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## Changes up for Election Commission

### Gibbs says Cannon GOP not responsible

MIKE WEST  
Courier Editor

Republican Party Chairman Jim Gibbs issued a news release Thursday (April 2) to clarify changes being considered by the Cannon County Election Commission.

"Recently talk has been going around Cannon County regarding a change in administration at the Cannon County Election Commission," Gibbs said. "On March 31st, an article was posted on a local online news source stating that nominations for the position of Cannon County Administrator of Elections for the years 2015-2017 will be accepted from the floor at the Monday, April 13th meeting of the Election Commission."

The Cannon Election Commission is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 in the courtroom of the Courthouse.

The source of the article which appears written as an agenda is not identified, Gibbs said. Currently, Dorinda Mankin is the Administrator of Elections.

"Based upon the number of phone calls to the Republican Party, many people believe that the change in administration is the responsibility of the Cannon County Republican Party. That is simply not the case," Gibbs said.

Some of the confusion may come from the fact Corey Davenport was the former chairman of the Cannon County Republican Party and was serving as chairman of the Election Commission. See ELECTION, Page 9

## Mailbox vandals on prowl again

One of the first signs of spring is a sudden uprise in mailbox vandalism.

The Cannon County Sheriff's Department has already reported two outbreaks of mailbox vandalism on Geedville Road in Bradyville and Short Mountain Highway. Deputy Paul Reed surveyed the damage and took reports from homeowners on both roads. Generally, the damage was reported at \$50 to \$100 in the incidents. The incidents coincided with Spring Break for Cannon County Schools.

Most mailbox vandals are unaware their actions are punishable under both state and federal law.

Rural area mailboxes are vulnerable to vandalism because they are usually isolated, located on public thoroughfares, and frequently not visible to the box owners from their homes. City residential mailboxes are vandalized to a lesser degree.

Mailboxes are considered federal property, and federal law (Title 18, United States Code, Section 1705), makes it a crime to vandalize them (or to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited in them). Violators can be fined up to \$250,000, or imprisoned for up to three years, for each act of vandalism.

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MIKE WEST photos  
The 4 Warn Weather Alert Tour made a stop at Plainview Baptist Church drawing a standing-room-only crowd ready to learn the 'what, why and how' of severe thunderstorms.



Left, Nancy Van Camp tells a youngster about the days early in her career when she had long, blonde hair too. Above, Channel 4's famous Snowbird drew a long line of visitors too and also loved posing for snapshots.



Channel 4's satellite truck provided a link between Plainview Baptist and WSMV's studios back in Nashville.



Bro. Jonathan Womack, pastor at Plainview Baptist handled the introductions of the Channel 4 weather team.



Generals George Patton, left, Omar Bradley, center, and Dwight Eisenhower toured the horrors of the German death camp at Ohrdruf, Germany.

## Medic among first to witness Nazi horrors

DAN WHITTLE  
Courier Correspondent

OHRDRUF, Germany — His duty during World War II, was to treat and attempt to sustain lives of wounded soldiers in the Fourth Armored Division as American troops crossed out of France into Germany.

It was during the historic Battle of the Bulge, described as the German Army's last major offensive against Allied Forces, that U.S. Army Medic Pfc. Guy T. Fortney Jr. nearly lost his own life to a sniper's bullet. "I heard this 'pffft' noise,

*Writer's Note: For decades, former Army Medic Guy T. Fortney didn't speak of German Nazi atrocities he witnessed at Concentration Camp North Stalag III. The second and final part of this series will share about an American teacher instructing his granddaughter's class that the holocaust never happened. That incident caused Fortney, now a retired physician, to finally speak out about Germany's genocide of Jews during World War II.*

as the sniper's bullet came within an inch of my head and helmet," recalls the World War II veteran. "That's when one of our tanks rolled out and did away with the sniper. But, I'll never forget that 'pffft' sound as the bullet hit

my bedroll, instead of my head."

The then twenty-year-old combat medic also recalls tundra-like freezing conditions.

"Many soldiers' feet and hands, especially feet, were messed up for life, since we

didn't have adequate clothing for those brutal cold conditions," Murfreesboro resident Fortney recalls, at age 90. "Ground was frozen so hard, it was nearly impossible to dig a foxhole during the Battle of the Bulge ...

"But, once our Tenth Armored Infantry Battalion crossed the Rhine River (March 8, 1945), our Army made rapid advances through Germany, stopping only at major towns, to clean out remaining German resistance."

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*Carmon B. Gannon*

Carmon B. Gannon, 90, of Woodbury, TN, died on April 2, 2015. He was a member of Elkins Church of Christ.

He is survived by five children, Barry and wife, Gayla (Parker) Gannon; Tim and wife, Kathy (Thomas) Gannon; Debbie and husband, Mack Melton; Mark and wife, Kathy (Coleman) Gannon; and Connie and husband, Ronnie Foster. He is survived by his grandchildren, Jeremy and wife, Jana Gannon; Jamie and husband, Jonathan Oliver; Jordan and wife Stefanie

Gannon; Carly Gannon; Jesse and wife, April Melton; Mandy and husband, Kyle Gay; Michael Kimbro; Marcus Gannon; Jacob and wife, Michelle Smithson; Emily and husband, Charles Haynes; and Anna and husband David Rowland; and great-grandchildren, Makenzi Oliver, Zoe Oliver, Jack Oliver, Amelia Gay, Riley Melton, and Madden Haynes. He is survived by one brother, Clearance (Bud) Gannon and wife, Georgie Gannon.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Billie Rigsby Gannon, parents, Steve and Gertrude Gannon, sister, Nina Gannon, and one grandchild, Amelia Grace Gannon.

Carmon retired from Alvin C. York Veterans Hospital after 35 years of service. Over the years he also worked for Cannon County Schools, AVCO, TVA, Tempkin Axel, Westco Paving, R. E. Martin, US Royal, Turnstead, Kroger and worked as a carpenter in his spare time.

He was a veteran stationed at Fort Hood, TX and Fort Lewis, Washington during the Korean War.

He was a devoted student of the Bible. He served his Lord as an Elder at Wood Church of Christ and Elkins Church of Christ, and led singing, taught Bible study, and preached the Gospel when called upon. He held a special love for his church family and in recent months developed a close bond with his occupational therapist, Laurie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elkins Church of Christ, Wood Church of Christ or the Elkins Cemetery Fund.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at Elkins Church of Christ with Bros. Joey Ferrell, Earl Sutton and Jim Blankenship officiating. Burial followed at Elkins Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jeremy, Jordan, Marcus Gannon, Jesse Melton, Jacob Smithson, Jonathan Oliver, Michael Kimbro and Kyle Gay.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.woodburyfuneralhome.net](http://www.woodburyfuneralhome.net)

Cannon Courier, April 8, 2015, Woodbury, Tennessee



Photo provided

The staff and directors of Stones River Hospital honored the physicians and surgeons with a special luncheon and gifts including a CCHS Scholarship that will be awarded in their honor. (From left to right) Shan Burklow, Harolyn Acklin, Shannon Barnett, Dr. Binks, Dr. Spurlock, CEO Sue Conley, Chris Mick and Chris Wilson.

# Nine things not to say to someone who has lost a child

By Rick Whitter

I recently spent the day with dear friends who, like my wife and I, have lost a child. The conversation gravitated to the pain we had experienced, the goodness of God and recovery. But part of the most poignant comments centered around the painful things that people have said to us following the crisis. Some people are well-intentioned, some don't know any better and

some are simply cruel. Regardless of their motives, few people actually know what to say to a grieving person, especially one who has lost a child.

So, while this may seem obvious to some, others need some basic advice. These are things you should not say to someone who has lost a loved one: Yes, I heard all of the things listed below:

1. Get over it. It's time to move on and get your life back to normal.
2. Don't worry, God will give you another child to replace the one you lost. You could always adopt.
3. If you had possessed more faith, God would have healed your child.
4. There must have been

hidden sin in your life.

5. I know what you're feeling; I lost my grandma, or my cousin, or my dog.

6. God must have been sparing your child from something worse to come later in life.

7. God took your child in order to make you a more compassionate person.

8. You should have prayed harder.

9. You should have taken your child to a miracle healer.

The reason that all of the above are inappropriate to say to a grieving person is, they are untrue and hurtful. Any attempt to minimize the pain, explain the reason for the loss or make the person feel better



is out of place and unappreciated. My experience is, most people who want to fix my pain are trying to play God. They want to understand it all and explain it away. This is ludicrous. These efforts usually resulted in more pain.

So what can you say to a person who is mourning the loss of a child or a loved one?

If you must speak, just say, "I love you" or "I am sorry for your loss" or "I am praying for you." Many times, it is better to say nothing. Just a hug or a smile will suffice.

When I was standing at the casket of my daughter, a casual acquaintance came up, patted me on the shoulder and handed me a small scrap of paper. On it were the words, Deuteronomy 29:29. This is a Biblical reference that says, "The secret things belong to the Lord." Those words spoke volumes to me. This was one of those things that only God understood. I am OK with that.

These things belong to God. He understands. Let Him take care of it.

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**50 Shades of...Stay Away**

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There has been much anticipation around the recently released (February 14, 2015) movie entitled 50 Shades of Grey. Some say it is a "love story", others refer to it as a "couple's movie", while still others say it is simply "another version of porn". What do we know about the movie? Well, we know it is based upon the book of the same name written by E. L. James. Additionally, we know the actors in the starring roles are Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan. But what else do we know.

For starters, 50 Shades of Grey has its origin as Twilight Fan Fiction. Fan Fiction is exactly what it sounds like; fictional stories based upon characters or settings from an original source; in this case the Twilight series. The work is created by a fan, or fans of the original work, rather than the author, creator, or publisher of the original work. Fan fiction is rarely commissioned or authorized by the creator or publisher of the original work and as a result it is rarely professionally published. However, in our society of lust, porn, the degradation of women, and a complete lack of a working moral compass, 50 Shades of Grey has found success. It has been published and now has been released as a movie on the silver screen.

The book, and now the movie would classify as "erotic romance". At one time, erotic romance novels were found in only certain areas of certain bookstores. But in the society in which we live today, and given the great success of this book, it is found out in the middle of the isle being advertised as a good read. Erotic romances, like 50 Shades of Grey, are known for explicit erotic scenes that feature bondage, sexual discipline, dominance, submission and/or sadism or masochism, all summarized as (BDSM). Thus, character development, cultural relevance, moral significance and redeeming quality is often lacking in these works.

Some may ask, "What's the harm in a little bondage among couples? They're consenting adults. Besides, it's just entertainment. Right?" Well, not really. It's not really just entertainment. Several critics and scientists have expressed concern, not over the BDSM in the novel, but the characteristics of the abusive relationship that abound within it.

A recent study found that nearly all of the interactions

between the two main characters in the book and movie, Ana and Christian, were emotionally abusive in nature, including such things as stalking, intimidation (bullying) and isolation. The study found that Ana met the Center for Disease Control's standard for an abused woman and exhibited classic signs such as constantly perceiving a threat, stressful managing and altered identity.

The study went on to find, within the book, pervasive sexual violence, according to the CDC's definition. An example of this is Christian getting Ana drunk to get around her ability to consent to certain "activities". A second study found that when comparing women who read at least one of the books in the trilogy, versus women who did not read one of the books in the trilogy, that women who read the book showed signs of having an eating disorder, having abusive partners, taking part in stalking behaviors and binge drinking.

Finally, the study's lead researcher argues that the books romanticize dangerous behavior and "perpetuate dangerous abuse standards". None of the behaviors exhibited by women who have read one of these books are healthy behaviors, and none of these are behaviors that anyone would want their mother, sister or daughter to exhibit. Nor, would anyone want their mother, sister or daughter to be involved, or should we say, entrapped within a relationship like the one being experienced by Ana. Thus, shouldn't we conclude that the movie could be just as damaging?

So what have we learned? Well, we've learned that there is harm in "a little bondage among couples" regardless of whether or not they are consenting adults. And this type of movie, or book, is far from "just entertainment." To put it in perspective, Colin Covert, a writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, writing in his column on February 13, 2015, a man who is quoted in his column as saying, "I have no objection to films whose characters have gymnastic bedroom flings while firmly tied and controlled by others." Said of the film, "Sadly, Fifty Shades of Grey" doesn't entertainingly cross the line of good taste so much as trip and fall on it. The much anticipated movie opens promisingly.... From then, it's all downhill."

Oddly enough, even the co-stars of the film think 50

Shades of Grey is awful. In his article, "Even the co-stars think 50 Shades of Grey is awful (and maybe even a bit like Hitler)", writer John Jalsevac on www.lifesitenews.com had much to say after speaking with them. In the article, dated February 11, 2015, Jalsevac says, "In other words, Dornan, after spending months immersing himself in the story and the character of Christian Grey, still has absolutely no idea why anybody would ever actually like the books...." Dornan is further quoted. He states that after visiting on set the (place where activities occur) and returning home to his real life wife and daughter, "I had a long shower before touching either of them." Jalsevac goes on to say in his article, "And then there's Dakota Johnson ... who kind of, sort of, maybe hopes that nobody ever watches the movie." He quotes Johnson as saying, "I don't want my family to see it, because it's inappropriate. Or my brother's friends that I grew up with." Later Johnson comments, "... It was emotionally taxing. At first I was like, 'Oh my God, this is the worst thing ever,' and then I was like, 'All right, let's get on with it.'

Needless to say, from my perspective, I haven't seen it but I wouldn't recommend the movie or the books. You might say, "Well if you haven't seen it, how can you say I should avoid it." My answer, I haven't seen Hell either, or the inside of a coffin, but I would recommend to you, whom I do not even know, to avoid both. I believe relationships should be healthy for both parties and that they

Understanding Sexual Abuse eBook should be based on true and pure feelings for one another. Maybe in our early years of relationships these feelings are enjoying time with the other person, being supported by the person and being a support to them, caring about and being compassionate about similar things. Or maybe, it's just simple pure friendship. Later, as relationships develop and people come to know one another better, love is the reason for continuing together, and being "in love" is the notion that the other person is more important. The happiness, health and environment of the other person is at least as important, if not more important, than all of those things for us. 50 Shades of Grey is all about Christian; what he likes, what he wants, and what he wants to do with Ana. It's not at all about Ana. That is not healthy. That is abusive. That is not love for another that is love for one's self and for what one wants for themselves. These are just some of the reasons why I would name this book and the film, 50 Shades of ... Stay Away... Stay Far, Far Away!

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## Courier Columnist Most famous haircut since the Beatles!



Meat 'n' Potatoes  
MIKE VINSON

American culture was forever altered when the Beatles gave their first live American performance on the ever-popular Ed Sullivan Show, February 9, 1964. In addition to a new rock sound, the Beatles gave approximately 75 million viewers a look at "Mod" fashion, all four wearing matching dark suits, white shirts, ties, and what was then considered "long hair," below the collar in the back, bangs just above the eyes.

And faster than an F-5 scale tornado in Oklahoma, "Beatlemania" swept across the United States. At dance clubs on Saturday nights, young men could be seen sporting groovy, Beatle-type haircuts, making them the hub of attention. Twelve hours later, at churches, fire-and-brimstone ministers would denounce the same, labeling it the "Devil's work," etc.

Regarding the Beatle-style haircut, the associative term I best remember is "Mop Head." For the most part, "Mop Head" was used derogatorily: "I'll just pick you up by your feet and mop the floor with your hair, if that's how you wanna look!" On the flipside, though, with interest in the Beatles so overwhelming, to be called a "Mop Head" eventually became a form of flattery, at least in more liberal social settings.

With that let's carefully enter the world of the military-style "high and tight" haircut, for it has certainly placed McMinnville, Tennessee on the international map!

A week or so back, a friend, a former Marine himself, handed me a copy of the "Southern Standard" (McMinnville newspaper) and said, "Hey, Mike, you need to read this." So, I read the article, which was about a seven-year-old boy named Adam Stinnett, who attends Bobby Ray Elementary in McMinnville. March 9, 2015, Adam went to school reportedly sporting a "high and tight" haircut, best described as shaved close on the sides with a bit of length on the top. Adam's mother, Amy Stinnett, said Adam had his hair cut in high and tight style to honor Adam's older stepbrother, who is serving in the U.S. military.

The school's principal deemed Adam's haircut extreme, potentially distracting,

and notified Ms. Stinnett Adam would have to alter his haircut before returning to school. Ms. Stinnett complied, altering Adam's haircut, and he returned to school. Having an issue with how her son's ordeal had been handled, however, Ms. Stinnett had gone by the "Southern Standard" newspaper and given her version of the story, which turned into the article I read (March 22, 2015 edition). Actually, I didn't give it much more thought...then BAM...it went internationally viral, thanks, in part, to social networking.

Next thing, I was seeing it all over the major TV news outlets. It appears a majority of both the media and the general public have sided with Adam Stinnett, saying he should've been allowed to wear his "high and tight" military haircut at Bobby Ray Elementary in McMinnville, Tennessee. And, folks, this is most serious business because there have been hate mail, death threats, e-mail accounts removed, increased security, and the list goes on. Fueling the fire is Bobby Ray Elementary is named in honor of a native Warren Countian (McMinnville) named "David Robert (Bobby) Ray", a soldier killed in Vietnam in 1969, and a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Still, the gymnasium at Bobby Ray Elementary is named in honor of another native Warren Countian and soldier named Jeremy Brown, killed in Afghanistan in 2010.

Here's my take on this: Before offering any opinion, the following would have to take place: (1) I would have to talk to Ms. Stinnett and son Adam Stinnett. (2) I would have to talk to the principal at Bobby Ray Elementary. (3) I would have to read the dress code guidelines for Bobby Ray Elementary. (4) I would have to talk to credible witnesses, and (5) I would have to talk to the Superintendent of Warren County Schools.

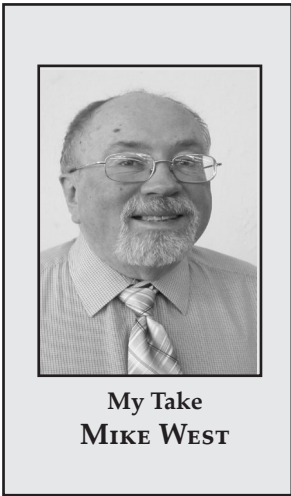
Of a lighter note, little Adam Stinnett just might have popularized the "high and tight" haircut on a Global scale, much the same as the Beatles did the "Mop Head" look!

## Q. When Will Hillary Announce for 2016 ?



## Courier Editor

# April is a special month for all of us including fools



My Take  
MIKE WEST

Did you know that April is a special month?

Maybe it just seems special after the end of a harsh winter? Or maybe you are a proud patriot who's more than glad to pay Uncle Sam your federal income tax on April 15? (Heck no!)

Like most months, April has its share of goofy days such as "Reach as High as You Can Day" on April 14 or "National Cheeseball Day" on the 17th. Don't forget "Big Wind Day" on April 12!

There's a number of historically important days as well. For example, on April 4, the first home telephone was installed in 1877. NATO was established that same day in 1949. The North Pole was discovered on April 6, 1898. The first public library opened in 1833 in Petersborough, N.H. The space Shuttle Columbia was launched on April 12, 1981. Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 on April 13.

The Titanic struck an iceberg shortly before midnight on April 14 and sank on April 15, 1906, the Great San Francisco Earthquake struck.

I prefer to think of April's more pleasant days like April Fools. This year I survived without anyone pulling a trick on this fool. On April 22 is Earth Day, another favorite. And let us not forget Easter, which was on April 5 this year.

I guess we can chalk it off to Spring fever, but several homes on two Cannon County roads were victimized by vandals who beat-up, crushed and shot mailboxes. We can suppose these (probably teen-aged) vandals feel empowered by such acts of stupidity.

But to most of us, vandalism is a ridiculous act that proves nothing

while costing innocent folks time and money. While that's not the case with everyone, a number of people like to think of their mail box as a sort of greeting to their home. They dress them up with plants, fancy mailbox covers giving them a memorable look. Some celebrate upcoming holidays like Easter, the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but a handful of vandals get some sort of thrill in smashing them.

Grow up! Find something more constructive to do.

It was standing room only when the Channel 4 weather team visited Plainview Baptist Church last Thursday (April 2).

Meteorologists Dan Thomas, Paul Heggen, Nancy Van Camp and the ever-famous Snowbird were there to present the "what, why and how" of severe thunderstorms in addition to providing tips on keeping safe during dangerous weather.

It was a community-wide event that called on help from the Mooretown Fire Department in handling all the cars that filled the church's parking lot to overflowing.

The event was filled with surprises. In particular, yours truly was surprised to discover it was the real Snowbird with that squeaky little voice that is featured on TV commercials and not a Channel 4 intern dressed in a Snowbird costume. Wow! And each of the meteorologists were friendly as well as informative despite (Paul Heggen) having to report to work at 3 a.m. Friday morning. Whew!

## Courier Columnist

# Why food-fight for those crazy TV ratings?



A Shot of Wry  
LARRY WOODY

The other night I flipped on the TV and came across a show called "Hell's Kitchen," the plot of which consisted of a deranged chef raging at some harried cooks over a scorched soufflé.

At least I think that's what set him off. It was hard to tell, because every other word was bleeped out.

He didn't need an apron, he needed a strait jacket.

I kept flipping channels, but couldn't get away from cooking shows. One featured exotic dishes prepared in exotic lands. The menu on one segment consisted, best I could tell, of pickled monkey brains served on a toasted palm frond.

The chef/host smacked his lips and said it was yummy. I'll take his word for it. I checked at Kroger's and they were fresh out of pickled monkey brains.

There's an entire cable channel devoted to food and cooking. It's extremely technical. One entire show was devoted to showing how to dice a grape.

Back in the Good Old Days when the menu consisted mainly of mammoth, humans ate to survive. Now dining has become an "experience." Eating is entertainment. There are clubs of elite diners called "foodies."

Look, I appreciate gourmet dining as well as the next person. I often order a side order of curly-fries when I place my order at the drive-thru. But I think we've gone a bit over-board, gastronomically speaking.

I lean toward the three basic food groups: grease, lard and beer.

Years ago on a fishing trip in the Canadian wilds, my buddies and I debated who should do the camp cooking. We chose Booger Johnson, for one simple reason: Booger was asleep in the cabin at the time.

Booger took a straightforward approach to food preparation: he set a giant pot on the stove, opened

several tin cans, and dumped everything into the pot. If you've never tried sardines mixed with peaches and beef jerky you don't know what you've missed.

The key is to make sure everything is cooked thoroughly, especially the pine needles. That improves your odds of surviving supper.

The Old Outfitter who operated the remote outpost cabin flew in supplies every few days. One day he showed us how to fry a beaver tail. It was fairly tasty. I'd compare fried beaver tail to a boiled tennis shoe sole, only chewier.

In all seriousness, the camp grub was delicious. Well, compared to Army food. Back in my GI days when I was stomping around in jungles, we dined on C-rations that reportedly were left over from the Korean War. Personally, I didn't think they were that fresh.

Some of the cans contained aptly-named "pound cake." It was so hard you could pound a tent peg with it.

There were packets of cheese so gamey it would have made a rat barf, and tins of greasy, gooey lumps of "boned chicken." They should have thrown away the chicken and kept the bones.

The only edible C-ration was beanie weenies. I subsisted on them for a year. Today -- decades later -- I can tolerate neither beanies nor weenies.

Other than that, I'm not too picky about what I eat, although I'm not a big fan of sushi. I don't like to eat something while its staring at me. They could at least blind-fold it before serving.

I have only one hard-and-fast rule when it comes to eating out: never dine at an Italian restaurant whose chef is named Sal Monella.

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# Colonel Jim to be "roasted" April 23

Col. Jim Stone will be the "special guest" at the Friends of Adams Memorial Library's ninth annual Roast and Dinner on Thursday, April 23.

The event - "We do mean ROAST" - of the honorable colonel is set for 7 p.m. on that date in the cafeteria of Cannon County High School.

"Little Jimmy" will be "hoisted on his own petard" by soon-to-be former friends Tommy Bratten, Bobby Ferrell, LTC Doyle Boyd and a series of roasters that all share a last name with the colonel: Charley F. Stone, James E. Stone Jr and James Tyler Stone. If past roasts are any indication, it won't be pretty, but it will be funny.

Jimmy retired as a full colonel after serving 30 years in the U.S. Army.

Last year's "Man-of-the-Hour" was Woodbury vice mayor Charlie Harrell, who was moved to tears (of laughter) by the guest speakers, which included Little Jimmy Stone. The practice of "roasting" someone began with the Friar's Club in New York City which began its series of celebrity roasts back in 1940. The practice

became a national sensation with the premiere of Dean Martin's Celebrity Roasts back in the 1970s.

All proceeds from the event go for the enhancement of programs and facilities at the Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Adams Memorial Library.

"Libraries need friends. There are many ways of being a library friend and one of the best ways is to support the Friends of Adams Memorial Library," said Tina L. Norris, library director.

"Through book sales and other fund-raising, Friends of Adams Memorial Library are able to do so many things for the library - from replacing microwaves to purchasing poinsettias, and everything in between," Norris said.

To make a reservation for the roast, you can mail a check to Friends of Adams Memorial Library, 212 College St., Woodbury, TN 37190. Reservations are \$30 each.

Sponsors are Smith Funeral Home, First Bank, First National Bank, Crane Interiors and Jennings Jewelers.

# Cannon County 4-H Camps

4-H has a long tradition of being at the forefront of youth development, and 4-H camps offered through University of Tennessee Extension are no exception. Tennessee 4-H operates camps all across the state, and now is the time to sign up your child for 4-H camp. Several camps are available to 4-Hers this summer. 4-Hers in grades 4th - 6th can attend Junior Camp in Crossville this summer the week of June 15-19, 2015 at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center. The Center features an air-conditioned recreation hall and dining hall, and is known for the quality of its home-cooked meals. Eight air-conditioned cabins with up-to-date bath facilities sleep more than 500 persons and provide a restful atmosphere for campers. Campers can enjoy an Olympic-size pool with a 125-foot water slide. Two lakes allow campers to enjoy fishing, canoeing, kayaking and even a paddle boat ride. Other facilities include a covered basketball court, sports fields, a wildlife center, and two adventure challenge courses. The Center is located on 194 acres offering a variety of rustic scenery. The maintained grounds are fenced for security purposes. Cost of camp is \$300 which includes activities, transportation, meals, and lodging.

Also held at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center is the 4-H Adventure Camp for grades 7th and 8th. 4-Hers can participate in zip-lining, swimming, playing sports, kayaking and canoeing, the rifle range, campfires, and making crafts. In addition to regular

camp activities, 4-H Adventure Camp will offer a field trip to Big South Fork Park. Cost of camp is \$300 which includes activities, transportation, meals, and lodging.

Tennessee State 4-H Electric Camp is a fun-filled, rewarding adventure in electricity at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for 6th and 7th graders held in July 7-10, 2015. At camp, 4-H members will learn what electricity is and how it works. Campers will work with electrical specialists from across the state in learning centers. Each learning center will consist of hands-on activities so that you can learn by doing. Participants will meet other 4-Hers from across Tennessee and explore careers in energy, electricity and basic sciences. Each

camper will receive a certificate, a T-shirt and items that they have made at camp. It's really an electrifying experience! Cost is \$245 and includes meals, transportation, lodging, and a trip to Dollywood.

All applications for these camps and other information can be found at the University of Tennessee Extension Office in Woodbury. Additional information can be found at <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/> under the summer camps.

Anyone interested in sponsoring youth to attend camps or for information about 4-H please contact Sarah Malone at the Cannon County Extension Office at 615-563-2554 or [smalone@utk.edu](mailto:smalone@utk.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Roast and Dinner

Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Cafeteria at Cannon County High School



Colonel Jim Stone will be "roasted" at this fun-filled evening. "Little Jimmy" retired as a full colonel after serving 30 years in the U.S. Army.

He will be "hoisted on his own petard" by soon-to-be former friends Tommy Bratten, Bobby Ferrell, LTC Doyle Boyd, Charley F. Stone, James E. Stone Jr., and James Tyler Stone.

Please use the form below to make reservations by April 20 for this memorable evening.

### Reservation Form

I/we want to be a part of Jim's Roast on April 20 and to enhance the programs and facilities at the Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Adams Memorial Library.

Check enclosed is for \_\_\_ reservations at \$30 each for the roast and meal (additional contributions will be welcome)

Sorry, we will not be able to attend, but our \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution is enclosed. (Note: contributions are tax deductible. We are a 501(c) 3 charitable org.)

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## Cannon 4-H Photography Contest winners announced

Cannon County 4-H would like to announce the 2015 Photography Contest Winners. Congratulations to Madelyn Hale from Short Mountain 8th grade for her high achievement in being selected as the 2015 Cannon County 4-H Premier Photographer. After selecting the top three pictures from all seven categories, Madelyn's picture was the top picture from 271 photos entered for the 2015 Cannon County 4-H Photography Contest. All category winners are as follows:

**PREMIER PHOTOGRAPHER: ARCHITECTURE:**  
**Madelyn Hale,**  
 8th Grade, Short Mountain School

**PEOPLE PORTRAIT CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Olivia Robbins**  
 4th Grade, Auburn School  
 2nd Place: **Emily Beth Hollis**  
 7th Grade, Woodbury Grammar  
 3rd Place: **Zettie Elrod**  
 6th Grade, Woodland School

**ARCHITECTURE CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Madelyn Hale**  
 8th Grade, Short Mountain School  
 2nd Place: **Daisy Taylor**  
 5th Grade, Auburn School  
 3rd Place: **Hunter Futral**  
 7th Grade, West Side School

**FLOWER CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Jesse Tucker Vaughn**  
 4th Grade, Auburn School  
 2nd Place: **Ella Simmons**  
 4th Grade, Woodland School  
 3rd Place: **Hannah Carrier**  
 6th Grade, Short Mountain School

**WATERSCAPE CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Jadyn Davis**  
 6th Grade, Woodland School  
 2nd Place: **Layla O'Sullivan**  
 5th Grade, Woodland School  
 3rd Place: **Natalie Hill**  
 6th Grade, West Side School

**LANDSCAPE CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Olivia Robbins**  
 4th Grade, Auburn School  
 2nd Place: **Gus Davenport**  
 6th Grade, West Side School  
 3rd Place: **Jesse Tucker Vaughn**  
 4th Grade, Auburn School

**ANIMAL CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Will Byford**  
 6th Grade, Short Mountain School  
 2nd Place: **Jessie Kauffman**  
 7th Grade, Woodland School  
 3rd Place: **Cathan Cecil**  
 6th Grade, East Side School

**NATURE CLOSE-UP CATEGORY:**  
 1st Place: **Isaiah Rooker**  
 4th Grade, Short Mountain School  
 2nd Place: **Caitlyn Crook**  
 5th Grade, Auburn School  
 3rd Place: **Zettie Elrod**  
 6th Grade, Woodland School

We are proud of Madelyn Hale and all other participants. Cannon County 4-H has very talented youth. To look at the other winning pictures, check out our University of Tennessee - Cannon County Extension FaceBook Page. For more opportunities, check out our website cannon.tennessee.edu or call 615-563-2554.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT

*PETTUS READ*, Guest Columnist



## Is cousin Clod happy?



Since I no longer drive to work, I now am pleasantly awakened each weekday to the sound of my favorite radio station WSM and the Bill Cody program. "Cody In The Morning" is one way I start the day and have been doing so for sometime. His radio show is like a radio program should be on a station with a legacy like WSM. It has always been a mainstay in my family and has also been around ever since I came into this world.

As a matter of fact, we had an old brown Philco radio bought at the local Firestone store that sat on top of the white, green-trimmed cabinet in the kitchen that only would pick up "The Air Castle of South." I still think it ought to be the law that all kitchen radios be tuned to a local AM station and the radio knobs pulled off so the station can't be changed.

At high noon each day back on the farm we always stopped for dinner, to not only eat, but also to listen to the market report on John McDonald's Noontime Neighbors radio program. Whenever that dinner bell would ring you knew it was time for us children to get quiet because Daddy had to hear if the livestock market was up or down. The results of that market report also helped with his attitude when we went back to work in the field. Always liked it when they said the market was up.

During my time of listening recently to the Nashville station, not only at home but also in my pickup, I heard a commercial that dealt with a certain brand of chicken you could buy at your local grocery. The thing that caught my attention in the advertisement was that they were referring to how happy their chickens were back on their farm. They said their birds didn't receive antibiotics or other drugs like other chickens grown on other farms, and that they lived in special houses that helped keep their chickens healthy and happy.

I appreciated the image the commercial presented, talking about the health of their fowl and that they were taking extra steps to keep their product safe for the consumer. It's good to know that poultry producers are very aware of providing clean, safe and comfortable housing for

their chickens and the consumer's concerns are always a part of maintaining their operations.

The thing that I have a problem trying to understand is how to tell if a chicken is happy or not. Telling folks your chickens are healthy and content is understandable, but saying they are happy is somewhat hard for many of us country residents to grasp. I raised chickens for years and was even the grand champion winner in my county 4-H club six times in a row for having the best group of twelve pullets.

I have even had the grand champion Rhode Island Red rooster at the Tennessee State Fair, but I have yet to hear a chicken laugh. I can't even tell if a chicken is smiling or not. They all have that sort of silly look with their mouths open, but I don't think that means they are happy. Cousin Clod has a silly look and also walks around with his mouth open at times and I know for a fact he is not the jolliest person you would ever want to meet.

Maybe they cackle every now and then, but does that mean they are happy? A lot of people think because a hen cackles after she lays an egg she is proud and happy of the accomplishment. I think she is just glad that the ordeal is over for the day and she doesn't have to think about it again until tomorrow.

We are still trying to figure out which came first, the chicken or the egg. Nobody really knows why the chicken crossed the road. Is it true that the term dumb cluck comes from an observation of the abilities of chickens? Do we run around at times like a chicken with our head cut off? And, just what are the Colonel's secret ingredients in his fried chicken recipe?

Who would have ever thought all of this high level fowl pondering would have resulted from a WSM radio program. Maybe you would have thought it considering the shows content, but I still am not sure that a chicken can smile or be called happy.

*-Pettus L. Read writes for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. He may be contacted by e-mail at pettusr60@gmail.com*

## Ivy Bluff News

by Bonnie Stacy

Shirley Atnip, Dot Tucker, and Jean Davenport attended a singing at the Sanders Fork Baptist Church last Sunday.

Elaine Clemmons and family: husband, children, and her dad, Les Williams Sr. from Lebanon visited her sister, Racheal Williams and children, Mother Myla, Kenny, and Bonnie Stacy on Saturday.

Jim and Judy Stacey from Murfreesboro, Don and Charlotte Frazine from Tullahoma, Brenda and Danny Jaco from Manchester, Jacob Thompson from Mud Creek, and Bonnie Stacy had lunch at the

Cracker Barrel in Manchester on Saturday. Get well wishes to all the sick in the community.

*A good neighbor is as rare as found treasure. Three grand essentials for happiness: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.*

*He who goes out of his house in search of happiness runs after a shadow.*

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# CANNON BLAST



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instrument and a chair. Fun for the entire family, the open jam is in support of local businesses. Contact James Stenbridge with any questions at 615-542-9035.

Mafia Jug Band – five guys and a scrubboard, with roots like wisdom teeth. Tickets are available at the Arts Center.

sponsor with their name on the award, the sponsor will choose the winning vehicle and present the award plus advertising on flyers, newspaper & radio. Please contact The Chamber of Commerce at 615-563-2222 or Anthony Rogers at 615-653-5834 if you would like to sponsor a cruise-in.

Star, The Punchline, and The Ice House. Special guest Tim Northern appeared as a finalist on Star Search. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students, seniors and groups and may be purchased by calling the box office at 615-563-2787 Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or online at [www.artscenterofcc.com](http://www.artscenterofcc.com).

**Ceramic Exhibit and Sale  
The Berger Gallery  
Arts Center of Cannon County**

Susan DeMay and Donna Rizzo present an exhibit and sale of their ceramics in The Berger Gallery at the Arts Center of Cannon County through April 30. Their works not only incorporate the usual idea of pottery as a functional art form, but also the notion that clay works are expressive art works.

The Berger Gallery is located inside The Arts Center of Cannon County and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission to the exhibit is free.

**Country Music Jam Session  
Pocahontas Community Center  
1st and 3rd Fridays**

A country music jam sessions is set for the first and third Fridays of each month at the Pocahontas Community Center, 1441 Pocahontas Road, Morrison. Musicians sign up at 5:30 and the music starts at 6pm. Open to the public, spectators and dancers are welcome. Admission is free. For more info call Ray at 615-765-7835 or John 931-588-1229.

**Vintage photos sought for exhibit**

The Cannon County Historical Society and The Arts Center are seeking framed vintage family photos from Cannon County Families. Images need to arrive framed, ready to hang with identifying information. The images will go on display in the Cannon Hall of the Arts Center beginning in April 2015 and will conclude with a closing reception in October 2015. There is room for 60 images which will be hung as soon as they arrive. Please contact Neal or Rachel at the Arts Center at [neal@artscenterofcc.com](mailto:neal@artscenterofcc.com) or call 615-563-2787 for further information.

**CCHS Prom  
Friday, April 10**

The High School Prom will be held April 10 from 7:30 pm - 10 pm at The Arts Center of Cannon County, Contact (615) 563-2144 for further information.

**Calling All Musicians  
Saturday, April 18**

The second annual James Stenbridge and Friends Open Jam is set for Saturday, April 18 on the Square in Woodbury. The event is free and begins at 4 p.m. till ? Featured will be bluegrass, country and gospel music. Bring your

**Moonlite Opens  
Friday April 10**

Higgins Moonlite Drive In opens for the 2015 season offering two screens showing double features on each screen. Reasonable prices and great food at the concession area. Movieline 615-563-7900 or [www.themoonlitedrivein.com](http://www.themoonlitedrivein.com).

**Election Commission  
Monday April 13**

Cannon County Election Commission will meet at 5:30 pm in the courtroom of the Courthouse.

**Princess Ball  
Friday, April 14**

The 8th annual "Princess Ball" sponsored by the Woodbury Lion Club will be held at The Senior Citizen Center, ballroom doors open at 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. What to wear? Dressy, semi-formal or princess attire. Advance tickets will cost \$25 per couple and \$10 for each additional girl that the escort brings. This event is for girls 18 years or younger when accompanied by their father or father figure (grandfather, uncle or brother). Escorts must be 18 years or older. Please RSVP by April 17, tickets at the door will be \$35 per couple. Contact Cliff Swoape at 615-653-7345 for further information. Enjoy dining, dancing and more.

**Cannon Co. Commission  
Saturday, April 18**

The County Commission will hold its meeting at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse.

**Tennessee Mafia Jug Band  
Saturday, April 18  
Arts Center of Cannon County**

7:30 p.m. -- From the pastoral hills, hollers, shopping malls and interstate highways of Goodlettsville Tennessee, home of Bill Monroe, Bashful Brother Oswald, Stringbean, Grandpa Jones, Keith Whitley and some living country music performers, comes the most entertaining "blast from the past" since Lester Moran and the Cadillac Cowboys. They're the Tennessee

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**Annual Roast  
Thursday, April 23**

The Adams Memorial Library Annual Roast will be held at the Cannon County High School Cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. The year Col. James (Jim) Stone will be on the hot seat. Enjoy a good meal and the fun that comes with roasting someone you know. Reservations are needed so contact Charlie Harrell at 615-542-1289 or the Adams Memorial Library at 615-563-5861.

**Auburn Beta Club  
Horseshow  
April 25**

The Auburn Beta Club Horseshow will be held Saturday, April 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Justin Pemberton Arena. Hope to see you there!

**First Cruise-In  
Saturday, April 25**

The first Chamber of Commerce Cruise-In on the Square will be held on Saturday April 25 from 3 to 7 pm. There will be 6 cruise In's and sponsors are needed. Any business wishing to sponsor a cruise in will cost \$40 which will pay for a cruiser of the month award chosen by the

**Journey Tribute  
Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
Arts Center of Cannon County**

Resurrection – A Journey Tribute is a nationally recognized Nashville, Tennessee based Journey tribute band featuring a stellar lineup of accomplished Nashville musicians and an enhanced live production designed to recreate the look and feel of those magical Journey tours from the 1980s featuring Steve Perry.

**Family Flea Market  
Saturday, May 2**

The Short Mountain Trading Post will have their first Family Fun Flea Market on Saturday May 2nd from 10 to 5. Free unch for All. Those who wish to reserve their FREE market space need to call: Savannah #615-464-7824 as soon as possible.

**Comedians  
Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.  
Arts Center of Cannon County**

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Horse owners should be aware

Horse owners who are getting ready to hit the road for the spring show season are also facing a serious health concern.

This is Michigan's 1st case of the virus in 2015, making it the 6th state to have a horse with the virus die this year.

Almost all horses have been infected with EHV-1 by the time they are 2. In most cases, the virus is dormant, but travel and stress can bring out the disease into an active, aggressive state.

"It's an airborne," explained Nutritionist Dr Ginger Southall, "not through bodily fluids, so just like it can be transported from horse to horse, we have to be careful for ourselves, and certainly other animals, in that we keep our immune systems strong."

Foals usually contract the virus from their mothers and then become carriers. Horses that carry the virus show no signs

while the virus is dormant. Long distance travel, stress, and strenuous activity can activate the virus.

"If they are ever off their feet at all, that's usually your 1st sign that they don't quite feel that good, so we watch their water and feed intake," said Mary Luther-Eggleston, who trains performance horses at Northland Stables.

After the initial signs, neurological signs appear as a result of damage to the blood vessels in the brain and spinal cord.

Brushes, water buckets, feed, and human contact with infected horses can spread the virus in seconds.

Jennifer Holton with the Michigan Department of Agriculture told Fox 17 that

they are investigating the case. Holton believes it is currently an isolated incident involving a barrel racing horse.

[This disease can spread fairly fast. It is often recommended to take the animal's temperature at least twice a day to help catch an early rise, which may be the 1st sign of the disease.]

This disease is often abbreviated as EHV for equine herpesvirus or EHM for equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy.

Equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) infection in horses can cause respiratory and neurological disease, abortion in mares, and neonatal foal death.

The neurological form of the disease is known as equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM) and has the potential to cause high morbidity and mortality.

EHV-1 is easily spread and typically has an incubation period between 2 and 10 days. Respiratory shedding of the virus generally occurs for 7-10 days but may persist longer in infected horses.

fluids, anti-inflammatory drugs, antiviral drugs, and other supportive measures may be beneficial, since there is no specific treatment for EHM.

Currently, no EHV-1 equine vaccine has a label claim for protection against the neurological strain of the virus.

This is a disease that has a profound effect on horses and owners.

Horses have a very tough time recovering from this disease, and owners have a difficult time treating or euthanizing their pets/companions.

This disease is not to be toyed with. Owners should heed the words of the veterinarians. Enforce the rest and isolation of your horse.

Protect your horse and other horses as well.

Portions of this comment have been extracted from <http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal\_health/equine\_herpes\_virus.html>.



News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



Just when you're having one more terrific time getting outside mowing and trimming your yard with the weather in the seventies to near eighty degrees, the bottom falls out with the temperatures taking a nosedive back into the wintry humdrums.

I want you to know of some April birthdays: Wilma Melton 2nd, Chloe Evelyn Bogle 6th, our daughter, Carolyn Graham 12th, Diane Evans 12th, Bernie Braswell 14th, our son-in-law, Dustin Johnson 17th, Kim Hall 18th, Edith Miller 21st, our niece, Brooklyn Pedigo 30th, and Debbie Melton 30th.

Not one little hummer have I spotted yet. Last year the first hummingbird arrived here at our house on April 10th.

I guess it's a little bit early for their arrival, but I will, of course, be on the lookout for them. I'm sure I'll be putting up the feeders before you know it.

I was up at Short Mountain Market on Saturday and saw Blake, Ralph, Eric, and James Prater there. All were having a great time.

In a quandary as to what happened to the moles, or whatever was tearing up our yard. I did put some bubblegum down in the freshly disturbed ground sometime back as some people encouraged me to do.

There are some people we need to keep in prayer: Jeff Brown, the Shirley Neal family, Kathy Martin, Trena Curtis, Denise Stanton, Thurman Bogle, Edith Miller, Donna Lawson, Bernie Braswell, and Carlon and Mai Nell

Melton.

Clyde is practicing on a new song or two for the Gunter Reunion that will be on September 6th at Aubrey's shop. He keeps telling me the little green men are very peaceful and wouldn't harm a fly.

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

With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Psalms 119: 10, 11

Trading Post Chat

BY SAVANNAH CUNNICK

EUREKA! We finally have a date set for our first Family Fun Flea Market Day! It is Saturday, May 2nd from 10 to 5. What this means is that there will be a multitude of tables and canopies full of goodies for sale of all nature.

Sound like fun! Now, if the weather co-operates, we are in! A rain date will be for the following Saturday, May 9th just in case.

Also bring your cameras for some terrific pictures of the Barn and surrounding grounds.

Call me and sign up now for your free space in the market: 615-464-7824. If I don't answer right away, please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as possible.

We are looking for fresh eggs and vegetables also to be sold at this event. So, give me a call.

Presently, the Trading Post is open: Thursday thru Saturday from 10 to 5. As always, depends on weather, but I think we have more pleasant days heading our way so c'mon in! Make sure you visit the Distillery also.

Uncle Festus and Aunt Martha are at it again. After losing some weight, Martha brags to Festus how great she looks and how men are admiring her.

sidewalk!" Festus told her, "Martha, you have lost so much weight, that your chin hairs are stray eyebrows!"

So everything has to be perfect, but not for very long! And, the way you drink, why, the last mosquito that bit you had a hangover for a week!

Oh my, you two, and the beat goes on! All I know, is that we all come with a little baggage. It's only a normal thing. It's those who come with a deluxe set of Samsonite that you have to watch out for!

Gotta run for now, my friends. Remember to mark May 2 on your calendar as a fun family day in the country at the Short Mountain Trading Post.

Hugs, Savannah



Table with livestock prices for Woodbury on April 2, 2015. Columns include animal type, weight, and price.

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**MEDIC....**

Pfc. Fortney and five other X-ray medical technicians, after landing on Omaha Beach a few days at D-Day, had been reassigned as combat medics. Fortney is one of two of his fellow medics to have survived the U.S. Army's combative assault wave across France and Germany.

"After the war, Medic Bill Dean (of Pennsylvania) and I stayed in touch, until his death in 2014," the veteran recalls. "Bill became a PHD psychologist after the war. I became a medical doctor at Oak Ridge (now retired)."

He recalls not "having the time" to think while treating wounded American GIs.

"As combat medics, you wonder when your time (to die) is coming," Fortney reconstructed some wartime thoughts. "You do your job, and move on, it's happening so fast, you don't have time to think. It's after a battle, you contemplate the sadness and sorrow of young American soldiers' lives lost."

Although he had witnessed carnage up close, Fortney and other American soldiers, including officers, were not prepared for what they were about to witness after reaching the German town of Ohrdruf, located about 30 miles south of Gotha.

"I was part of a tank unit that had been directed to destroy a German communications center that Army Intelligence had identified at Ohrdruf,"

Fortney described. "However, the Germans had vacated the center. That's when one of our tank sergeants noticed some tall guard towers nearby, and some guard shacks..."

This was American Forces introduction to German wide-spread barbarism, and through subsequent newspaper accounts and radio broadcasts, the whole world was about to learn of Nazi atrocities.

"We found two stacks of bodies out on the open ground ... two nearby buildings were stacked with more bodies," Fortney recalled. "We were accustomed to seeing bodies and death, but were not prepared to witness this incomprehensible site of mass evil. We later learned Russian units had also been liberating Polish concentration camps on the eastern assault on Germany."

"We also witnessed a young female German SS soldier, who apparently didn't vacate the camp soon enough ... she had been beaten and kicked to death by death camp survivors," the medic accounted.

What they had found was a German death camp.

"Actually, it was secondary concentration camp to Buchenwald," Fortney explained. "The Jewish prisoners had been brought in boxcars from Buchenwald, to help construct a railroad line. Those stacks of bodies we found in Ohrdruf 's auxiliary death camp were judged not able make the trip back to Buchenwald.



GUY FORTNEY photograph

After the death camp at Ohrdruf was captured, the laborious process of the clean-up began. Supreme Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower ordered that the atrocities be documented.

After being knocked to the ground, they were killed with bullets in back of heads and necks to make certain death was permanent. There was also a gallows, still standing for punishment purposes."

On April 1, 1945, German officers had ordered the evacuation of Ohrdruf, because of rapid advancement of American soldiers. Pfc. Fortney's tank unit made the historic death camp discovery on April 4, 1945.

"We found trenches

filled with bodies. Since Ohrdruf had no crematorium, the German SS had attempted to do away with bodies by burning them on railroad tracks that had been constructed by forced death camp labor," Fortney added. "The burned remains of (mostly naked) bodies were stark reminders how barbaric the German SS soldiers had been."

Allied Force Commander Dwight Eisenhower and U. S.

Generals Omar Bradley and George Patton came to personally witness the atrocities on April 5, 1945 "That's when Gen. Eisenhower ordered photographers to photograph and document all the atrocities, so the world can never forget that this incomprehensible holocaust actually happened," Fortney recalled. "Due to Gen. Eisenhower's wisdom, I can understand why he had been chosen as the Supreme Commander of

Allied Forces."

"On April 12, our officers ordered the towns people of Ohrdruf to witness the carnage and stacks of bodies," Fortney recalled. "I've got pictures of the towns' people overlooking the stacks of dead bodies."

**Writer's Note: The final part of this series will detail what motivates Dr. Fortney, who will be 91 in July, to conduct informational seminars about the WW II holocaust.**

**ELECTION....**

tion Commission as well, he said. Other members of the five-person board are: Sue Patrick who serves as secretary, Jackie Gannon, both representing the Democrat Party, and Matt Studd and Mike Grosch who along with Davenport represents the Republican Party.

Gibbs was elected to replace Davenport as chairman of the county Republican Party and the term of each Cannon County Election Commissioner expires this year. Some members could be reappointed.

The Cannon County Election Commissioners hold office for two years. As mentioned, the current terms of all members end this year and all can be replaced.

The State Election Commission is responsible for appointing five county election commissioners for every county in the state and monitoring the activities and performance of the county election commissions. The Cannon County Republican delegation in the Tennessee General Assembly will recommend three of the applicants to serve on the Election Commission and the local Democrat Party will recommend two. Usually, the Tennessee Election Commission follows the recommendation of the minority party chairperson and that of the majority party General Assembly members, Gibbs said.

The State Election Commission is composed of seven members, four from the political party holding a majority of seats in the General Assembly and three from the minority party. These individuals are elected for a term of four years. This is the only commission in Tennessee state government which is elected wholly by the General Assembly.

The Tennessee Election Commission is part of the state's Division of Elections, which, in turn, is part of the Department of State. The commission

is responsible for appointing local election commissioners in all of Tennessee's 95 counties, then monitoring the activities and performance of those individual county election commissions. Members of the Tennessee Election Commission are appointed by Secretary of State Tre Hargett. The state election commissioners are:

Donna Barrett of Murfreesboro, a member since March 2014

Kent D. Younce of LaFollette, a member since June 2009

Judy Blackburn of Morristown, a member since June 2009

Greg Duckett of Memphis, a member since May 2007

Tommy Head of Clarksville, a member since May 2007

James H. Wallace, Jr. of Jackson, a member since May 1995

Tom Wheeler of Clinton, a member since February 1992

The current commissioners will serve until May 2015.

"The Cannon County Republican Party will monitor the activities of the Cannon County Election Commission and will strive to insure that fair elections are conducted and as many polling places as possible remain open, but has no control over the Cannon County Election Commission," Gibbs said.

"If any person feels they have a grievance with Cannon County Election Commission, the Cannon County Republican Party recommends that you file your concerns or complaint with the State of Tennessee Department of State Division of Elections, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue 9th floor, William Snodgrass Tower, Nashville, TN 37243 Phone: 615-741-7964 Fax: 615-741-1278," he said.

"You could also attend the meeting and contact the chairperson of the Cannon County Election Commission and ask that your grievance be considered."

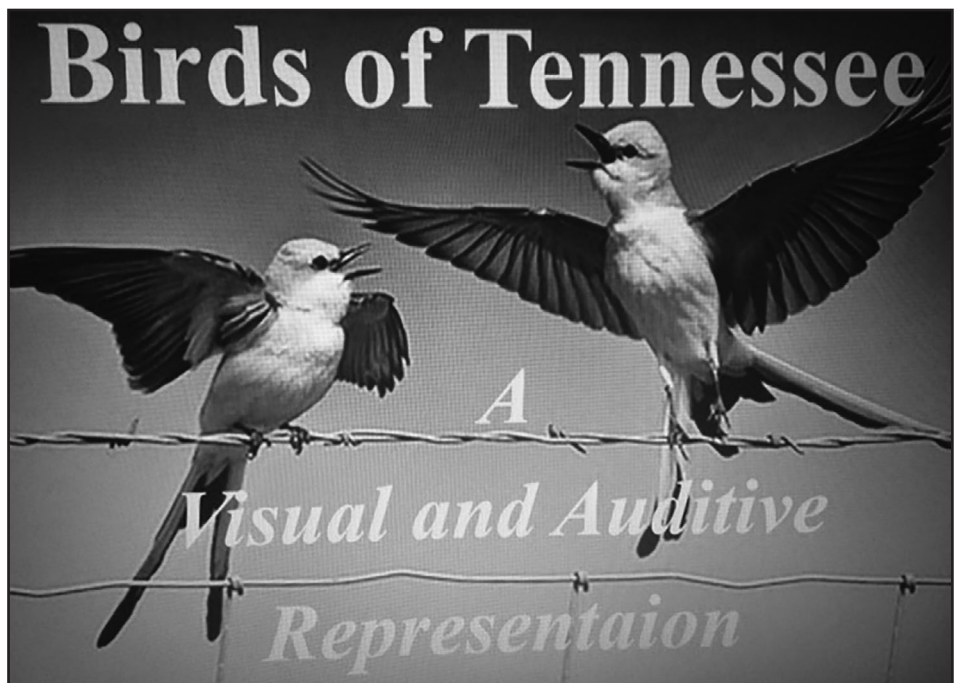
**Granville to kick off Roaring 20s celebration**

Historic Granville will have a Grand Opening Celebration of the Roaring 20's year long feature on April 11 with a full day of activities.

On April 11 the celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with a Model T, A and cars of the 1920's in the Pioneer Village At Sutton Homestead. The show will last till 3 p.m. and end with a Parade of the 1920's. There is no entry fee for the show and lunch will be served to each car owner.

The celebration will also feature a full day of 1920's music and dancing at Pruett Stage with Tex R Cana performing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 1920's dancing by Tennessee Tech Swing Dance Club.

April 11 will also be the 3rd Annual Granville Genealogy Festival which will feature genealogy research booths, special exhibits on the Brown and Hargis families, genealogy and genealogy-related booths. A full day of genealogy speakers will be featured at Granville United Methodist Church including Professor Greg Pryor on "The 20's in the Upper Cumberland Area" and Professor Carolyn Powell on German and Italian Prisoner Camps.



**Program to feature slides, sounds of birds commonly found in Tennessee**

Come see the Tennessee Birds Visual and Auditive Representation on April 23 at the Cannon Senior Citizens Center.

Presented by Tennessee Wildlife Officer Mark Vance, the presentation features a slide show with 100 or more birds

commonly found in the Volunteer State, including their calls.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on April 23, a show will be presented to Senior Citizen Center members. For those who wish to attend that are 60 years old or older, a sign-up sheet will be

available at the Senior Center's front desk or email mark.vance@tn.gov.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on April 23 will be a viewing of the show that is open to all ages. Email with the number you plan to attend to mark.vance@tn.gov. Or call 615-203-4688.

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# Special Kids to hold 16th Annual Golf Classic



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**Special Kids Golf Classic - Special Kids child, Danielle, greets golfer, Arnold Truelove, at the 2014 Special Kids Golf Classic**

Local nonprofit Special Kids Therapy & Nursing Center will hold its 16th Annual Special Kids Golf Classic presented by Nissan on Thursday, May 7, at Indian Hills Golf Course in Murfreesboro.

The 2015 Golf Classic is proud to be presented by Nissan for the fifth 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 option to play in the morning or afternoon 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 and major sponsors Slick Pig BBQ, Metro Carpets, SEC Inc, Tri-Star Title and Escrow, Aetna, and Country Financial.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or to register a team, visit [specialkidstn.com/golf-classic](http://specialkidstn.com/golf-classic) or call 615.893.4892. Funds raised from the tournament support the pediatric 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 2,700 children from 18 counties in middle Tennessee. For more information on Special Kids, please visit [specialkidstn.com](http://specialkidstn.com) or call 615.893.4892.



**Stones River Easter Egg Hunt Winners:** Stones River Hospital held their annual Employee Easter Egg Hunt recently. Six children received prizes and all kids had a cookie party with the Easter Bunny following the hunt. From left to right are Amy Wren, Emily Wren, Drew Burklow, Mr. Bunny, Maddox Nicholson, Kennedy Higgins and Mackenzie McCurry.

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# SPORTS

## Raiders season review

The 2014-15 MTSU men's and women's basketball seasons had its share of ups and downs, but overall both teams are pretty happy with how things turned out in the end.

In the meantime, both squads will lose only a couple of players apiece as they look toward the offseason. Each are already thinking about next season as they try to compete for a Conference USA title and beyond.



**DAVID HUNTER**

The Lady Raiders came into this season as the favorite to win the league for the second consecutive year. Of course, since head coach Rick Insell took over the program 10 seasons ago, the squad has had the mindset of playing the toughest competition in the nation and coming out on top most of the time.

This season was no different as MTSU knocked off teams from the power conferences, including Miami (Fla.), Clemson, Xavier, Ole Miss (twice) and UCF.

Honestly, everything was going well for the Lady Raiders until the week of Feb. 21, when they were coming off a road loss to hated rival Western Kentucky. That's when Insell had to kick off senior forward Cheyenne Parker, one of the leading scorers in the conference, because of a rule violation. It took a couple of games for the team to adjust to life without Parker including a rare league loss at home to UAB on Feb. 28. Eventually, the Lady Raiders lost for the third time this season to Southern Miss in the C-USA semifinals on March 13. So, they did not make the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2008 ending up instead as a favorite in the WNIT tourney.

Sure, they were upset they did not make the field of 64, but that fueled a try to advance as far as possible in the WNIT. In the process, the Lady Raiders made school history knocking off Ball State, Arkansas State and Ole Miss, before falling in the quarterfinals on March 29 against Temple.

Considering everything the team went through this season, it was a job well done. As for the future, the Lady Raiders will have to say goodbye to the leader and the only senior on the team, former Murfreesboro Siegel guard Shanice Cason.

However, the Lady Raiders will return and welcome several local stars, including former Murfreesboro Riverdale teammates, Olivia Jones and Ty Petty Jones added C-USA First Team honors this season.

Be sure to watch out for sharpshooter and former Cannon County guard Abbey Sissom. The 2014 AA Miss Basketball will hopefully have an increased role next season.

MTSU will also welcome two-time defending state champion and 2015 Miss Basketball finalist, Blackman forward Alex Johnson. She will be a welcomed presence on the block next season.

As for the men, the team struggled on the road this season, but has turned Murphy Center into a place which opposing squads dare enter during the last four seasons. After picking up only its second C-USA road win of the season at FAU on March 7, 77-54, the Blue Raiders used the momentum as they made a magical run all the way to the C-USA.



*RONNY BURKS photo*  
Jackson Mason with a double against Eagleville in a make-up game in Woodbury. The Lions fell to Eagleville 5 to 2.



*Photo provided*

Joshua T. Crain, J.D., L.L.M., Attorney at Law, was glad to be able to make a \$500 donation to the Cannon County High School Softball team. Many school teams (other than football) get little to no money to help provide sporting opportunities for young people. Mr. Crain's wife played high school softball and some college ball and she loved it. He stated, "We are blessed to be able to help provide that same opportunity for other kids." Crain Law (615) 848-2088.

## Cannon teams hard at work during break

*Here's a recap of the week's sports action in baseball, softball, soccer*

### DAVID HUNTER Cannon Courier

While, most of the Cannon County High School students were away on Spring Break last week, each of the Lion and Lionette spring sports teams were hard at work on the field of play.

Here is a recap of last week's action.

#### BASEBALL

**Murfreesboro Central Magnet 10, Cannon County 0 (6) March 30**

**Murfreesboro Central Magnet 7, Cannon County 2 March 31**

The Lions' baseball team faced a tough task earlier last week against District 8-AA rival Murfreesboro Central Magnet. The Tigers came in on a roll as they are looking to make a return trip to the Spring Fling next month while the Lions were hoping to break a three-game losing streak.

In Game 1 of the two-game series at Starplex in Murfreesboro, the Lions were held to one hit by Austin Martin, while the Tigers broke open a 1-0 lead after three innings to score nine runs in the final three at-bats which ended the game early after six innings. Tucker Francis was the losing pitcher for the Lions.

The following night, the second game was held at Cannon County, but the result was the same. However, the Lions ended a 19-inning scoreless streak with two runs in the bottom of the seventh, but it was, too little, too late. Francis led the way in a losing effort going 2-for-4 while Martin and Nick Vassar each scored for CCHS. Vassar was back on the mound after missing the last few games, because of the flu. However, he pitched up the loss.

"The score on March 30 was somewhat inflated because we were playing them 1-0 in the fourth inning, then we just blew up," CCHS head coach Justin Fann said. "The first four or five innings of that first game, I was really proud of how we played, then the second half I was not very pleased, because of errors here and there. (March 31), I felt we hit the ball better, but we hit the ball right at some guys. We could not find some gaps, and the other team found some."

**Eagleville 5, Cannon County 2 April 4**

The Lions match-up at home against Fayetteville on April 3 was canceled, because of severe weather in the area. However, CCHS made up a home game against Eagleville, which was supposed to be played on March 10. The Lions took an early 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first, but the Eagles responded with five runs in the middle innings, including three in the top of the fourth to get the win. Jake Todd and Jackson Mason each had a double while Jared Judkins and Briar Jakes scored for the Lions in a losing effort.

CCHS is now 3-9 on the season as it heads to district rival Upperman for the second game of the two-game series on Tuesday.

#### SOFTBALL

**DeKalb County 7, Cannon County 1 (March 30)**

The Lionettes were looking for payback after falling to the Tigerettes on March 26, 4-1. It the second part of a home and home series between the top two teams in the district. However, DCHS scored two runs each in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings to break open the game against CCHS pitcher Kristen Hale as she picked up the loss. Lionette lead-off hitter Livia Walker went 3-for-3, including a RBI, while Kendra Maynard scored the only run and also had a triple in the loss.

**Cannon County 15, York 0 (4) (March 31)**

**Cannon County 8, York 0 (5) (March 31)**

The Lionettes bounced back big time with an easy doubleheader sweep of the Lady Dragons outscoring them 23-0 in nine innings of work. In the first game of the day, Hale only gave up one hit, and she fanned nine York batters while Walker went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, a home run and four RBIs. Kelsie Smith added three RBIs in the game one win.

In Game two, Hale pitched a no-hitter, which included six strikeouts. Molly Williams led the way at the plate going 2-for-3 with two RBIs. The Lionettes finished the doubleheader with a total of 21 hits to one by the Lady Dragons.

**Livingston 8, Cannon County 3 (April 2)**

Coming into the game, the Lionettes were down three starters, including Cheyanne Fann, who went down with a season-ending injury on March 24, and Walker and Shelby Earls missed the game because of Spring Break. The Lady Wildcats took advantage by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the third to break open the game. Williams went 2-for-3 with one run while Ally Parton added two RBIs in losing effort.

The Lionettes are now 8-5 heading into a home doubleheader showdown on Tuesday against district foe, Murfreesboro Central Magnet at 4:30 p.m.

#### BOYS SOCCER

**Goodpasture 2, Cannon County 1 (March 31)**

In the only match of the week for the Lions, they gave up a late free kick, which broke a 1-1 tie during the second half of action. Goodpasture led 1-0 after the first half after CCHS allowed a bloop goal. However, the Lions answered during the

second 40 minutes, when Jake Walkup scored off a beautiful assist by Marshall McReynolds to level the score at one. The Cougars won the match a few minutes later, when they converted a well-placed 20 yard free kick.

The Lions fall to 1-3-2 on the season as they host district foe, Merrol Hyde on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

#### TENNIS

Both tennis teams were off this week, because of Spring Break. The Lionettes are 3-3 while the Lions are 0-7 as they host Livingston Academy on Thursday.



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# Celebration of Spring at Edgar Evins State Park to be held Saturday



Everyone joins in on the Bunny Hop at the finale of the performance by dancers from Cannon Arts Studio, Woodbury.



The ever popular Bob Tarter and his animals of NHECM will return this year with a new program. Here he is introducing an owl to Ian Taylor, son of Holly and Park Ranger Mark Taylor, both also pictured.



Friends of Edgar Evins State Park volunteer, Peggy Adams Richardson, will return to paint more faces.

The 7th Annual Celebration of Spring will be held at Edgar Evins State Park on Saturday, April 11th. It will be a full day of fun for families and individuals beginning with a wildflower hike with Randy Hedgepath, the TN State Naturalist at 8:30 A.M.. There will be other hikes, a door prize valued at \$60, live entertainment, face painting, crafts making with Girls Scout Troop 1146, relay games with prizes, kite flying, Dutch Oven demonstrations with samples by Boy Scout Troop 875 and more. All will be free except concessions and pontoon boat rides. The boat rides will be \$2 per person. (Sorry, no children under 3 years of age on the boats and minors must be accompanied by an adult.) Signups for the boat rides will be on a first come, first serve basis, at the registration table in front of the Visitors Center, which will be the hub of the day's offerings. However, there will be in-park transportation

from the Visitors Center for the boat rides and any activities that will take place in other locations. Bring your lunch and plan to stay for the day or come for a while. This is an inexpensive opportunity to spend a day outdoors celebrating the coming of spring with friends and family.

For those who wish to make this an overnight or weekend outing there are cabins and camping in the park. Reservations are required although they are easy to make through the website <https://tnstateparks.itinio.com/edgar-evins/> If you need help contact the park office at (931) 858-2114 or toll free at 1-800-250-8619.

For more about the event or Friends of Edgar Evins State Park, the sponsoring organization of park volunteers, please visit the website, <http://foesp.alturl.com> or look on Facebook for friendsfoesp

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The cost of the trip will be around \$975.00 more or less depending on the number of people going. All ages are welcome!

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Murfreesboro 9:00-9:45 @ Rutherford Farmer's Co-op  
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All Acoustic Instruments  
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## Thank Larry Powell for volunteer efforts

Larry Powell joined the Cannon County Rescue Squad, Inc. in May 2012. In his full-time career, as a Parts Quality Engineer for Nissan North America in Decherd, Larry is accustomed to managing difficult situations. This type of skill set has helped Larry to excel as a volunteer emergency responder. His ability to handle complex situations makes him a great asset here in Cannon County.

Larry first joined the Mooretown Fire Department nearly 10 years ago. His main reasons for joining MFD were to assist with fundraising events and clean-up activities after fires. However, he quickly discovered that he enjoyed emergency service work and helping others in times of need.

He received extensive fire service training during his time in Green Bay, WI with the Suamico Fire Department (SFD). When Larry moved back to Tennessee in 2011, he promised Chief Doug Doefer (SFD) that we would take the things he had learned back to his hometown to try to improve the fire service in Cannon County and Middle Tennessee.

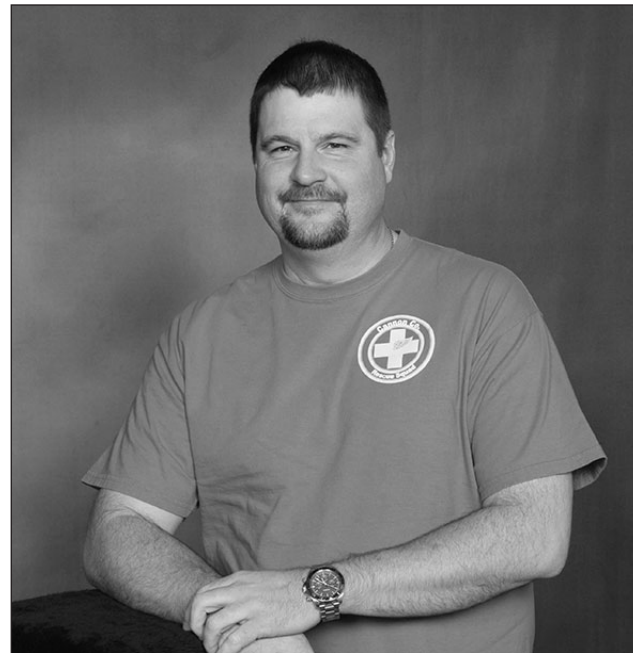
Larry holds certifications in Firefighter I and II, Fire Inspector I, and Certified Driver/Operator. He has received training in basic vehicle extrication and rescue from the Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads, and he is certified in emergency vehicle operations (EVOC). Larry is an Academy Credentialed Instructor (ACI) with the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) in Bell Buckle, TN which allows him to teach and train firefighters to the Firefighter I level here in Cannon County. Having a State-certified instructor means that volunteers don't have to travel to the Fire Academy in Bell Buckle to take the State-required trainings.

Having an ACI is a great opportunity for counties with a limited training budget. It helps smaller counties receive top-level training for a fraction of the cost of having each firefighter attend the TFACA Fire Academy. Larry enjoys teaching the fire courses and seeing Cannon County firefighters learn and get better at firefighting. He is currently teaching a Basics of Firefighting class jointly with the Kittrell Volunteer Fire Department of Rutherford County that will graduate newly-trained firefighters in the spring of 2015.

Larry is the Training Officer for the Mooretown Fire Department and a Sergeant for the Rescue Squad. When not at work or volunteering, he enjoys spending time with

his family and friends. He also enjoys singing karaoke and hopes to start his own country band in the near future.

When asked about what others can do to help in the



community, Larry had this to say: "I highly recommend others become involved in their community through volunteer opportunities such as the Cannon County fire departments or the Cannon County Rescue Squad".

We would like to thank Larry Powell for all of the work that he is doing every day in Cannon County to help our citizens. He is and has been a driving force for growth and development of our rural volunteer fire departments and Rescue Squad.

For more information on becoming a volunteer responder with the Cannon County Rescue Squad, Inc., visit our website at [www.CannonCountyRescue.com](http://www.CannonCountyRescue.com) and contact Michael Underhill, CEO, at 615-904-5002 or by email at [MUnderhill@CannonCountyRescue.com](mailto:MUnderhill@CannonCountyRescue.com).

To follow us on Facebook, like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/CannonCountyRescue>  
To follow us on Instagram, like [cannoncountyrscuesquad](https://www.instagram.com/cannoncountyrscuesquad), #cannoncountyrscuesquad

## At the Library this week...

BY TINA NORRIS

Great news for all of you who have been waiting for the Monday Night Book Club to resume, the wait is over. The book discussion will resume on Monday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Adams Memorial Library. The book is The Stone Diaries, by Carol Shields. Get your copy or just come for the discussion and make some new friends.

That same evening at 6 p.m. there will be the first of two classes in keyboarding. Introduction to Keyboarding begins on Monday evening and finishes on Wednesday at the same time. Sign up if you're interested in learning more about how to operate a computer

through its primary interface.

April is Financial Literacy month and the library is presenting two classes on financial matters. The first is "Where did it go?" a discussion lead by a local CPA on how to budget and why it's necessary. Come to get some tips and resources on how to plan your spending so your month doesn't end before your money.

Remember our program One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten continues all year. If you have a child of pre-kindergarten age, stop by the circulation desk and sign up. You'll get a packet of materials to keep a

record of your child's progress as well as fun games and activities.

April is poetry month as well as financial literacy month, and the library has activities for both. Bring in 2 of your poems by April 13 to be anonymously posted for patrons to select the top three. Prizes will be awarded for the top three poems. Don't forget to pick up an entry and Win a Trip to Paris. That's right, Paris, France, not Paris, Tennessee. Mail in your entry before the deadline and you may be the lucky winner of a wonderful trip.

Teens don't forget to come in and sign up to volunteer at the library during the summer. Help the library with summer reading as well as our many other summer projects to have fun, gain experience and have an excuse to get away from the house in a parental approved manner. It is true giving is the best way to receive.

Wednesday, April 7, is Story Time at Auburn and Thursday, April 9, is Story Time at Adams. Note the date change for Adams. The time is still 10:30 a.m. at

both locations and the story will be appropriate for ages 18 months to 5 years. This is a great way for your child to begin a lifelong love of books and reading.

If you are interested in how the library is run, attend the Board Meeting on Thursday at 5 p.m. This meeting is always open to the public and the Board welcomes participation by the patrons of the library.

Saturday, April 11, is the final ACT/SAT study session for the year. If your teen needs some tips on how to navigate this important milestone have them come to the library from 10 a.m. to noon for excellent instruction.

Remember this is your library and we are always happy to hear comments and suggestions on how to provide you with a fabulous library experience. We have new books and DVDs coming in every day. We have a beautiful photography exhibit throughout the month of April. We have computers open with no waiting and no time limits. Don't be a stranger. Come in and see what we can offer you.

**URGENT NEWS IF YOU USED XARELTO BLEEDING, STROKE OR DEATH?**  
Xarelto, a blood thinner given to patients to prevent blood clots and strokes, has been linked to serious bleeding episodes, strokes and death. If you or a loved one suffered a serious bleeding event, stroke or died after using Xarelto, call us at 1-800-THE-EAGLE now. No fees or costs until your case is settled or won. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.  
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### Meet Miss Alyssa, Principal of the day

Meet West Side School's Principal for the day, Alyssa Calamia. Alyssa read 193 books this year and earned 100 points in Accelerated Reader. Assisting Miss Alyssa is Principal Karen King



Photo provided

### Purrfectly Pawlished Pet Salon adds groomer to staff

Purrfectly Pawlished Pet Salon is very excited to announce an addition to their grooming staff. Mrs. Laura Bostard, left has over 20 years experience in the grooming industry. Laura was born and raised in New Jersey where she met her husband Jim. They have two children, Julia and Christopher and she will soon be able to add grandmother to her list of accomplishments. We are privileged to have a groomer with her knowledge and experience on staff and we are very confident that the public will like Laura just as much as we do. Laura is now taking appointments so please call the salon at 615-563-7387 to book your furry friend. On the right is Purrfectly Pawlished owner Angela Tate Mullinax.

## Specialty crop block grants available online beginning April 15

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture will soon accept applications for the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. These federal funds are granted to enhance production and competitiveness of specialty crops, including fruits and vegetables, dried fruits, tree nuts, floriculture and other nursery crops. The grants are authorized through the federal Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 and are administered by TDA.

"For experienced producers who want to advance, Specialty Crop Block Grants can take their operations to the next level," assistant commissioner for Market Development Ed Harlan said. "The projects funded by these grants have the potential to benefit our rural communities and the citizens of Tennessee."

Applications will only be accepted online beginning April 15. You will find a template and additional information at [www.tn.gov/agriculture/marketing/scbg.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/marketing/scbg.shtml). The deadline to apply is May 8.

Universities, institutions, cooperatives, producers, and industry or community-based organizations may submit a proposal for funding. The program aims to support projects that directly impact multiple Tennessee producers and will have a positive, long-lasting impact on Tennessee agriculture. All recipients must be recognized by the IRS.

Proposals are reviewed and ranked according to criteria provided on the website. Applicants will be notified by June 12 whether TDA intends to present their projects to the USDA. First-time recipients have a funding limit of \$25,000.

If you would like help planning your project, TDA is hosting a workshop April 14 at Ellington Agricultural Center. The workshop runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. CDT in the Ed Jones Auditorium. There is no charge to participate and lunch will be provided. Registration is required. Email [TN.SCBG@tn.gov](mailto:TN.SCBG@tn.gov) and type "RSVP for April 14" in the subject line. Your email should include your name, the name of your business and number of attendees.

For more information regarding the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, email [TN.SCBG@tn.gov](mailto:TN.SCBG@tn.gov).



# PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

*Estate of*  
**PATRICIA ANN HOUSE**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Patricia Ann House, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This 16th day of March, 2015.

Patricia Carol House  
Executrix of the estate of Patricia Ann House, deceased  
Nathan S. Nichols,  
Clerk & Master

Jay B. Jackson, Attorney  
2t-April 1, 8-P

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

*Estate of*  
**MILDRED MAI FANN**

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of March, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Mildred Mai Fann, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be

forever barred.  
This 16th day of March, 2015.

Derek Russell Fann  
Executor of the estate of  
Mildred Mai Fann, deceased  
Nathan S. Nichols,  
Clerk & Master  
Susan Melton, Attorney  
2t-Apr. 1, 8-P

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

*Estate of*  
**GREG ALAN TARBOX, deceased**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of March,

2015, letters of administration in respect of the estate of Greg Alan Tarbox deceased were issued to the undersigned by the County Probate Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.  
This March 24, 2015.

Milton Tarbox  
Administrator of the estate of Greg Alan Tarbox,  
deceased  
Bobby Smith, County Clerk  
Johnathon C. Hershman, Mitchell & Mitchell, Attorneys  
2t-April 1, 8-P

## County Commission Meeting

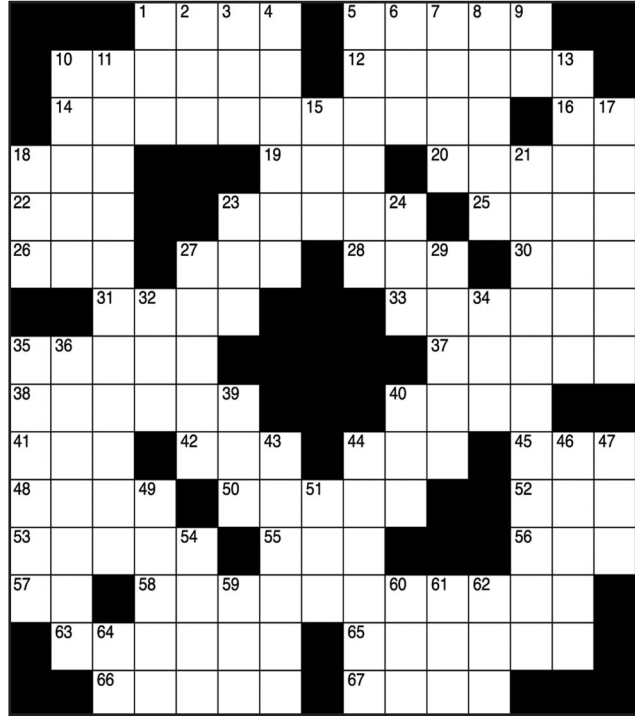
The Cannon County Commission will meet in regular session:  
**Saturday, April 18**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
Cannon County Courthouse

## Homeland Security Meeting

*Cannon County Homeland Security meeting will be*  
**Thursday, April 9**  
*at 4:30 p.m.*  
at the Cannon County Courthouse.  
For more contact Tim Bell, Chairman at  
615-849-2730  
or [tbell@cannoncountypress.com](mailto:tbell@cannoncountypress.com)



# TEASERS & TRIVIA



### This week puzzle answers

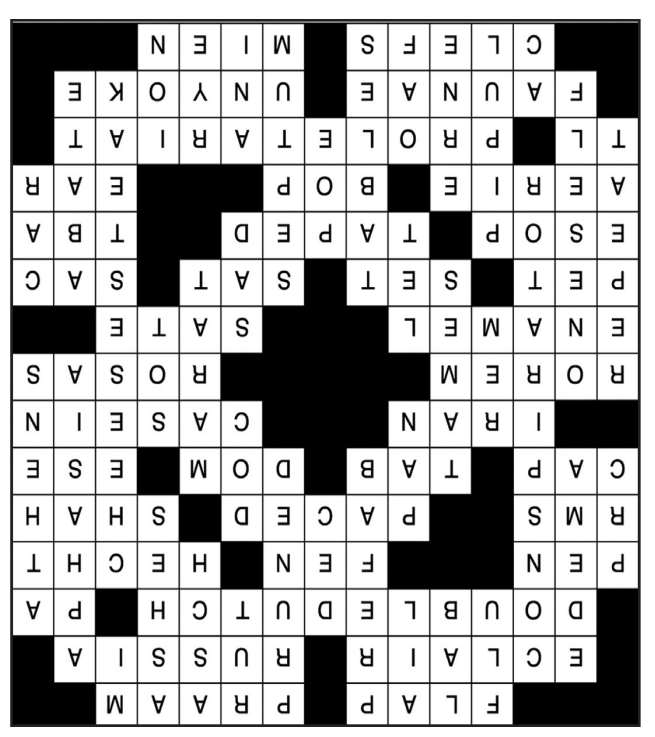
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### Who, What or When?

Lake Tahoe has only one outlet, name the outlet?

Truckee River

- #### CLUES ACROSS
- Piece attached on one side
  - Flat-bottomed boat
  - Oblong cream puff
  - Czar nation
  - Jump rope fast
  - Ma's partner
  - Ink writing implement
  - Wet spongy ground
  - "Gunga Din" screenwriter
  - Root mean square (abbr.)
  - Strode
  - Former ruler of Iran
  - Provide with a top
  - Chit
  - Actor DeLuise
  - Point midway between E and SE
  - S.E. Asian nation
  - Protein basis of cheese
  - 1976 Music Pulitzer Ned
  - Belonging to Mrs. Parks
  - Tooth covering
  - Satisfy fully
  - Animal companion
  - Fix conclusively
  - 7th day (abbr.)
  - Pouch
  - Employee stock ownership plan
  - Fastened with adhesive or masking
  - Don't know when yet
  - Eagle's nest
  - Early modern jazz
  - Auricle
  - Atomic #81
  - Social class of manual laborers
  - Groups of regional animals
  - Release draft animals
  - Musical notations
  - Bearing or manner

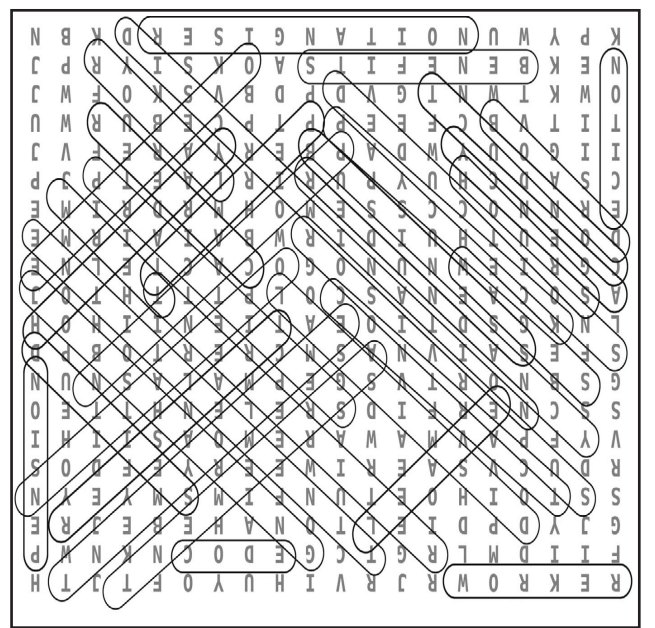


### Who, What or When?

Where was the sky city concept introduced for the first time?

Japan

- #### CLUES DOWN
- Grippe
  - Scientific workplace
  - Afflict
  - Construction of parts off-site
  - Cut back shrubs
  - Road furrow
  - The Nazarene author
  - Fire residues
  - 3rd tone
  - Excessive fluid accumulation
  - Fellow plotter
  - Inability to use or understand language
  - 12th calendar month
  - Greek capital
  - Communist China
  - Philadelphia sandwich
  - Neverland's Peter
  - Medical man
  - Domesticates
  - Murdered in his bathtub
  - Dreaming sleep state
  - Drunkard
  - Double
  - Of one
  - Allow
  - Sorrowful
  - Dining hall furniture
  - Partition between 2 cavities
  - Reduce in amount
  - Where passengers ride
  - Sacred fig tree (alt. sp.)
  - Poet Edgar Allan
  - Sea eagle of Europe
  - An awkward stupid person
  - Black tropical American cuckoo
  - Whisky
  - Electrically charged atom
  - Atomic #89



### Who, What or When?

Which is the lowest point on the land of the United States continent?

Death Valley (California)

### Who, What or When?

Who was the first African-American player to join Major League Baseball?

Jackie Robinson

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### Who, What or When?

What do you call a village that does not have a church?

A hamlet

## 260 days until Christmas...

## EASTER WORD SEARCH

E Y O Y O P E N T E C O S T A J N P O U  
G A R D E N S N O I T C E R R U S E R B  
C M M F F C U Y D R D E T N I A P N G F R  
Y Y N N U B P D R C K X N K F K T O O S E  
E Y P S I A P D S R O M K T B M A L W A A  
C X A E Y D E Y U I U F M I R A C L E D  
L X S C C C R H S E J C E S I R P R U S  
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D M X Y A D N U S S C U S V S W E Y C C  
H N O I S S A P G D K O U A D A Y A D E  
F A O T P A L M L U C E H H T R I B E R  
M T K E V O R H S F G J T C U X S T F V

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

### kids' corner

#### FOOD FACT

THIS DESSERT FOOD DOESN'T ACTUALLY CONTAIN COCOA, BUT IT MAY HAVE COCOA BUTTER IN IT.

ANSWER: WHITE CHOCOLATE

### Easter Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

BUNNY	EGGS	SPRING
CHURCH	HIDDEN	SUIT
DRESS	HOLIDAY	SUNDAY
EASTER	RELIGION	VISITING

H X N N Q R Y C S N G Q  
W I Z O T F H S S U N M  
S J D S I U G B E L I W  
O I G D R G Y J R H T Q  
C G C C E A I C D O I S  
E M H V D N R L B U S P  
V B P I E A S T E R I R  
C G L S U I T Y G R V I  
G O Y A D N U S N Y Q N  
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J B M W J N Z Z L J U R  
U T P P E I U Q O V L B

#### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

SETARE GEG THNU

ANSWER: Easter egg hunt

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 6

- 1830: JOSEPH SMITH AND OTHERS ORGANIZE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.
- 1896: THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES OPEN IN GREECE.
- 1917: THE UNITED STATES DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY AND ENTERS WORLD WAR I.

### New Word

**FAITH**  
a system of religious belief

- ASCENSION - ASHES - BASKET - BREAD - BUNNY - CHICK - CHOCOLATE - CROSS - CRUCIFIXION - DECORATE - DYE - EASTER - EGGS - FAITH - FLOWERS - GARDEN - GATHERING - HUNT - JESUS - LAMB - LENT - MAUNDY - MIRACLE - PAINTED - PALM - PASCHAL - PASSION - PENTECOST - REBIRTH - RESURRECTION - SHROVE - SUNDAY - SUPPER - SURPRISE - TOMB - WINE

### How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Rabbit
- SPANISH: Conejo
- ITALIAN: Coniglio
- FRENCH: Lapin
- GERMAN: Kaninchen

### Did you know?

THE TALLEST CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG EVER MADE WAS PRODUCED IN ITALY IN 2011. IT WAS TALLER THAN A GIRAFFE AND HEAVIER THAN AN ELEPHANT.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CHICK



Threatening clouds really didn't produce much rain Thursday night when folks gathered on Jim Cummings Highway for the 4 Warn Weather Alert Tour at Plainview Baptist Church.

Photos by Mike West

# Spring has sprung!



As the temperatures climbed late week, a burst of pastel blossoms popped out across the county. The old farm bell provides additional evidence that spring is here.

Left, spring breezes brought a little whirlwind to life. And yes, the tulips began to suddenly blossom as well, below.

