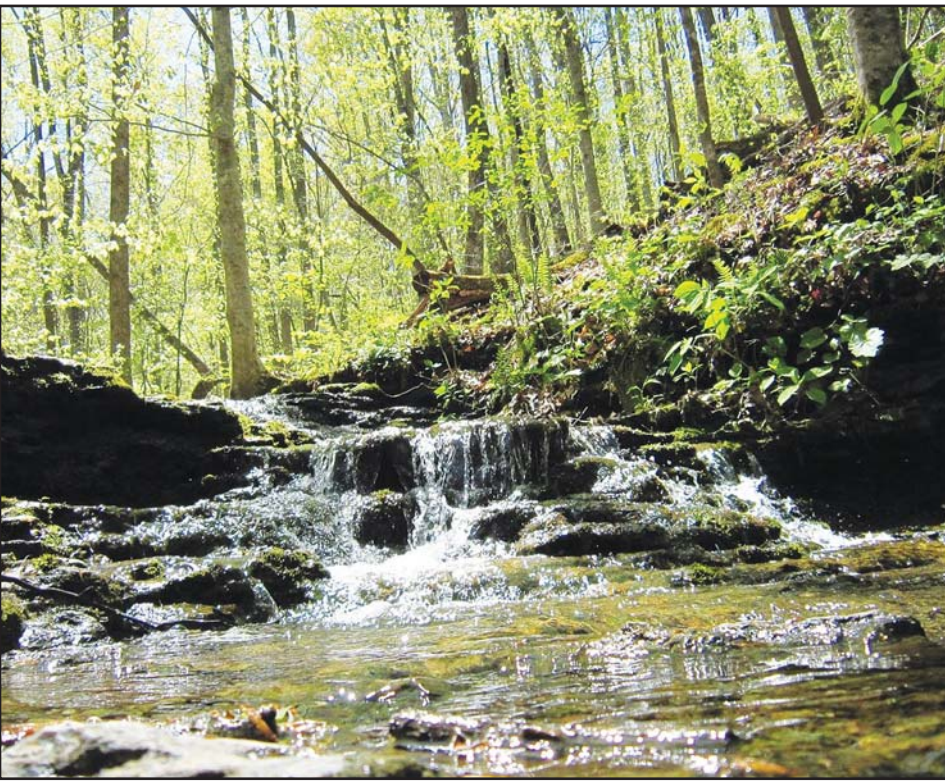
The Tennessee Division of Natural Areas conducted the annual Spring Tour of the Short Mountain Ecotone on Saturday April 16th.

With the help of Neal Appelbaum (Arts Center of Cannon County), the Short Mountain Distillery, Short Mountain Bible Camp, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and numerous friends and colleagues, the Tennessee Division of Natural Areas conducted the annual tour. The event, held as part of the TDEC Natural Areas Spring Celebration, and including upwards of 40 participants, wound its way from Short Mountain Distillery to the summit of Short Mountain, across a variety of habitats and three distinct drainages, and right back to the distillery.

Over the five-hour tour attendees were exposed to a variety of natural history (and history) discussions including plants, crayfish, salamanders, landscape management, and the human dimensions of Short Mountain and Cannon County.

A robust hike treated the group to a large waterfall and beautiful scenery on the Caney Fork side of the mountain, and a refreshing stop at a welcoming home gave newfound friends a chance to enjoy lunch, shade and camaraderie. A slow but steady driving tour of North Short Mountain Road revealed a lush landscape full of spring ephemeral flowers for which that side of the mountain is renowned.

The TDEC Division of Natural Areas wishes to express its sincere thanks to all the persons and organizations that made this event possible, including the UCHRA, Cannon County Sherriff's Department, Short Mountain Distillery, Short Mountain Bible Camp, two most considerate private property owners, TWRA, and MTSU Department of Biology. We are grateful to the engaging participants who weathered a longer than anticipated tour, and hope that everyone enjoyed this brief introduction to this spectacular area. We hope to see you again in 2017!



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SPORTS



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Teammates now turned to frenemies

Two Lions senior football players, Austin Brock and Bo Bryson, have each signed college football scholarships during the past week. Brock is heading to Bethel and Bryson is going to Cumberland. Next October, these two longtime teammates will turn into frenemies since both teams play in the same NAIA Mid-South Conference.

"It will be different, because we have been teammates for so long," Bryson said. "It will be weird seeing him in a different jersey across the field."

Brock added, "I agree, growing up with him playing since we were little, it will definitely be different seeing him across the field."

Brock will be joining a Wildcat team, which finished 4-7 in 2015 under head coach Chris Elliott. Bethel University is located three hours away in McKenzie, and it last made the playoffs in Elliott's first season at the helm back in 2012.

Last season, Brock missed some time because of a broken leg, while playing defensive back and running back. However, he always knew even with the injuries in 2015, he would get a shot at college football.

"I did, because I felt I put the work in during the past four years, just to get here, I felt I could go somewhere," Brock said.

He will study Criminal Justice, while at Bethel since he enjoys studying law enforcement.

As for Bryson, he is becoming a Phoenix since the university just switched nicknames from Bulldogs. Cumberland is located in Lebanon, and it is led by head coach Donnie Suber. Last season, CU went 3-8, and it has been a few years since the program last made the NAIA playoffs.

"It is exciting, and it is something I have looked forward to," Bryson said. "It is what I worked toward to my entire life right now, and it means a lot."

Bryson has not decided on a major yet, but he added it is between Criminal Justice and Business Administration.

Both of them are excited about the future, especially achieving a dream of playing on the next level, but they will miss being a Lion.

"Just the people, I have met, my friends," Brock said. "I am going to miss a lot just not getting to see my friends as much being three hours away."

Bryson added, "I am going to miss the team comradely and being with the guys. I have been with these guys since I was little. It will be different meeting new people."



Signs with Bethel

Front Row Mother Shelly Stone, Austin Brock, Barbara Parker
Back Row- Assistant Coaches Michael Atwood, John Robinson, Head coach T.J. Daniel, Assistant Coach John Conkin and Principal Mike Jones.

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Cumberland inks Bryson

Front Row Michael Bryson (Father), Bo Bryson, Sandra Jones (Mom)
Back Row- Cumberland assistant coach Buddy Brown, CCHS head coach T.J. Daniel

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Spring sports wrapping up

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The Cannon Courier

Most of the spring sports are wrapping up their respective seasons. All of the Cannon County teams enjoyed some success this past week, including a thrilling come from behind victory on the diamond.

CCHS baseball

After going 2-2 at a tournament last week, the Lions made it four wins in a row with a huge district sweep over Smith County. CCHS won at Smith County 12-6 on April 18, but heading into their final at-bat a day later, all was lost for the hosts.

The Owls just made a pitching change with two outs in the bottom of the seventh leading 6-3. However, Lions had the tying run at the plate in senior centerfielder Jared Judkins. On the first pitch, Judkins crushed a three-run bomb over the left field fence which tied the game.

"Coach (Colin Jones) said first pitch swing for the fences, and that is what I did," Judkins

said.

After a walk by senior Briar Jakes, junior Sam Schau sent an Owl pitch to the wall, and Jakes beat the throw home to finish off the unbelievable comeback by the Lions, 7-6.

"Coach always preaches to us, we got to have confidence in each other, and build off of each other," Schau said. "We got the energy level up after Judkins hit that homer, and we did not stop there."

CCHS Tennis

The Lionettes had consecutive home matches this week against Watertown and Providence Christian, while the Lions Austin Brock won his singles match against Watertown as they are down to only two members of the team.

The Lionettes won both matches as a team, 5-2 on April 18 and 4-3 on April 19, and they were led by the duo of Autumn King and Allison Howard. Both players won their respective singles matches on both days, and they teamed up to

win the doubles match both days.

"It was very hot, but I felt like I did pretty well," King said. "I have been working a lot on my backhand and getting it better following through more. It really showed today of my improvement."

Leah Hyatt, Dani Waisanen and Kasey Sadler also picked up a singles win last week.

CCHS Soccer

The Lions roared to the win column on April 15 with an impressive 9-nil home win over Bledsoe County as Qwentin McMackins scored a hat trick. Josh Walkup added two goals, and four other players scored once. Justin Hill and Jake Walkup teamed up for the clean sheet at goal for CCHS.

The Lions fell at Warren County, 8-4 on April 18, and 4-1 at Jackson County on April 19.

Junior Lionette Softball

The middle school team continued their

10 Questions



CCHS junior tennis player Allison Howard

- Favorite Food:** Pasta
- Favorite Sport to Watch on TV:** Basketball
- Favorite Team:** Atlanta Braves
- Favorite Subject:** History
- Favorite Part about Playing for Cannon County:** Everybody is so nice, because I played for Warren County my freshman and sophomore year. The difference is really big.
- Future Career Choice:** Forensic Anthropology or Teacher
- Favorite Athlete:** Serena Williams
- Biggest Influence in Your Life and Why:** My dad, because he works really hard and he has a great attitude.
- Favorite Movie:** The Great Gatsby
- Favorite Author:** John Green



CCHS junior baseball player Sam Schau

- Favorite Food:** Hamburgers
- Favorite Sport to Watch on TV:** Baseball
- Favorite Team:** Texas Rangers
- Favorite Subject:** Algebra
- Favorite Part about Playing for Cannon County:** The team chemistry we all have together.
- Future Career Choice:** Professional Baseball Player or Athletic Trainer
- Favorite Athlete:** Albert Pujols
- Biggest Influence in Your Life and Why:** My dad, because he has always been there for me for baseball and pushing me to do my best.
- Favorite TV Show:** Friends
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2. Spread 1/2 cup Green Chile Mushroom Sauce in a thin layer on bottom of prepared pan.
3. Combine chicken and 1 cup cheese in a large bowl. Spread about 1/2 cup chicken mixture just below center of a tortilla, roll up tightly and place, seam

side down, in pan. Repeat with remaining chicken mixture and tortillas. Pour remaining sauce over top and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup cheese.

4. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 minutes. Transfer to serving plates and top with tomato, green onion and cilantro. Serves 4.

Per serving: 720 calories, 32g fat, 110mg chol., 45g

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Green Chile Mushroom Sauce

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 20 ounces green chili enchilada sauce (Herdez brand)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Combine enchilada sauce, mushroom mixture and cilantro in a medium bowl.

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- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 recipe Green Chili Mushroom Sauce
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cooked chicken
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On May 1, the State Museum presents "Speaking with the Ancestors," a special presentation with MTSU professor of anthropology Dr. Kevin E. Smith



The Tennessee State Museum will host a special presentation, "Speaking with the Ancestors," and a tour of the exhibition, Ancestors: Ancient Native American Sculptures of Tennessee, on Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. with Dr. Kevin E. Smith, a Middle Tennessee State University professor of anthropology. There is no admission charge to either the event or the exhibition.

time these pieces have all been exhibited together. The exhibit features a male sculpture considered to be among the greatest pieces of ancestral Native American art found in the United States," she explained.

collection, and five that are held in private collections.

three floors, covering approximately 120,000 square feet with more than 60,000 square feet devoted to exhibits. The museum's Civil War holdings of uniforms, battle flags and weapons are among the finest in the nation. For more information please visit: www.tnmuseum.org.

Dr. Smith is a noted anthropologist who has pioneered archaeological research in Middle Tennessee. His book, Speaking with the Ancestors: Mississippian Stone Statuary of the Tennessee-Cumberland Region, has been cited as the definitive volume about the Mississippian tradition.

Dr. Smith will offer an analysis of this groundbreaking exhibit and explore its extraordinary significance. He will address what was discovered as a result of the research conducted during the exhibition. He will also speak about what new and ongoing research questions have been raised as a result of the exhibit.

Ancestors showcases a pre-Columbian stone statuary tradition that was found primarily between the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers. The statues were often found in ancestral pairs, each containing a male and a female. All have long been separated since their discovery, and most have been taken far outside the state. The exhibit, which also reunites some of the pairs, includes many which have never been shown.

Following his presentation, Dr. Smith will be on hand for a gallery tour, and to sign copies of his book.

About the Tennessee State Museum:

Dr. Smith played a seminal role in bringing these rare statues back to Tennessee for a one-time-only exhibit, according to Lois Riggins-Ezzell, the museum's executive director. "Specifically, this is the first

The 28 stone sculptures in the exhibition represent the largest group of Tennessee-Cumberland style statuary, including 14 from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C., two from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, two from the McClung Museum, five from the State Museum's

In 1937, the Tennessee General Assembly created a state museum to care for World War I artifacts and other collections from the state and other groups. The museum was located in the lower level of the War Memorial Building until it was moved into the new James K. Polk Cultural Center in 1981. The Tennessee State Museum currently occupies

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Top air show talent completes powerhouse lineup featuring U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team and Breitling Jet Team

The Great Tennessee Air Show announced today its complete lineup for the 2016 show happening Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5 at Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport.

Command Parachute Demonstration Team; Dan Buchanan in his unpowered hang glider; and U.S. Air Force Honor Guard. Wayne Boggs, of the international reality television show, Air Boss, will serve as air boss. Award-winning broadcast journalist Rick Peterson brings his breadth of aviation knowledge and witty personality as this year's air show announcer.

The 2016 Great Tennessee Air Show will also feature multiple static displays, concessions and numerous activities for children. Named one of the "Top 10 Best Air Shows Around the World" by USA Today, the Great Tennessee Air Show gives the community an opportunity to experience aviation up close and personal.

Featuring the headlining U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team, U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team and the Breitling Jet Team, additional world-renowned performers include: Team Oracle legendary aerobatic pilot Sean D. Tucker; the GEICO Skytypers airshow team of six vintage WWII aircraft performing precision flight maneuvers; Jim Tobul and the "Korean War Hero" F4U-4 Corsair; Scooter Yoak in his "Quick Silver" P-51D Mustang; Michael Kennedy in the historic Vultee BT-13 Valiant; Special Operations

"With this year's lineup, aviation fans are in for an extra spectacular Great Tennessee Air Show," said John Black, executive director of Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority. "We have assembled elite aviation performers to present what will surely be one of the nation's most talked-about air shows of the season."

Advance priced tickets are available at <http://www.greattennesseearshow.com>. Advance general admission prices are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Advance box seats are \$45 with Flight Line Club Advance tickets priced at \$135 for adults and \$75 for children (ages 4-12). Ticket buyers can make a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee when purchasing tickets online.

Run For Your Mama Kicks Off 'Run the Cumberland' May 7

WCTE Upper Cumberland PBS will hold the 5th annual Run For Your Mama Double Pump 5K on Saturday, May 7 in Cookeville. The event includes both a 5K Road Race, beginning at Dogwood Park at 7 a.m., and a 5K Trail Run, taking place on the Cookeville High School Cross Country Trail at 10 a.m. Proceeds from this year's Run For Your Mama benefit WCTE Education & Community Engagement projects.

Participants should register for the race online by May 1 (or turn in paper registration by Friday, April 29) in order to be guaranteed a race shirt. This year, children age 10 and under can register at a discounted rate of \$10. Awards will be given to overall male and female winners, the top three winners in each age division, and to 10K finishers.

Run For Your Mama is the first race in the Run the Cumberland medal series; other races include The After Dark Race for the Park on August 5, Fall Fun Run on September 10, and Upper Cumberland Haunted Half Marathon on October 15. Runners who participate in all four races will receive an exclusive Run the Cumberland medal after completing the Haunted Half in October. The Run the Cumberland race series is sponsored by Healthier Tennessee.

PBS Kids walkaround character, Wyatt from Super Why!, will make appearances at the Dogwood Park race village (performance pavilion side) between 6:30-9:00 a.m. on race day. The public is invited to come out that morning to meet and take photos with Wyatt.

For more race information and to register online, visit wcte.org/5k.



On April 5th, Ms. Ashley Pelham's Class from Woodbury Grammar School visited the Nashville Zoo. We would like to give a great big thanks to those that made this trip possible (donations) : American Legion Post 279, Judge Susan Melton, Billy Kaufman, MTI Automotive, Dorothy Elrod, Rita (Nona) Cook, Candi Cook, Wilma Hart, Stephen/Cathy Woodard and Mike/Kim Watson. Thanks! Also, to all the parents that attended the trip with us! We appreciate you all!



Rabies Vaccinations Crucial in Preventing Deaths

In the first three months of this year, the Tennessee Department of Health State Public Health Laboratory has confirmed rabies in three wild animals and five pet dogs and cats. The deadly disease is causing concern for officials with the departments of Health and Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, who believe some may have forgotten or are not aware of the impact of rabies.

"Since Tennessee made vaccinations of dogs and cats mandatory in 1953, we've seen a significant reduction in the number of humans infected and killed by rabies," said TDH Commissioner John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH. "Our last human death was more than a decade ago, which is a testament to how effective rabies prevention efforts are in combating this virtually always fatal disease that was once more common. Still, as we look at statistics on doses of rabies vaccine now provided annually to pets and farm animals, we recognize that unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated animals, particularly pets, can get rabies and die tragically themselves, and

risk infecting other animals and endangering people." "Rabies is a lethal disease, and the best way to protect your pets is to vaccinate," said Charlie Hatcher, DVM, state veterinarian with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. "With an uptick of rabies cases in Tennessee, now is the time to make sure your animals are up-to-date. The vaccination is safe and effective and can be obtained at little cost. Just check with your veterinarian for guidance and recommendations to keep your pets healthy and happy. One shot can spare your family the risk and emotional toll of a rabies diagnosis."

Tennessee Code Annotated 68-8-103 mandates that cats and dogs must be vaccinated; other animals, including livestock, may be vaccinated at the owner's discretion if a vaccine is legally available for that species. There are effective, low-cost vaccines for many farm animals currently available which offer seasonal protection against rabies. Veterinarians across Tennessee can provide information to assist livestock owners with

protecting their animals and, in doing so, help protect their investment and their communities.

With warmer weather arriving, TWRA officials remind those spending more time outdoors to be aware of animals and to not approach or feed wildlife. TWRA Executive Director Ed Carter believes increased awareness of rabies is the first step for personal protection.

"Rabies affects animals in different ways; some may be very aggressive while others listless and appearing tame. Among the more common signs of infection are erratic growling and barking, or unusual behavior, no fear of people, trembling and excessive salivation, often referred to as 'foaming at the mouth,'" Carter said. "If you encounter an animal you suspect is rabid, stay away and call 911 as quickly as possible. Prevent other people and pets from getting near the animal while waiting for law enforcement to arrive, and remember, just because you see a wild animal in the daytime, don't assume it's rabid."



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The Conversion of Paul

Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee in Jerusalem after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, swore to wipe out the new Christian church, called The Way. He got letters from the high priest, authorizing him to arrest any followers of Jesus in the city of Damascus.

On the Damascus Road, Saul and his companions were struck down by a blinding light, brighter than the noonday sun. Saul heard a voice say to him:

"Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:4, NIV)

When Saul asked who was speaking to him, the voice replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." (Acts 9:5-6, NIV)

The men with Saul heard the sound but did not see the vision of the risen Christ that Saul did. Saul was blinded. They led him by the hand into Damascus to a man named Judas, on Straight Street.

For three days Saul was blind and did not eat or drink anything.

Meanwhile, Jesus appeared in a vision to a disciple in Damascus named Ananias and told him to go to Saul. Ananias was afraid because he knew Saul's reputation as a merciless persecutor of the church. Jesus repeated his command, explaining that Saul was his chosen instrument to deliver the gospel to the Gentiles, their kings, and the people of Israel. So Ananias found Saul at Judas' house, praying for help. Ananias laid his hands on Saul, telling him Jesus had sent him to restore his sight and that Saul might be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. He arose and was baptized into the Christian faith. Saul ate, regained his strength, and stayed with the Damascus disciples three days. After his conversion, Saul changed his name to Paul.

The conversion of Paul shows that Jesus himself wanted the gospel to go to the Gentiles and that it was no human being's idea. That would quash any argument from the early Jewish Christians that the gospel was only for the Jews.

The men with Saul did not see the risen Jesus, but Saul did. This miraculous message was meant for one person only, Saul.

Saul witnessed the risen Christ, which fulfilled the qualification for an apostle (Acts 1:21-22). Only those who had seen the risen Christ could testify to his resurrection.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured by that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust for Tennessee executed on June 12, 2007, by Hollie A. Parker to Mary Ruth Tackett, Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee in Book 99, Page 327-332, ("Deed of Trust"); and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed(s) of Trust is the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"); and

WHEREAS, USDA, the current owner and holder of said Deed(s) of Trust appointed Jerry Jolley as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed for record in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in

said Deed(s) of Trust; and NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed(s) of Trust by USDA, and Jerry Jolley as Substitute Trustee, or duly appointed agent, pursuant to the power, duty, and authorization in and conferred by said Deed(s) of Trust, will on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the east door of the Cannon County Courthouse Woodbury, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest bidder either for cash (must be in the form of a cashier's check) or 10 per cent of the high bid price as a non-refundable deposit with balance due within ten (10) days of sale, (and if such balance goes unpaid, USDA will retain the deposit and reforeclose) the following described property lying and being in the 6th Civil District in Cannon County, Tennessee to wit: Being Lot No. 3 on the Plan

of Georgetown Estates, Section 1, as of record in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 2-52, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee, to which said plan reference is hereby made for a more complete and accurate legal description thereof. Map 053P Parcel A-003.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 32 Twin Court Georgetown Estates, Woodbury, TN 37190

Being the same property conveyed to Hollie A. Parker from Thomas A. Smith and wife, Macky Faye Smith by Deed dated June 12, 2007 of record in Record Book 99, Page 325, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee.

CURRENT OWNERS: Hollie A. Parker The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority

created by a fixture filing; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed(s) of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Publication Dates: 4/20/16, 4/27/16, 5/4/16
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate of James Allen Parker

Notice is hereby given that on the 19 day of April, 2016, letters of testamentary or letters of administration with respect to the estate of James Allen Parker deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-residents, having claims, matured and unmatured against the estate are required to file same with the Clerk of the Chancery Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors at

least sixty (60) before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posted); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date of the creditor receiving an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 19th day of April, 2016.

Catherine Parker & Jeffery Parker Co- Executors of the Estate of James Allen Parker, deceased.

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ATTORNEY

WOMACK NAMED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



"My entire career has been in service to the citizens of Tennessee, agriculture and rural communities through this department," Womack said. "I am deeply honored and grateful to soon-to-be Commissioner Templeton for the opportunity to contribute in this new way and to help build upon the solid foundation developed by Commissioner Johnson."

He is a past president of the Communications Officers of State Departments of Agriculture organization, and his communications expertise has been recognized by the National Association of Government Communicators and twice by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. He has also served as liaison to the United States Department of Agriculture for agricultural disasters.

I look forward to working with our stakeholders and some of the finest employees in the state to help advance Governor Haslam's priorities in the areas of efficient government and rural development," Womack said.

"Tom has been a major contributor to the development of department policy and programs," Templeton continued. "He will continue to be a leader for Tennessee agriculture, forest and related industries. I appreciate his willingness to serve with me as we support the work of the Governor's administration. We greatly value the legacy that Commissioner Johnson leaves behind, and we look forward to strengthening the commitment to provide effective and fiscally responsible customer-focused service to Tennessee's farm and forest communities."

Womack obtained his bachelor's degree in Government from Western Kentucky University. He is also a 2003 graduate of the Tennessee Government Executive Institute. A former state secretary and strong supporter of the Future Farmers of America, Womack has been recognized by the National FFA Organization with the Honorary American FFA Degree and currently serves on the board of directors of the Tennessee FFA Foundation.

Tom and his wife Chrystal have five children. The couple raises beef cattle and produce hay on the family farm in White House, which is located on the Sumner/Robertson County line.

With nearly 30 years of experience working for the state, Tom Womack will continue his service in a new role as Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner-Appointee Jai Templeton made the announcement today, with an effective date of May 1.

"I am delighted that Tom has accepted the appointment," Templeton said. "He has given his career to this department and the industry I hold so dear. For almost three decades, Tom has been a confidant to Tennessee's Commissioners of Agriculture. He knows the department and its people, as well the various constituencies, stakeholders and citizens we serve."

Agriculture is in Womack's blood and public service is in his heart. Womack is well-known and highly respected in the agricultural community, having spent the majority of his tenure with the department as its spokesman and director of communications. In 2015, Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson appointed Womack Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs. In that position, Womack provided administrative support for media relations, policy development and all agency programs ranging from food safety and animal health to forestry, marketing and conservation. Womack also administered the fairs program and the Tennessee Agricultural Museum, the department's primary education/outreach program.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

The Cannon County Commission will meet in regular session:

Thursday, May 5, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Cannon County Courthouse

Cannon County Democratic Party Election Kickoff Meeting

The Cannon County Democratic Party will hold an election kickoff meeting on Saturday April 30, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Cannon County Courthouse

Local Democrats will elect a new Chairperson, Secretary, and Executive Committee for Cannon County.

Members will discuss the party's agenda and events for 2016. This meeting will be open for all attendees to express their ideas and thoughts about the future of the Democratic Party.

All Democratic residents who are eligible voters of Cannon County are urged to attend.

For more information contact Jordan Wilkins Chairman of the 6th District Democratic County Chairs at 615-464-5440 or jwilkins16@yahoo.com

SAINT THOMAS MEDICAL PARTNERS RECEIVES SIZABLE GRANT FROM GREATER NASHVILLE AFFILIATE OF SUSAN G. KOMENÂ TO FUND OUR MISSION IN MOTION MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES

Saint Thomas Medical Partners (STMP) announced it has received a \$75,000 grant for the Our Mission in Motion (OMIM) program, the largest monetary award given by the Greater Nashville Affiliate of Susan G. Komen®.

The OMIM program provides screening mammography through a mobile health unit to 17 Tennessee counties, including the 11-county Susan G. Komen Greater Nashville Affiliate service area, eliminating both time and transportation barriers to increase the number of women having annual mammograms.

The Our Mission in Motion program supports the Komen and STMP objectives of increasing the availability and affordability of breast health services in Middle Tennessee communities and developing partnerships with health providers to reach uninsured, underserved, low income and minority women. The OMIM program also works closely with employers in the Komen Greater Nashville Affiliate counties to deliver

mammography to female employees on their work premises.

As one of the region's largest medical groups with 360 physicians and providers, Saint Thomas Medical Partners is part of Saint Thomas Health and one of the region's largest medical groups, covering 32 counties with 89 locations in Middle Tennessee and Southern Kentucky. Saint Thomas Health is part of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non-profit health system.

"Saint Thomas Medical Partners and Our Mission in Motion is excited to continue our partnership with the Komen Greater Nashville Affiliate and bring this potentially life-saving service to many who might otherwise not be able to care for their health," said Yvette Doran, Chief Operating Officer of Saint Thomas Medical Partners.

Since its inception in June 2011, the OMIM program has screened 11,615 women, diagnosed 34 breast cancers, and visited more than 120 venues to bring screening

mammography and breast health education to women.

Susan G. Komen is the world's largest breast cancer organization, funding more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease. Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded more than \$800 million in research and provided more than \$1.6 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide. Komen was founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life. As a part of a global effort, 25% of your contribution goes toward worldwide breast cancer research. The remaining 75% of your contribution stays in the Greater Nashville area to support breast cancer screenings, education and treatment.



Arrests and Inmate Count at Cannon County Jail

Date	Males	Females	Total
4/15	38	13	51
4/16	35	13	48
4/17	34	14	48
4/18	34	16	50
4/19	35	17	52
4/20	30	16	46
4/21	31	16	47

ARRESTS: VOP 1

- Harassment 1
- Simple Possession Schedule II 1
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1
- Violation of Community Corrections 2
- Theft of Property 1
- Aggravated Burglary 1

CRIME & COURTS

Burglary Results in Missing Several Firearms & Rings!

Cannon County Sheriff's Office

Burglary reported

Deputies Greg Moore and Josh Thomas investigated a burglary during which firearms, jewelry and \$480 in cash were taken. Among the missing items are a Glock .40-caliber pistol, a Kahr 9-mm, a Ruger KP9, a Taurus Ultra Light .38-caliber, a Stanley ratchet set, a white gold wedding band set and a gold ring with blue sapphire stone.

Theft

Deputy Josh Thomas investigated the theft of Husqvarna and Stihl chainsaws, valued at \$300, and a Champion generator, valued at \$330.

Arrests

Christopher McCardell, violation of probation.
Kenneth Wayne Davenport, charged with harassment.

Woodbury Police

Driving on a Revoked

James Rudolph Pelham was charged with driving on a revoked license by Chief Lowell Womack. A hearing is set for May 10 in General Sessions Court.

Simple Possession

Asa McCardell was charged with simple possession of marijuana by Patrolman John House. A hearing is set for May 10 in General Sessions Court.

TN Senator Mark Green Applauds One of State's Largest Tax Cuts

Hall Tax Cut by 1% for 2016 with Full Elimination Ahead

As the 109th General Assembly approaches its sine die adjournment, an amended bill on the Hall Tax has been passed the Tennessee Senate with Senate sponsor, Mark Green, MD gladly accepting the immediate 17% cut in targeted tax in the Governor's budget as tremendous progress for the year, but embracing the historic elimination of Tennessee's remaining tax on income. While Green sought a full repeal, a compromise was struck cutting the tax from 6% to 5%, with a statement reflecting the legislature's intent to cut it every year going forward until it is abolished.

"While this is not all of what we had hoped for, it is one of the largest tax cuts in state history," noted Dr. Green, Vice Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee. "The best place for the earnings of our citizens is in their own personal budget and not the state's to spend."

The Haslam

Administration's budget passed last week by both chambers of the General Assembly included an appropriations notice anticipating a 1% reduction in the collection through the Hall Tax - a 1929 law that had formerly impacted wealthy Tennesseans. The \$34.8 billion state budget noted \$27.7 million less in the 2017 budget which would result from a 1% cut, taking the rate from the current 6% to a 5% rate applied to interest and any dividend that exceeds \$1250 per individual or \$2500 for married couples.

"My pledge has been consistent and firm to keep more of Tennesseans' hard-earned wages and savings out of the hands of government and bring our needed funds into our state treasury through a strong, vibrant economy with jobs and confident investment and spending. Government spending does not yield the same as the same wealth in the hands of its citizens," concluded

Green, president and CEO of AlignMD headquartered in Clarksville.

According to IRS data within the last five years, 56% of TN taxpayers who reported receiving dividends were households earning less than \$75,000 annually. Further, 40% of the state's households receiving a dividend earned less than \$50,000. The passage of SB 0047 and the companion HB 0813 begins a phase out of the punitive tax on those who save and invest over a period of five years.

"I first drafted a version of this bill my rookie year in the senate, 2012" observed Dr. Mark Green. "In the four years I've worked the bill my fellow senators, many of whom have worked to repeal the Hall Tax themselves for years, helped me amend it. We will not stop until the tax is completely gone. Together we developed a bill that works to encourage retirees and entrepreneurs to move to Tennessee."

Major Legislation to Reduce Crime Passes Legislature

The Tennessee Senate approved major legislation co-sponsored by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Brian Kelsey (R-Germantown) today which aims to reduce crime and improve public safety. The Public Safety Act of 2016 addresses the most serious offenses driving Tennessee's violent crime rate by establishing mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of three or more charges of aggravated burglary, especially aggravated burglary, or drug trafficking.

"The primary duty of government is to protect its citizens," said Senator Kelsey, who was a member of Governor Bill Haslam's Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism, which crafted the legislation. "This legislation will keep people safer in their homes by increasing the time served by those who repeatedly break into homes."

Under current law, those convicted three times or more of aggravated burglary and especially aggravated burglary must serve only 30% of their sentence before being considered for release or parole. The act sets the mandatory minimum period of incarceration to 85 percent for third and subsequent convictions for aggravated burglary,

especially aggravated burglary, and Class A, B, and C felonies for the sale, manufacture, and distribution of controlled substances.

To update the law and help control costs, the legislation also changes the felony thresholds for property theft for a Class A misdemeanor from \$500 to \$1,000, Class E felony from \$500 to \$1,000 to a range of \$1,000 to \$2,500 and a Class D felony from \$1,000 to 10,000 to a range of \$2,500-\$10,000.

On domestic violence, the legislation will allow a law enforcement officer to seek an order of protection on behalf of a domestic abuse victim. Additionally, if a law enforcement officer makes an arrest for a crime involving domestic abuse, then an automatic order of protection will be issued when there is probable cause to believe that the alleged assailant used or attempted to use deadly force against a domestic violence victim. A hearing should be held within 15 days of the automatic order of protection being issued. A third and subsequent domestic violence conviction would change from a misdemeanor to a Class E felony under the legislation. This change maintains the current minimum 90-day sentence for a domestic violence

conviction.

"Unfortunately, Tennessee is ranked among the worst states for its high incidence of domestic violence," added Sen. Kelsey. "This legislation makes significant changes to help protect Tennesseans from domestic violence." In addition, the measure retools community supervision to reduce the number of people returning to prison for probation and parole violations when their noncompliance does not rise to the level of a new criminal offense. The move is expected to save the state \$80 million.

Of the 12,588 people entering state prison last year, 40% were probationers or parolees sent to prison because they violated supervision conditions. This legislation authorizes the department to utilize a robust, structured matrix of both sanctions and incentives to facilitate compliance with the conditions of supervision by the more than 71,000 state probationers and parolees. The bill is funded by an \$18 million appropriation in the state budget which passed the General Assembly last week. The legislation, which has already been approved by the House of Representatives, now goes to Governor Bill Haslam for his signature.

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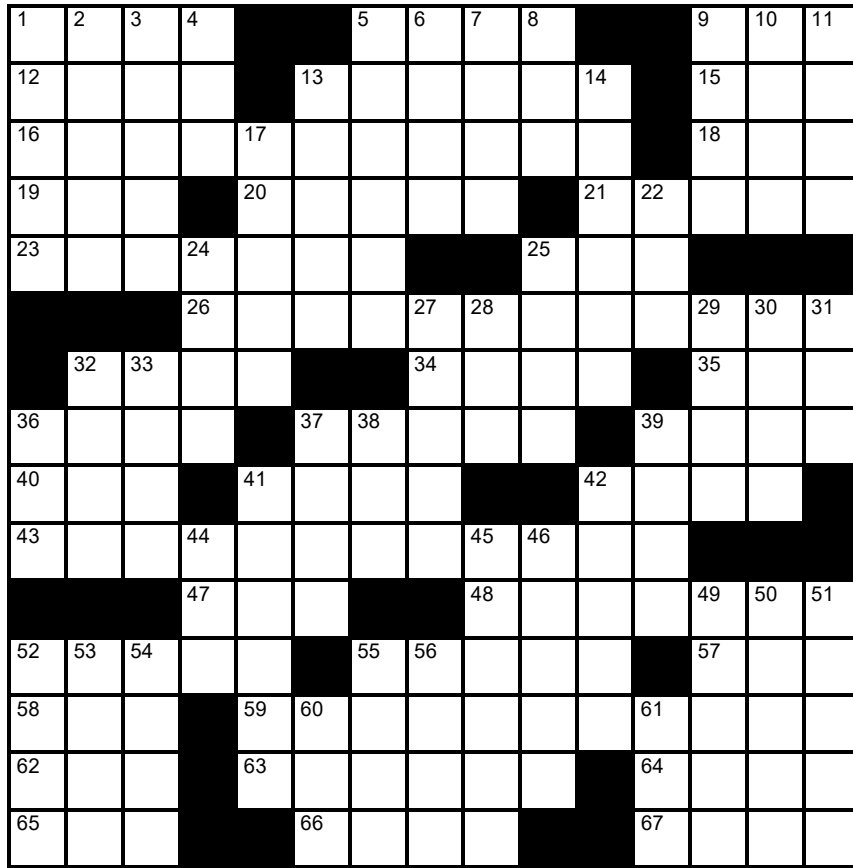
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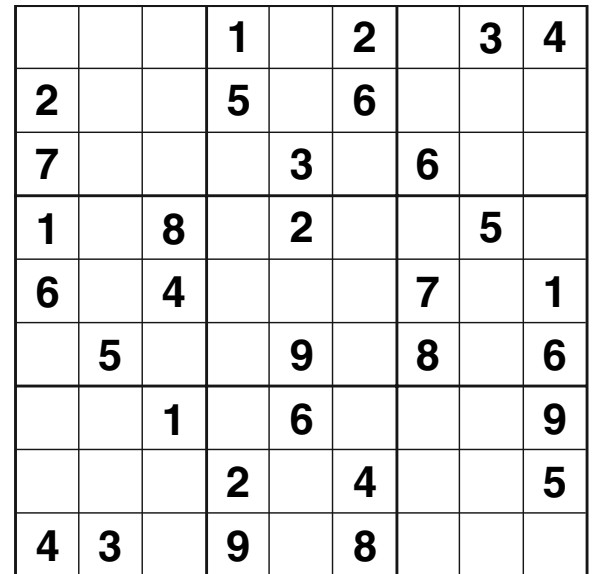
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Savvy Senior

When Does it Pay to Take Social Security Early?

Dear Savvy Senior,

I will turn 62 in a few months and am trying to decide when to start taking my Social Security retirement benefits. Almost everything I read on this topic tells me it's better to wait until my full retirement age or beyond. Is there ever a good reason to start early?

Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,

You're right! Most financial planners agree that waiting to take your Social Security retirement benefits is a smart financial move. Why? Because each month you defer, from your 62nd birthday to your 70th, your monthly benefits grow. That adds up to around 6 to 8 percent higher payments for every year you delay.

Yet despite the financial incentive to wait, most people (58 percent of men and 64 percent of women) claim their benefits before full retirement age, which is currently 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954.

But speeding up the clock isn't always a bad idea. Here are some scenarios where it may make sense for you to collect early.

You need the money: If you're retired and don't have enough savings or a pension to cover your living expenses, you'll probably have to start early. But, if you decide to work, be aware of the earnings test.

If you claim Social Security benefits before full retirement age (and you don't reach 66 this year), you'll forfeit \$1 for every \$2 you earn over the earnings limit of \$15,720 in 2016. It usually doesn't make sense to take benefits early if you're working, unless your income is below the earnings limit.

You have poor health: Having a serious medical problem that is likely to shorten your life is another reason to start your benefits sooner rather than later.

Consider the "breakeven point" – the age you need to reach to come out ahead by waiting to claim Social Security – is 78 for someone who claims at 62 versus waiting to 66. If you don't anticipate making it to 78, go ahead and claim early.

However, if you are married or have other dependents at home that depend on your benefit, you may want to hold off because starting early will reduce their survivor's benefits.

You're a lower-earning spouse: If you're married and your lifetime earnings are much lower than your spouse's, you could take your benefit early but your higher-earning spouse should delay. This lets you increase your household income now, while the higher-earning spouse's benefit grows, therefore increasing the survivor benefit.

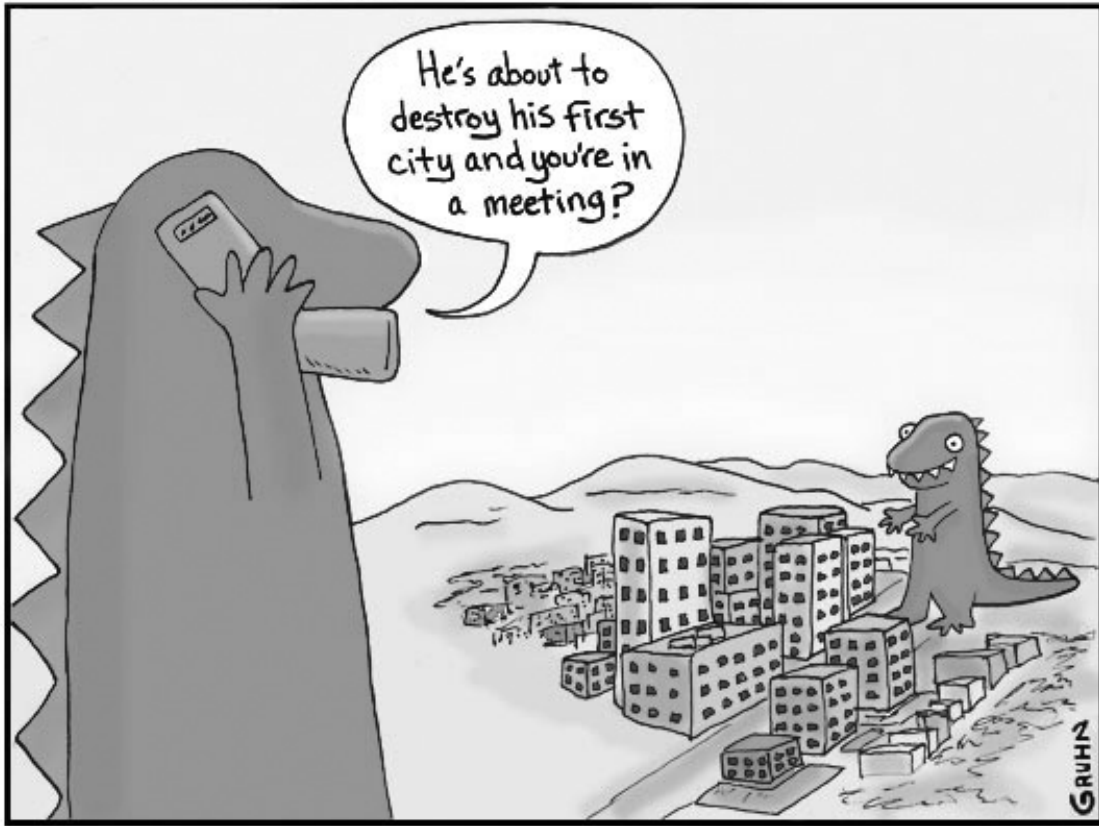
This strategy is best suited when a lower-earning wife is three to six years younger than her husband and her earnings are 30 to 40 percent of his. She should claim at 62 and he should claim at full retirement age, or better yet wait to age 69 or 70. Because the husband is likely to die earlier, the wife's reduced benefit will be temporary and she will then qualify for the higher survivor benefit.

Skeptical of Social Security: Many people take their retirement benefits early because they fear Social Security will go bankrupt, but this not a good reason to start collecting early.

While it is true that the Social Security trust fund will become insolvent around 2033 – 17 years from now – if no changes are made, that doesn't mean there will be no more money for benefits. It means that the fund is no longer taking in enough money to cover all promised benefits. Thus payment checks are likely to end up shrinking by about 25 percent.

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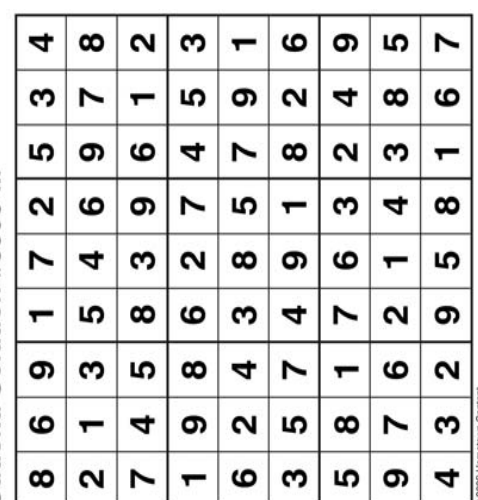
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