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America has a story it's afraid to tell says historian/storyteller Barbara Marthal.

### Historian: Leave place for Forrest in history

DAN WHITTLE  
Courier Correspondent

America has the most beautiful story to tell in world history, says historian Barbara Marthal.

"But, we're afraid to embrace our history in today's 'politically correct' society," noted Marthal, Fisk University graduate, retired Tennessee sociology educator, author, storyteller and War-Between-The-States re-enactor.

In today's "politically correct" society, Americans are hesitant to first study history, and second to relate to history that is the most unique and progressive in mankind's history, she explained.

"We're afraid of being labeled a racist or labeled some other way by politically correct folks," she opined. "I advocate the study of American history it's some of the most beautiful and inspiring history in mankind's history, including Southern history."

For example, she favors keeping the Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest name on the ROTC Building

#### Part 1 of a Series

American historian who has spoken at the Rutherford County Historical Society?

"My husband and I have attended public meetings in the past, encouraging leaving history in place over at MTSU," she confirmed. "We can't change history ... shouldn't want to change our nation's great history ... our nation is one of the greatest social experiments in world history."

"But MTSU will never teach true Southern history," added her husband Bill Harris, an active member of Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a frequent re-enactor.

Being a recognized Volunteer State historian with a specialty in War-Between-the-States heritage is not an unusual position.

However, being a historian with deep Southern Antebellum roots with "slavery" in her ancestral background retired educator Marthal surprises some folks.

"It's true that prior to the war Gen. Forrest was a slave trader and owned

slaves, he more than made up for that in post-war years as a businessman in Memphis," Marthal noted. "War is war and a soldier is bound to carry-out wartime duties."

Why does she support Forrest's stature in history?

"In 1875 Forrest was invited to speak in Memphis at a meeting of the Independent Order of Pole Bearers, a forerunner of today's NAACP," she clarified. "In his speech he referred to the black Southern soldiers, some of whom were his former slaves, who served in his command. And some of his black cavalry soldiers were there that day."

"When Gen. Forrest's cavalry surrendered in May 1865, 65 African Americans were on his muster role, including eight in his personal escort," Marthal added. "These African Americans were his handpicked elite inner circle."

Rutherford County Historian (author) Gregory Tucker credits Gen. Forrest with these words regarding black Confederate soldiers at the  
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Jimmy Mingle, who operates Jimbo's in Auburntown, holds his youngest customer, Gracie Smith, 1½, a real biscuit eater. Mingle, who has called Auburntown his home since the age of 10, says that he got talked into opening the eatery last spring by some of his friends who just wanted a place to congregate and catch up on the local news.

Photos by Ken Beck



### Breakfast at Jimbo's

Old Auburntown garage evolves into café, local news hub

KEN BECK  
The Cannon Courier

If you want the breakfast plate at Jimbo's in Auburntown, it may set you back \$3.50, but the live and local news reports are free, broadcast around the table or from the bench out front.

"We got the world news right here, and the world news consists of Auburntown," says old-timer Perry Robinson from the "liars' bench" with a friendly grin.

Jimbo's café sits in an old garage that was built from Crab Orchard stone in 1939. A faded red Texaco Fire Chief gas tank stands in front of the eatery that Jimmy Mingle opened about eight months back.

"Several people talked me into it," says Mingle, 68, who moved here from Woodbury in 1957 at 10 years of

age. "They wanted a place kinda to hang around."

Open 6-9 a.m. Monday-Saturday, Jimbo's serves a variety of breakfast plates, ranging in price from \$3 to \$3.60. It's worth the price of admission just to visit with the hometown folks and enjoy the old photos, signs and country décor tacked to the walls. They help tell the tale of a rural community, like many others across the U.S., where businesses have faded but friendships and kinships remain forged in steel.

"I had a lot of these things," says the former tool-and-die maker, retired from a career at Nissan, of the objects on display. "My wife was an antiquer. People brought a lot of this in. I hang it up."

Among the things hanging up in the dining room are old farm tools, license plates, a well bucket, wash-

board and pulley, and you will also notice the Ten Commandments posted on the right wall.

One of coolest items on display is a rusted door from a truck owned by the Kennedy Brothers, who operated a hardware store, a pharmacy and general merchandise business in town the first half of the 20th century. A photo placed in the center of the door shows Ervin Davenport and T.E. Jones, Mingle's father-in-law, leaning against the very truck in 1942.

"My wife run across the door at a sale," said Mingle about Elaine, his wife of 35 years, who died a year ago. The couple shared three children, Brent, Holly and Brooke, and eight grandchildren.

His strong right arm here at Jimbo's is his cook, "Miss" Halleen Tate, who was born in the Hurricane Creek  
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### School board seeks bids on demolition

To replace stage with more bleachers

MIKE WEST  
Courier Editor

Cannon County Board of Education voted to seek bids for demolition of Cannon County High School's stage.

That process could clear the way for 129 extra seats in Robert A. Harris' gymnasium, explained Director of Schools Barbara Parker.

"What we are doing is planning to build," said Board Chairman Randy Gannon.

"Do we know what the cost will be? What is our limit going to be?" asked Shelley Walkup, board member.

The bidding process will determine the possible cost for demolition and then the installation of the seats. The change has already been OK'd by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

"How do you want to proceed?" Gannon asked the board.

Board member Bruce Daniel moved to amend the bid process so the board could first learn the actual cost before approving construction. New Board member Tim Powers seconded the motion, which was passed by the board.

The session was the first school board meeting for Powers, who was selected by the Cannon County Commission to fill the unexpired term of the late Frank Walkup.

Board members delayed action on end of the year testing after learning of possible delays in state TN-Ready (TCAP) test results. TCAP is short for Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program.

Touted as a "new and improved" TCAP, high school "Quick Score" reports might not be available until after the scheduled graduation date. Those "Quick Score" reports are used to calculate final grades for report cards.

"There's a lot of variables to this. We should take 30 more days and understand it better," Chairman Gannon said. "I move that we put this on the agenda next month. I want to go deeper into this."

Gannon's motion was seconded by Bruce Daniel and was passed by the board.

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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Three Nobel Prize Winners

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

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OBITUARIES



**Vera Pearl Haley Miller**

Vera Pearl Haley Miller, age 88, of Woodbury, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. She was a native of Calhoun, GA.

Survivors include her children, Dale (Mary) Arnold of Smyrna, Pam Arnold (David) Prater, Earley Rains, Sheila Rains, & Tracy Miller (David) Higgins, all of Woodbury; Sister, Dora Lee Thomas of Woodbury; 12 Grandchildren, Shirlene (Jerry) Lyles, Angela (Rodney) Young, Marlin Prater, Maranda Rains, Jesse Rains, Brandy LaFever, Hailey Rains, Ashley Morgan, and Zach, Bekah, Addison, & Hannah Higgins; 4 Step Grandchildren, Eddie, Jerry, Pam, & Martha; 7 Great Grandchildren, Bionca (Bret) Waller, Heather (Jared) Smith, Tyler (Brooke) Young, Justin Prater, Chris Warrick, Bo Barrett, & Madison Todd; 4 Great Grandchildren, Evyn Waller, Jaxon Smith, Addilyn Smith, & Kensley Young. Also surviving are 6 step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Issac & Flora Gann Haley; Brothers, Carl Haley, William "Neb" Haley, George Haley; Sisters, Hattie Thomas, Lucille Nipper, Betty Ruth Haley; Half Brothers, Sam, Frank, & Ed Haley; 3 Husbands, Wilburn H. Arnold, Ralph Rains, & Hobert Miller; and Great Granddaughter, Paisley Todd.

Ms. Miller was a member of the Dillon Street Baptist Church and was retired from Jefferson-Smurfit.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 18, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bros. Ray Patrick and Richard Haley officiating. Interment will follow at Manus Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 4 to 10 PM at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Zach Higgins, Tyler Young, Chris Warrick, Justin Prater, Jesse Rains, Chris Young, Casey Barrett, & Marlin Prater.

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

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Woodbury, Tennessee**

**Mildred Naomi Friedman**

Mildred Naomi Friedman was born on August 3, 1928 in Woodbury, Tennessee and passed away December 16, 2015 from natural causes. She was the only daughter and the youngest of four children born to Calvin and Sarah Young. Her older brothers were Houston, Dalton and Leonard who proceeded her in death.

Naomi attended elementary and high school in Cannon County, TN. Naomi had a successful career with the Colonial Shirt Corporation, a national clothing manufacturer whose home factory was in Woodbury, retiring in 1976.

Naomi married Leonard Friedman in 1976 and the pair split time between Tennessee and New York City until they relocate to Jacksonville, Florida. Tragically, Leonard and a close friend were killed in a plane crash in 1981 leaving her to cherish his memory for the remainder of her life.

Naomi remained in the home she and Leonard cherished until 2013. She was blessed to have a faithful employee, Wimal Nathan, with her for thirty years to help watch and maintain the property. During that time, she saw the arrival of Wimal's wife Nirmla and the birth of their daughter, Brittany.

Naomi is survived by her son, Ron, who resides in Reno, Nevada with his wife Paz. Her daughter Rita Burgener and husband Jim retired to Jacksonville Beach, FL. Her youngest child, Barry lives in Neptune Beach, FL with his wife, Gina Cavallo. Naomi has also been blessed to see the birth of her first great-grandchild Charlotte, born to her beloved grandson Josh and his wife Lindsay in 2013. He and his family live in Nashville, Tennessee.

The family is very thankful for the staff members at Ashford Court, Community Hospice McGraw Center and very much appreciates the great care she received from her primary care physician, Louis Akra.

Visitation will be from 3-5pm at the Woodbury Funeral Home in Woodbury, Tennessee Sunday, December 20th. A private burial will take place on December 21st. A celebration of Naomi's life with take place in early 2016 at the Ponte Vedra Club with details to follow.

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**Nannie Bell Stanley Mears**

Nannie Bell Stanley Mears, 88, passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2015. She was a native of Cannon Co., TN.

She is survived by her children, Robert Lee Mathis and Mazel Pearl Mathis both of Woodbury; 4 Grandchildren: Johnny Darrell Mathis, Timothy Eugene Mathis, Angel Dawn Mathis Ferrell and Dustin Robert Mathis; 5 Great Grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren; Half Brother: Medford Murphy and Lou Garrett both of Woodbury; Special Friends: Nellie Mathis, Betty Lou Sanders, Annie Lou Mathis and Ryan Sanders.

Ms. Mears was preceded in death by her parents, X Stanley & Ethel Estes Stanley Murphy; husbands, Sam Vinson Mathis and John Mears; son, Charlie B. Mathis & Daughter-in-law, Lily Baylock Mathis. She was a member of the Church of Christ and a housewife.

Funeral services will be 1 pm Saturday, December 19, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home Bro. Greg Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Centerhill Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4 pm until 9 pm Friday, Dec. 18, 2015.

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Woodbury, Tennessee**

**Alexander "Buddy" Luther Smith, Jr.**

Alexander "Buddy" Luther Smith, Jr. 83, passed away December 19, 2015 in Virginia Beach.

He was born December 11, 1932 in a small coal mining camp (Insull) in Harland County, Kentucky. He was the seventh child of twelve children born to the Reverend Alexander Luther Smith, Sr. and Myrtle Elizabeth Reed Smith. After eating "lots of bananas" to meet the Army's weight requirement, he hitched a ride on a coal truck and joined up, serving in the 1st Calvary Division.



He fought in the Korean War Conflict in spite of his mother's many letters to the government trying to get him home because, after all, he was only 15. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he worked the DEW Line in Alaska and then for the space program in Lompoc, California and Beltsville, Maryland. He retired after 24 years as a Systems Analyst from the Fleet Combat Direction Systems Support Activity, Dam Neck.

He was a loving husband to his wife of 63 years, Joanne Willie (Paschal) and is survived by his children, David Luther Smith of Bellingham, Washington, Claudia Suzanne Henley (Jim) of Hockessin Delaware, Cynthia Keill (David) of Richmond, Virginia; four grandchildren, Everett Smith, Michael Henley (Amanda), Eric Henley (Shelby), and Mariah Alexandra Henley; one great-granddaughter, Hayley Lynn Henley, four sisters Marjorie Asher Grout of Knoxville, Tennessee, Joy Birch of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, Louise Kelly of Lexington, Kentucky, Gloria Haupt of Satsuma, Alabama and a brother David Smith of Straight Creek, Kentucky.

He is preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Sue Locke, Marilyn Cleoda Smith and a half-sister, Jennie Ruth Smith Jewell, four brothers, Brian E., Robert Bruce, Alfred E. and Beauford R. Smith and granddaughter, Evelyn Grace Smith.

He loved photography, making videos, cooking, carpentry, computers, electronics, tending his lawn, Irish music science. More than anything else, he loved being around his family and recording these moments with videos. He will be remembered for his sense of humor.

Visitation will be held at Smith Funeral Home on Saturday, December 26, 2015 from 10-1pm. Funeral services will follow in the Smith Funeral Home chapel. Tim Gentry will officiate. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery. Share memories and condolences with the family at www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net Smith Funeral Home (615)563-5337

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Woodbury, Tennessee**



**Martha Phillips Holt**  
**Nashville TN**

Martha Phillips Holt, died December 3, 2015. Preceded in death by her parents Lucille and Ralph Phillips, grandmother Sally T. Lance; grandfather C.V. Lance. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Kenneth W. Holt; sister Carol Phillips; step-sister Darlene Spengler, SC; half brothers and sisters in NJ and PA. She retired from the IRS in 2014. A special thanks to Dr. Antonio Granda and the nurses at St. Thomas West in Nashville. Services were held Monday, December 7 with Judge John Aaron Holt officiating. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery in Woodbury TN.

*Kinfolk,  
Smith, Lance, Parton & Tucker's  
of Cannon County*

**In Loving Memory of Mike Grosch**  
**"We love & miss you very much"**

*"I'm Spending Christmas with Jesus This Year"*  
By: Wanda Bencke

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,  
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting in the snow.

The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear  
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear  
But Earthy music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring  
For its beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, trust God and have no fear  
For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place.  
Can you image Christmas with our Savior, face to face?

May God uplift your spirit as I tell Him of your love  
Then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

So let your hearts be joyful and let your spirits sing  
For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King!

**Maymie Lee Campbell Williams**

Maymie Lee Campbell Williams, 98, passed away Thursday, December 17, 2015. She was a native of Cannon Co., TN.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Dean Higgins of Woodbury; 2 grandchildren, Deana Douglas of Coffee Co., and Darla (Jesse) Cunningham of Milton; 4 great-grandchildren, Jason & Blake Douglas, and Brady & Briley Cunningham. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.


Ms. Williams was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert & Gladys Logan Campbell; husband, Earl Rayborn Williams; son, Adron Earl Williams; son-in-law, David Higgins; grandson, David "Darrell" Higgins; and siblings, William A. Campbell, Julie Esther Robinson, and Lydia Mae Taylor.

She was a member of the Smith Grove Church of Christ and a homemaker. She loved to quilt and living on the farm tending to her chickens. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Saturday, December 19, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. John Summers officiating. Interment will follow at Midway Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be 4 to 9 PM Friday, Dec. 18, 2015.


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Woodbury, Tennessee**



**We would like to express our deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort during our time of sorrow. We especially wish to thank Woodbury Funeral Home, Cannon County EMS and Rescue Squad, Cannon County Sheriff's Department, Rutherford County Sheriff's Department and Bro. Sidney Parham.**

**The Family of Mike Grosch**



**John Denny**  
**October 6 2015**

**We would like to extend a late but heartfelt appreciation for all the support shown to us in our time of loss.**

**Janice Denny**  
**Mitchell Denny**



# News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



## Sentry's Posted! Organizers Vow No Sign of Intrusion By "Little Green Men"

Weather couldn't have been better Friday night, December 11th, for the gathering of friends to celebrate Clyde and my birthday at Short Mountain Market. Our birthdays are both on December 13th. More people attended this year than last. I figured it was only a matter of time before work led out about this glorious affair. We have the party every year with so many notables of anyone's interest that clear their work schedule (even if they are on vacation) as they have just got to be there. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment by Clyde's Bluegrass Band as it continued late into the evening with the "pickin'" and "grinning" to the delight of all of us. Debby had only 2 candles on that huge birthday cake for Clyde and I to "try" to blow out. We both nailed that with 1 try as we both are filled with a lot of hot air. The food so delicious and the cake and ice cream with a scoop or 2 scoops on the side out of this world.

Wanted to list the band members that did such a fantastic job: Trent Keel of McMinnville (he played the spoons) and sang, too. Steve Quick of Smithville with the WJLE radio station also sang. Wesley Nokes played base (Wesley flew in from Philadelphia for the occasion), John Haggard (played the fiddle)- he had played with Bill Monroe years ago. He hasn't lost his touch as I could have listened to him all night playing that fiddle. Nickey J. singing that Vince Gill song that everyone loves to hear. Ernest and Dean Rubley always singing and playing and doing a superb job of it. Daniel Riggan

singing a song. Bill Nokes (banjo) - don't you just love listening to a banjo being played? Jeff Nokes (I believe he played the Mandolin) and sang also. Clyde singing and playing in top form as emcee of the birthday bash.

Here we go again as I thought Bobby Taylor was a no-show like he was last year-until I found out he had saved us from any interruption to our party by capturing the "little green men" and that "invisible cow" earlier in the evening on Hwy 146 near the Fire Hall as they were headed to Short Mountain Market to crash our party. Someone who I really don't know from Adam informed me Bobby was holding them in his friend's garage until the birthday bash was over. Well, I guess Bobby's forgiven for not showing up and I will have to extend an apology to him. Way to go Bobby. For this kind of bravery, he will be paid an extra \$5.00 if we can work this into our budget in a few months. Found out those aliens and the cow love pizzas. This must be a universal phenomenon. I mean who doesn't like pizza? Bottom line- the cost for the pizzas will not be reimbursed to Bobby as coming up with the extra \$5.00 will be a big enough headache for the 1 or 2 people on our committee. NASA has been calling non-stop as somehow they know about the capture of the green people and that as I could have listened to him all night playing that fiddle. Nickey J. singing that Vince Gill song that everyone loves to hear. Ernest and Dean Rubley always singing and playing and doing a superb job of it. Daniel Riggan

Hoping everyone has a "Merry Christmas" with their loved ones and do

remember that this is a celebration of Jesus Christ's birthday - the greatest gift this world has ever known, because He can give you eternal life, if you will only accept Him as your Lord and personal Savior. Just ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins (He knows if you are sincere in your heart) and so quickly you will be forgiven. Burdens are lifted and oh what you will come over you at that moment because you have been saved. No greater feeling that can a person experience.

Some people we do need to keep in prayer: Jody Reedy (cancer victim - she has had surgery and really does need our prayers. Ruth Brown (Has had surgery and is recovering), Fay Pitts (she is still improving day by day), Kathy Martin (not doing so well at this writing - prayers for Kathy are needed in abundance with the cancer she has been battling for quite a while now. Edith Miller, Denise Stanton, Carlon and Mai Nell Melton, Luther Lawrence, Tracy Neal (she is still gradually improving) and the families of Wanda Zeh and Brenda Vanderpoel with the loss of their loved ones during this Christmas season. Some of us know just how bad it hurts losing your loved ones at what is supposed to be such a joyous time of the year.

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

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*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6*

## Nation's Longest Surviving Lung Transplant Patient Celebrates Special Anniversary



On Nov. 24, Vanderbilt University Medical Center patient Pam Smith had a low-key lunch with a longtime friend to celebrate reaching 25 years since her transplant.

As the longest surviving single-lung transplant patient in the United States, and the second-longest known in the world, Smith also planned to release a balloon in honor of the donor who saved her life.

"I have always thought about having some kind of celebration, but it's a tough time of the year with the holidays and all," said Smith, 51. "I am just so thankful for the second chance. I think about the donor family all the time."

"As I am being thankful for the years the good Lord has given me, they are grieving," she said. "For me, each day is my gift."

Smith admits she did not think she would see this milestone. "It's tough to look that far out," said Smith. "They gave me four to five years to live after my transplant. So when I reached the five-year mark, then 10, then 15..."

"You learn to take it one day at a time. There were some tough days when I felt really bad. The thought runs through your mind: is it going to get worse? But I always bounced back. I just look forward to however many years God gives me."

Center's (VTC) first lung transplant was performed in 1990. Smith was the program's fourth patient. Diagnosed with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a rare lung disorder caused by an elevated blood pressure within the pulmonary arteries, Smith was first listed for a double-lung/heart transplant. But after nearly a year on the list, her doctors moved her to the single-lung transplant list.

Three months later she got the call.

Dr. Loyd would periodically call and check on me," recalled Smith. "When he called the day after Thanksgiving asking when I last ate and what I ate, it never dawned on me that he was calling because of my lung."

"When he told me he thought they had a lung for me, I was kind of cool and all on the phone until I hung up. Then I cried. We made it to Nashville in two hours that night," said Smith, of Athens, Tennessee.

Although Smith had a single-lung transplant, standard therapy for most PAH patients today is a double-lung transplant, which was not available until 1994.

Single-lung transplantation for PAH was considered a "radical medical concept" in 1990, according to James Loyd, M.D., professor of Medicine and the Rudy W. Jacobson Professor of Pulmonary Medicine.

"Pam's course is a testament to innovative and talented surgeons, especially Drs. Bill Frist and Walter Merrill, who were willing to adopt newly evolving approaches as needed to benefit patients with life-threatening illnesses. "Pam is our hero, for her

careful manner in which she has managed her own medical problems, while simultaneously inspiring dozens of other patients throughout the years," added Loyd.

Mark Steele, M.D., medical director of the lung transplant program at Vanderbilt, is one of Smith's physicians.

"It is extraordinary," Steele said of the 25-year milestone. "I've taken care of about 1,500 lung transplant patients in my career and she is the only one who has survived this long."

"She is a very good patient and she carries a lot of that success on her shoulders. She has done exceptionally well and is very good about asking questions and staying on top of her health."

"She is surviving with a single lung and has only had two hospitalizations in the 25 years."

VTC data shows that since the start of the lung transplant program in 1990, 401 transplants have been performed. In the program's first year, there were five. VTC is on track for the largest lung transplant volume this year. A record 26 transplants have been done. There are six patients currently on the waiting list at Vanderbilt.

Survival rates for lung transplant typically begin to taper off after the first year, said Steele. Vanderbilt's three-year survival rate is 75 percent while the five- to six-year survival falls to around 50 percent.

"Despite the improvements, we still need to understand why some people develop chronic rejection while others don't. This remains true for all solid organs."

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Kennedy Creek Road  
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Virginia O' Hanlon.  
 Photo taken in 1895.

## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

"Is There a Santa Claus?" reprinted from the September 21, 1897, number of *The New York Sun*.

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon  
 115 West Ninety Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there

is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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"Is There a Santa Claus?" is the most reprinted editorial in American journalism history.

The story behind it is simple. In 1897, Dr. Philip O'Hanlon, a coroner's assistant in Manhattan, was asked by his then 8-year-old daughter, Virginia O'Hanlon, whether Santa Claus really existed.

O'Hanlon suggested she write to *The Sun*, a major New York City newspaper at the time, assuring her that "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Her little letter was handed to one of the paper's editors, Francis Pharcellus Church, who penned the classic response.

Church was a war correspondent during the Civil War and was witness to terrible suffering and a corresponding lack of hope and faith throughout America.

His answer to Virginia's question remains an uplifting classic moment of journalism.



Francis Church

## Courier Editor

# Reliving glory of long-gone Christmas Eve



My Take  
 MIKE WEST

Remember your last white Christmas? In this neck of the woods, it's been a few years ago.

While, there is always a slight chance of snow on Christmas eve or Christmas day, it is pretty unlikely unless you live in Idaho, Minnesota, Maine, Upstate New York, the Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Naturally, the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada Mountains all have a high probability of seeing a white Christmas.

The rarity of a White Christmas in Tennessee makes such an event even more memorable.

I remember such a Christmas Eve that happened more than a few years ago.

We were visiting Pa and Granny Van Hooser near Short Mountain and it started to snow. At that time, I was the only grandchild so my eyes were about to bug out of my head.

I "suffered" through the long, endless meal (it was delicious chicken and dressing by-the-way) before being relocated to the living room where a beautiful cedar tree stood under the stairway. It was a beautiful tree lit with red and green bubble lights (remember those?) and covered with foil icicles. Strings of popcorn and hand-painted, homemade ornaments decorated it. I can still smell it decades later.

Yours truly, of course, was under orders to sit in a chair AWAY from the tree and away from the warm fire that was blazing away in the fireplace. (Yep, that was before I learned to keep my hands to myself.)

Naturally, that fireplace was a spot of great interest to me. We didn't have such a thing at our modern, all-electric home. To top it off, I was under special instructions not to get near the fireplace with any of the colorful, bright wrapping paper. I had to sit by and watch my grandpa burn that paper after all the gifts were unwrapped. (Most of it was saved for another use.)

So after the wonderful meal, I was stuck near a warm fire, impatiently waiting along with the men folk. Normally, a nap would have followed, but not on Christmas Eve.

Those fellows had great stories to tell. I normally enjoyed listening to every word, especially those from my Pa. He could tell a great tale in his own, quiet way.

Naturally, a few jibes were sent in my direction, but I didn't really anticipate any switches or lumps of coal in my Christmas stocking.

My thoughts were drifting away when I heard a tapping at the window.

Turning, I was shocked to see the face of Santa Claus looking back at me through the icy window. I jumped out

of my chair and turned around ... and Santa was gone.

Then there was a knock at the side door.

Running across the room, I pulled back the curtain and WHAM ... there was Santa again.

In the blink of an eye, Claus disappeared into the darkness once again. Wow, he was fast.

"Did you see him ... Did you see him?" I roared.

Naturally, none of the adults in the room had seen a thing.

My Father, Grand Pa denied it all, blaming it on my fertile imagination. Uncle John couldn't deny it. After all, it was him that pointed Santa out.

The rest of the crew just grinned and shrugged. Nope, didn't see ol' Claus. Even my own Mother hadn't seen him (and she would never tell a falsehood).

"No sir, no Santa ... my imagination must be running away from reality."

But I knew what I saw. It was a couple of quick looks, but I absolutely knew it was Santa Claus.

I looked around the room. Everyone was there ... except for Granny.

"Ah-ha," I thought as I dashed back to the kitchen only to discover Granny there drying dishes.

"What's your hurry?" she asked with a little grin dancing on her face.

"Embarrassed, I had nothing to say and headed back to the living room which was warmed even hotter by laughter.

Still doubting my story, the grown-ups opened the side door. There, for anybody to see, were Santa's footprints.

But before the investigation could continue, it was finally time for gifts!

I got more than my share, including one suspiciously marked in cryptic handwriting "from Santa."

Inside that bright red package was a red-striped flashlight. It was made from metal...and it actually worked!

That was the first of many flashlights. Yep, I still collect them.

I wish I still had that original. It was a beaut.

By the way, the next Christmas that little trick with Santa Claus just didn't work as well.

But there were younger brothers and cousins to come. While they may deny it, I can remember them hopping up and down at the site of old Santa.

Yup, even in this day and time, there's nothing like Christmas in the country.

## Letter: Thank you for your assistance

To the Editor:

To all the wonderful volunteers and folks who have donated food and money, thank you so very much.

We look forward to our next year of serving Cannon County.

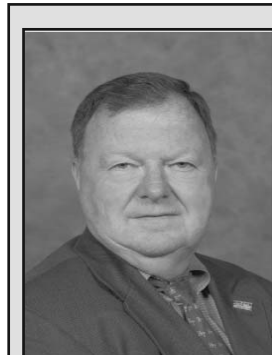
Cannon County Community for Animals is a non-profit organization

dedicated to caring for the companion animals of Cannon County through community awareness, education, networking and adoption. Our goal is establishment of a Cannon County animal shelter.

Sue Stancil  
 Woodbury

## Courier columnist

# The question is which side has top social media



Media Matters  
 LARRY BURRISS

Years ago when diplomats talked about an arms race they were generally talking about ships, aircraft and missiles. In the 1950s and 60s we were told how easy it would be to defeat the Viet Cong, who, we were told, were only clothed in black pajamas and BF Goodrich sandals.

Now, in this century, there is another kind arms race going on, and it isn't so much about seizing land as it is about winning hearts and minds. And it isn't about who has the best weapons and equipment, it's about who has the best social media.

We've known for some time now the Islamic State is using social media to recruit new members. Over the weekend we learned the Internet group Anonymous was coordinating a Distributed Denial of Service attack against these web sites. Then in response, the so-called Cyber Caliphate claims to have released the names, e-mail addresses and home addresses of several hundred members of the military.

Now ISIS has developed a smartphone app designed to run on Android phones. The app is supposedly more secure than Twitter and YouTube,

which routinely delete the group's media accounts and video messages.

And after the attacks in Paris last month, governments around the world began to try to take steps to make it harder for ISIS to access readily available encryption programs.

Of course, monitoring and stopping recruiting messages is not the same as monitoring and stopping operational messages and content. But all sides seem to agree on the importance of winning hearts and minds.

During World War II both the allies and the axis powers used movies to aid recruitment and mold public opinion. And even Julius Caesar was not above using the social media of his day to influence both the public and the government. All this perfectly illustrates the diverse nature of warfare: the battle in the combat zone and the perhaps equally important battle on the home front.

# Cannon County Christian Men's Group Food Drive

The Cannon County Christian Men's Group started their annual food drive in late October. With the help of at least seven churches throughout Woodbury and Cannon County, local businesses, and many generous individuals including some hard working ladies 86 families were delivered boxes full of food for Christmas. Boxes were filled with approximately 40 pounds of food including a canned ham, bread, cheese, pasta, vegetables, cereal, and much more. This is the second year for the food drive and it continues to grow due to the generosity of the people and businesses here in Cannon County. We are already looking forward to another successful event next year. Thanks!



# Wait until dormant time to prune vines, fruit crops

As cold weather creeps in, fruit enthusiasts begin planning for next year's crop by pruning their vineyards, fruit trees and other fruit crops. Typically, winter weather begins in December with a sample of what to expect the remaining few months. But due to the unseasonable warm weather, we should hold off until after the first of the year or later to prune. To minimize damage to the fruit crop, we should wait as late in the dormant period as possible before pruning. But keep in mind that to maximize fruit size and quality next season homeowners needs to get started early enough to get it all done, to lessen the potential for cold injury and to be able to react to damage done by cold events earlier in the winter.



By BRUCE STEELMAN  
Cannon County  
UT Extension Agent

This year, we have been experiencing unusually warm weather for an extended period. This is expected to continue for a while longer, with record high temperatures predicted for Christmas day. When it finally does turn cold, it could happen rather quickly. Temperature drops in the range of 50 to 60 degrees F within a 24 to 36 hour period are not unusual. In January, 2014, we had three such events and, as a result, cold damage was substantial.

of reacclimation is much slower than the rate of deacclimation and a sudden cold event does not allow for plants to regain sufficient hardiness to avoid damage. If a plant has not gone fully dormant, it still can reach that stage, but it is not as capable of tolerating cold temperatures as a dormant plant.

In Tennessee we frequently see winter injury in fruit crops (and in other deciduous plants) at temperatures well above those regarded as being the critical point for cold injury for that plant. For example, if a nursery catalog states that a "hardy" variety will withstand temperatures down to -20 degrees F, they are assuming that the plant is healthy, that it is fully dormant and that the temperatures leading up to the cold event are consistently low and that the duration of the cold event is relatively short. With severe temperature fluctuations, that same plant may be damaged at 10 or 15 degrees F or higher, depending on the circumstances.

With the above in mind, growers are well-advised to delay the start of pruning and to consider the weather patterns experienced prior to the time they prune, as modifications in the type and severity of pruning may be needed. For most of our fruit crops, fruit buds were initiated this past summer. They are not as cold tolerant as leaf buds in winter and spring. In some cases, no apparent cold damage may be experienced by the leaf buds, but the

level of fruit bud mortality may be severe. Knowing this prior to pruning will allow growers to modify their pruning practices somewhat to leave more fruit buds than they normally would have left. While pruning is an effective way to thin down a fruit crop to a more manageable size, if the crop potential is already short, further thinning is not desirable.

# THP calls for seat belt fine hike

NASHVILLE – Commissioner Bill Gibbons of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOS&HS), Colonel Tracy Trott of the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP), Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Commissioner John Schroer and Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO) Director Kendell Poole called the increase in seat belt fines an effective additional tool to curb traffic fatalities in the state.

As of January 1st, 2016 the fine for seat belt violations will more than double. The fine for a first offense seat belt violation will be raised to \$25.00 and the second and subsequent offense will be \$50.00.

"So far this year, state troopers have issued over 107,000 seat belt citations,"

Commissioner Bill Gibbons said. "That is a 255 percent increase over the same time period in 2010. We will continue to make this a priority, but we hope the day will come when it is difficult for a state trooper to find a motorist not wearing a seat belt. We hope the tougher fines will encourage motorists to obey the law."

Along with announcing the seatbelt fine increase, a reminder was announced that THP will be out in force during the holidays to ensure travelers reach their destination safely. Troopers will focus their attention on traffic violations that place motorists in jeopardy, such as distracted driving, speeding, and lack of seat belt usage. The holiday period will begin at 12:01 a.m. on December 24th and conclude at midnight on December 27th.

2015-2016			
Cannon County Basketball			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Thursday, Nov 19	Van Buren County	Home	5:00
Saturday, Nov 21	Smith County HOF	Carthage	TBA
Tuesday, Nov 24	Warren County	McMinnville	6:00
Thur/Fri Nov 27-28	Mitch Wilson Classic	Home	TBA
Friday, Dec 4	Central Magnet	Home	6:00
Tuesday, Dec 8	Macon County	Home	6:00
Friday, Dec 11	Smith County	Carthage	6:00
Tuesday, Dec 15	York Institute	Home	6:00
Fri-Mon, Dec 18-21	Clinton HS Christmas	Clinton	TBA
Mon-Wed, Dec 28-30	Sonic Shootout	Sparta	TBA
Tuesday, Jan 5	Warren County	Home	6:00
Tuesday, Jan 12	Upperman	Baxter	6:00
Friday, Jan 15	Livingston	Home	6:00
Tuesday, Jan 19	DeKalb County	Smithville	6:00
Thursday, Jan 21	Van Buren County	Spencer	6:00
Friday, Jan 22	Central Magnet	Murfreesboro	6:00
Tuesday, Jan 26	Macon County	LaFayette	6:00
Friday, Jan 29	Smith County	Home	6:00
Tuesday, Feb 2	York Institute	Jamestown	6:00
Friday, Feb 5	Upperman	Home	6:00
Tuesday, Feb 9	Livingston	Away	6:00
Thursday, Feb 11	DeKalb County	Home	6:00
Friday, Feb 12	Page	Home	6:00

# Toxic holiday plants listed

Along with the hustle and bustle of the season come the displays of the seasonal foliage. How toxic are our holiday plants?

- Poinsettia, contrary to popular perception, is not a poisonous plant. Small ingestions rarely cause symptoms, although large ingestions might cause GI upset.

- Christmas trees may cause dermal irritation or injury to the digestive system if ingested.

- Mistletoe, a semi-parasitic plant, has numerous variations. Some varieties can be toxic to the heart or

nervous system. GI upset is often associated with the most common variety found in the United States, Phoradendron. A simple solution: wrap fresh mistletoe in fine netting to prevent droppings from falling to the ground and being ingested.

- American holly may cause minor GI symptoms in small ingestions. Large ingestions could cause mild drowsiness.

- Ivy contains calcium oxalate crystals, which cause such severe oral irritation when bitten that ingestion of even small quantities is difficult.

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## A Shot of Wry

LARRY WOODY



# Reindeer & other holiday hazards

I'm surprised the fed's Department of Occupational Health & Safety hasn't shut down Christmas.

Can you imagine how dangerous it is to try to land a sleigh on a slick, icy roof on Christmas Eve?

In the dark.

With reindeer slipping and sliding everywhere.

Once the sleigh lands, an overweight old geezer has to clamber out and -- struggling under a load of presents on his back -- make his way across the treacherous roof and crawl down a chimney.

The chimney is sooty, which doesn't help Santa's asthma -- brought on by ignoring decades of government warnings about pipe-smoking.

After dumping his packages, the old codger has to climb back up. Have you ever tried to climb UP a chimney? Me neither, but I'll bet it's not easy.

No wonder Santa only gets out once a year. The rest of time he's in traction.

And how come PETA sits around nibbling bean sprouts and ignoring the rampant Reindeer Abuse taking place right under its nose every Christmas?

Hitching those poor deer to an overloaded sleigh and forcing them to fly through a freezing winter night while Santa cracks a whip over their nether regions -- it's enough to make you weep in your tofu.

There's even a red-nosed faun pressed into service. Instead of frolicking in the forest with Bambi, poor little Rudolph -- despite his inflamed nasal condition -- has to spend Christmas Eve guiding a sleigh through a blizzard on a night when the FAA ought to suspend all flights.

Santa doesn't spend much time inside each house -- just long enough

to straighten his aching back and scarf down some cookies and eggnog loaded with enough sugar and carbs to clog a moose's arteries.

His haste is understandable. The average Christmas living room is a death trap. Over in the corner totters a sap-oozing conifer ready to explode into an inferno if one of the gazillion electric bulbs shorts out.

To aid the conflagration, stacks of paper-wrapped cardboard boxes are piled under the tree, along with a snarled snake's-nest of frayed electrical cords.

One spark and an icy roof won't be a problem any longer. Rudolph's nose won't be the only thing that glows on the new-fallen snow.

No wonder Santa is in a hurry to scramble back up the chimney.

As dangerous as all of this may be, the REAL Christmas hazard doesn't occur until a month or so later when Dad opens the envelope containing the credit card charges.

When the bill arrives it's a good idea to have a paramedic standing by. (Shopping suggestion: a defibrillator makes an excellent Christmas gift. Make sure batteries are included; you don't want to keep Dad waiting while you run to the store.)

Despite all the hazards, we continue to celebrate our yuletide traditions. But I'm sure eventually the federal government will feel compelled to step in and impose a long list of regulations designed to protect us from ourselves.

Either that or put a tax on Christmas.

**Once the sleigh lands, an overweight old geezer has to clamber out and \_ struggling under a load of presents on his back \_ make his way across the treacherous roof and crawl down a chimney.**

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L-R: John Higgins, Gary Nichols, Andy Higgins, Bruce Todd, Dwight Vinson, Hayden Bryson



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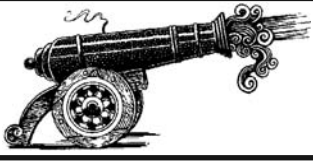
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# THE CANNON BLAST

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## Lions Club Christmas ornaments are now available.

This year's ornament features the Arts Center of Cannon County. Ornaments may be obtained at the following places: Jennings Jewelers, First Bank, First National Bank, and the Register of Deeds Office in the Courthouse. They can also be obtained through various Lions Club Members.

Cost is \$8 for the 2015 ornament. The Arts Center was founded in 1990. Its growth and popularity led to three additions to the original building. It is listed as one of the 100 best arts centers in America.

Lion Cliff Swoape, chairman of the Christmas ornament committee, said he still has a few of previous years' ornaments available at \$7 each and sets of 4 of these previous ornaments at \$25 while the limited supply lasts. He can be reached at (615) 563-4300.

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## 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 6 p.m. 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.

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## Celebrate Recovery

For hurts, habits and hang-ups. Every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church. Contact: Hunter Hay 615-542-2132  
[musclers66@yahoo.com](mailto:musclers66@yahoo.com)

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## Community Dinner Sycamore Baptist Church

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

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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## Let WIC Help You and Your Family this Holiday Season

The holiday season can be a time for increased stress and worries about money. If your family is struggling, support for your health and your child's health is especially important. Tennessee WIC can help provide resources to ensure a healthy diet for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5.

If you make less than \$3,739 each month for a family of 4, please call the Cannon County Health Department at (615)563-4243 to see if you qualify for this program and schedule an appointment today!

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## Short Mountain Trading Post Winter Clothing Drive Saturdays in Woodbury

The Short Mountain Trading Post is still gathering up winter clothing: coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, slacks, boots, blankets, gloves and scarves for the Feed America First Foundation. These items are being distributed along with food every Saturday in Woodbury. Also, there is a need for children's coats and warm clothing, gently used toys and any holiday decorations you no longer need. We want everyone to have a Happy Holiday and this is a good way to make sure it happens.

Thank you all for your generosity!

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## Coat Donations Sought St. Thomas Hospital

St. Thomas Stones River Hospital will be accepting donations of coats, hats & gloves to be given out to people in need as well as The Trading Post on Short Mountain Hwy.

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## Art Center Season Tickets

The Arts Center of Cannon County has set its 2016 season with tickets going on sale Nov. 2. Season Tickets are just \$60 for six shows. The 2016 Season features:

Memphis, The Musical- The Tony Award Winning Musical about the birth of rock 'n' roll in the turbulent 1950s.(Rated PG)

Always...Patsy Cline- The musical based on Patsy Cline's true story with 27 classic songs. (Rated PG)

Disney's The Little Mermaid- The all-new full length version based on the animated 1989 Disney film of the same name. (Rated G)

Rock of Ages- Take a trip back to the 1980s in this rock musical featuring the music of Journey, Whitesnake, Styx, Bon Jovi, and many more. (Rated PG13)

The Odd Couple- Neil Simon's classic buddy comedy. (Rated PG)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang- The new stage musical based on the 1968 film. (Rated G)

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## Volunteer Mentors Needed for Local TN Promise Students

Cannon County's partnering organization for TN Promise needs 20 local volunteer mentors to work with high school seniors from the Class of 2016.

The time commitment is small, about one hour per month, but the impact is significant as volunteers assist students navigating the college-going process and encourage them to reach their full potential.

For more information about becoming a mentor, visit [www.tnachieves.org](http://www.tnachieves.org) or contact Graham Thomas at (615) 604-1306 or [graham@tnachieves.org](mailto:graham@tnachieves.org). The deadline to apply is Nov. 20, 2015.

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## Donate Furniture for Starving Artists

The Short Mountain Trading Post is now accepting donations of used furniture and household items that folks no longer need. Our Starving Artists appreciate these donations very much and are creating wonderful pieces from these throw away items. Call: Savannah at 615-464-7824.

Thanks so much !!

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## "Wedding Dresses Through the Decades" January 10-March 6 Oaklands Mansion

Step back to yesterday and see the common threads that weave together the lives of women through the decades in middle Tennessee and across the country. Enjoy traveling through time as you walk among over fifty gowns that are being placed on loan and exhibited, most for the first time. The "Wedding Dresses Through the Decades" exhibit at Oaklands Mansion in Murfreesboro is presented in partnership with the Human Sciences Department of Middle Tennessee State University and sponsored in part by Encore Bridal & Formal Wear.

This includes wedding dresses from every decade: 1847 through today. Also on display is the 2008 handmade gown of Demetria Kalodimos which is an original design by Rosie Woodruff of Textile Fabrics in Nashville. Wedding gowns will be on display in Maney Hall and open to the public at Oaklands Mansion from January 10 through March 6, 2016. During this exhibit, guests will have the rare opportunity to view items from, not only the museum's collection, but also elegant and fashionable wedding dresses worn by ladies from Murfreesboro and around the country. Many of which have been stored for decades under beds and in the back of closets. The exhibit

will be open during regular hours, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Groups of 20 or more may also schedule private after hour's viewings of the gowns by appointment, by calling Mary Beth Nevills at 615-893-0022. Admission to the exhibit is \$8 per person and is open to the public. Group tour rates are available upon request. Special evening openings of the elegant and fashionable wedding dresses will take place on the following Friday evenings: January 22, February 5 & 19, and again March 4th from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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## CASA Training To Begin Monday, January 4

Children in court custody who have lived with abuse and neglect, lack the confidence, understanding and/or words to express their needs and wishes to the court. Court-

Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are the child's independent voice in court. Conservatively it is estimated that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are victims of abuse. CASA of the Upper Cumberland's has an ambitious goal -- a qualified court-

appointed advocate available for every victim in the counties we serve. CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) conduct volunteer trainings three times each year. A candidate (21 or older) will have an interview scheduled. References will be contacted and a background check is done.(There can be no short-cuts when the safety and welfare of the children we serve is at stake.)

Approximately 30 hours of training will prepare trainees for advocacy. Among topics to be covered are:

Understanding what is, and what is not abuse/neglect;  
Laws regarding child abuse and neglect --past and present;  
Investigation guidelines and reports to the court;

Case studies (practice applying knowledge gained throughout training)  
After completing course work, the trainee is sworn-in by the judge of juvenile court. The new CASA Advocate has the court's authority to speak with, and request information from, anyone who has information about the child's circumstances. A summary of findings is submitted periodically in a Report to the Court.

The CASA Volunteer Coordinator will match the new advocate to an available case and will provide any support needed as the volunteer advocate gains confidence. The need for advocates is urgent. Do you believe a child deserves a voice in court, and believe you might want to be that voice, print and submit the application found in the "VOLUNTEER" section of our website at <http://www.uchracasa4children.com>, or leave a message at (931) 520-9540 or email [dones@uchra.com](mailto:dones@uchra.com).

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## Outdoor Burning Permits Now Available

It's again fire season in Tennessee, and the Division of Forestry is reminding everyone in Cannon County that if they intend to do any outdoor burning they are required by state law to obtain a burning permit. The free permits are required October 15th through May 15th and can be obtained by telephone or online. A poorly prepared or unattended burning debris pile can, under the conditions common in autumn, escape control and become a destructive wildfire. The Tennessee Division of Forestry asks everyone to be cautious when doing any outdoor burning.

Before doing any outdoor burning: First call the Division of Forestry for a burning permit at 615-765-7373 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (call on Friday for the weekend) or obtain a permit online at [www.burnsafetn.org](http://www.burnsafetn.org). If weather conditions permit you will be issued a burning permit. If the permit is obtained by phone they will also advise you of any weather conditions such as predicted wind, low humidity or other factors which might call for extra precaution.

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## Hospital Associates Play Santa to Needy Teens

Saint Thomas DeKalb and Saint Thomas Stones River's associates look forward to the holidays every year, but it's not the holiday ham or Christmas egg nog that gets these two regional hospitals most excited. The staff works hard all year long doing whatever it takes to bring Christmas to needy teens in their area. From bake sales to ham raffles, the associates raise thousands from their own pockets ensuring that the teens of the Indian Mound Boys Home have a very Merry Christmas.

The funds raised provides a new pair of shoes, and an outfit for each teen. A special Christmas party is held in their honor, with a surprise visit from Santa. It takes nearly three dozen pizzas to feed these hungry teens. Stockings full of gifts and homemade treats from the dietary department are presented to all, along with a tin of warm cookies.

"This event is the highlight of our holiday season," said CEO Sue Conley, "Many of these boys have no family or home to visit for the holidays, so this is the only Christmas they will have. Last year, one of the boys asked for tape so that he could re-wrap his gifts and open them again on Christmas morning. He said it was the first presents he had ever unwrapped. It's things like this that show us how blessed we truly are."

"I am always amazed at the outpouring of generosity that comes from our staff when we ask," said Marketing Director Shan Burklow, "They give generously to anyone in need all year long, not just for a single event. We not only raised money to help the teens at Indian Mound Boys Home, but also adopted seventeen homeless and needy babies in our area - providing them clothes, diapers, and blankets. Our staff was so moved by their extreme needs, that they even purchased scarves and gloves for the moms as well. In a way, it's like we are celebrating Christmas all year long," Burklow smiled, "Helping others is what our associates do best."

To see more photos from these holiday events, join their facebook pages: Saint Thomas DeKalb Hospital / Saint Thomas Stones River Hospital



## What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

December 21-January 1—Christmas Break

December 28-30—Sonic Shootout at Sparta

January 4—Return to school after Christmas Break

January 5—Report Cards

January 5—Mandatory TN Promise student meeting at CCHS—3 p.m.

January 5—CCHS basketball game with Warren Co.—6 p.m. (home)

January 6th & January 7th - Woodbury Grammar—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.

January 8th & January 11th- Woodland—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.

January 12th Westside & Auburn—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.

# Trading Post Chat

BY SAVANNAH CUNNICK



**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU FOLKS OUT THERE!!**

What a beautiful experience to celebrate this season in such a beautiful state of Tennessee. Nature's gorgeous bounty and friendships everywhere are truly the best gifts that JD and I could ever want. As we have gotten older, we have discovered that the material things are not as important versus having our health, a wonderful business, happy family and dedicated caring friends. And, guess what...those are gifts that last ALL year long and hopefully a lifetime!

Not only do we thank all our loyal customers who are so good about visiting us at the Short Mountain Trading Post, but we are very thankful for the following list of people who have participated as vendors and artisans throughout the year.

Here we go: Lillian Bynum, Charles Vandergriff, Lisa Wisdom, Tina Weaver, Donna Swim, Jerry Soap, Jai Sheronda, Jim Everett, Sharlou Porter and hubby, Jackie and Webster Hamilton, Jimmy Mathis and Wife, Steve and Barb Curry, Cheryl DeWitt and daughter, Shirley Leiting and Hubby, Charlie

Mug Man, Frank and Pat Matthews, Billy Kaufman (Short Mountain Distillery), Ben Kaufman (assistant barn cats' caregiver) and Bobby and Sue Hale. Yes, the list goes on. Thanks again, Folks, for all you do!

My great niece asked me the other day: Aunt Savannah, is Santa Chinese? I told her that I didn't think so. She answered back: Then, why do all my gifts say: Made in China? (Hmmm...she does have a point!)

Uncle Festus gets so mad at Aunt Martha because she buys all their grandchildren everything they want for Christmas. He told me: You know why the grandkids are SO spoiled? 'Cause you can't spank Grandma. I told him to go into the kitchen and start the holiday cookies and "pound that dough like somebody owes you money! (Actually, those cookies turned out really good and soft and to the point of almost falling apart. Wonder if he got his money back at the same time?)

Have any of you ladies considered getting a FACELIFT to look younger for the Holidays? Should

that television ad be interpreted as to mean that the facelift only lasts for one month? Who has the time? The money? Listen, the way I feel about these beauty operations...take me as I am...who needs one more lousy operation in their life. Now, I could see some clean-up work if you are at the point of tucking your chin and throat into your slacks... otherwise, leave that alone!

Cousin Clarence is a real stick in the mud when it comes to the Holidays. I swear that boy puts lemon in his tea instead of milk and sugar. Such a sour puss!

He's the kind of person who will gladly take Christmas gifts, but brings nothing for anyone else. No one expects anything elaborate from him...but just a box of candy or plate of cookies that the family can share. Ever since the year he asked me what to get for different people and I told him: Well, just think what you think they need most and give them that. **WRONG ANSWER.**

Uncle Festus got Ex-Lax; Aunt Martha got diet pills; Uncle Clyde got Deodorant, Aunt Sarah got Poly Grip ; Cousin Pete got a road map; Cousin Polly got foot powder and the dog got monkey-butt powder. He gifted me with offering to paint my house but, I remember the last time he painted Martha's house, it looked like he painted it with a dead chicken....so I opted out on that one! Instead, he said: Well, Ok. the next time you

get a big ole snake in yore toilet....I'll take it out for ya'. At that point, I just think Clarence was full of the holiday spirit: **VODKA!**

Actually, our seasonal

are NOT smart! Mine has learned to wake me up by playing my answer machine. (Unfortunately, it seems to always be at 3 AM in the morning!) Then,

food dishes, so she can have it ALL. Another cat is a bird-dog....it doesn't make me happy when he kills little birds that get in on the back deck. For awhile, I wasn't quite sure which cat it was that was doing all the bird nabbing...until one day...Rocky came into the house with a feather stuck in his tooth. I said: AH-HA caught ya'!! He looked at me as if to say: WHAT BIRD? Oh, the list goes on....I'll save more tales for later.

Hey, the Short Mountain Trading Post is still going strong...as long as the weather holds up and remains halfway warm and sunny....c'mon out and see us!

Presently our hours are: 11 to 4 on Thursday thru Saturday. Bring your holiday friends and family out to see us and experience the real Barn experience.

If you have any questions regarding being open or need directions, feel free to call me at: #615-464-7824. If you get my voicemail... please leave me a message.

Well, once again...ALL OF YOU HAVE A VERY VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY...AND THE BEST OF OUR NEW YEAR 2016! Say safe, drive carefully, don't stress out, enjoy the simple things, love your family and help your friends. Hand out those hugs and smiles. HUGS to EVERYONE and many thanks for your gift to me by enjoying my column every week and visiting all of us at the Trading Post!

*Hugs,  
Savannah*



*While u are watching for Santa on Christmas Eve ... enjoy the full moon ... won't happen again on Christmas Eve until 2036!*

gift from him was the saving grace that he's not a TWIN.

Don't ever say CATS

I have one that has endless energy like a 2-year-old on steroids and chases away all the other cats from their

## Daily Headaches Gone Under Chiropractic Care

From the Journal of Pediatric, Maternal & Family Health comes a study published on May 25, 2015, documenting the case of a young boy with daily headaches being helped by chiropractic. The study begins by noting that between 10-20% of school age children suffer with headaches. This number increases to 27-32% at the age of 13-14 years for a headache within a given month.

The authors report that chronic daily headaches affect 2-4% of adolescent females and 0.8-2% of adolescent males. A diagnosis of chronic daily headaches is made when headaches occur more than 4 hours per day, 15 headache days per month or more, over a period of 3 consecutive months, without an underlying (medical) pathology.

In this case, a 13-year-old boy was brought to the chiropractor by his parents for a consultation and possible care. It was reported that the boy was suffering from headaches every day for several years.

*from the desk of*

**Dr. Trea Wessel**

There was no history of trauma or any physical injury prior to the onset of the boy's headaches. The boy's mother did report her son's headaches to his MD, who said that they were

nation of the boy was conducted which included a postural inspection, palpation, and range of motion. Based on the examination findings, it was determined that

seen two times per week for the first two weeks. Care was reduced thereafter as improvement was seen. The study reports that the boy's response was immediate as his headaches stopped as soon as chiropractic care was started. This improvement made an immediate and profound impact on the boy's quality of life and ability to function.

In their conclusion, the authors wrote, "This case report provides supporting evidence on the effectiveness of chiropractic adjustments characterized as high-velocity, low amplitude thrust to sites of vertebral subluxations. We encourage further research on the use of this type of care in children suffering from CH, (chronic headaches)."

*For more information on Chiropractic care contact: Cannon County Chiropractic Dr. Trea Wessel 824 McMinnville Hwy. Woodbury, Tn 37190 615-563-3320*



probably sinus related. However, he did not recommend any treatment or further tests.

A chiropractic exami-

the boy had multiple vertebral subluxations and chiropractic care was initiated.

The boy was initially

### Woodbury Livestock 2016

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We'll meet at 10:00 A.M. CST in the lower end of the Marina parking lot next to the covered picnic shelter #1 to drop off food, sign in and get a group picture. We will then carpool to the trail head. The hike will be on the 2.5 mile Millennium Trail. The trail is classified as moderately difficult. After the hike we'll come

back to the picnic shelter for a pot luck lunch. Bring a dish to share that you would normally have on New Year's Day, including but not limited to the traditional black eyed peas, ham hocks/hog jowls, collard greens, corn bread, desserts, etc. There are electrical outlets and water for those who want to bring food in crock pots, etc. Restrooms are also available on-site.

We'll have a fire going to help keep the chill at bay. After lunch, those who want to hike more may do the 2 mile Highland Rim Nature Trail, rated



moderate due to the hilly terrain.

For more information contact Ranger Brad Halfacre or the office staff at the park. Phone (931) 858-2114 or toll free at 1-800-250-8619. The park

address is 1630 Edgar Evins Park Rd., Silverpoint, TN 38582. It is located off I-40 at exit 268 at State Hwy. 96 and Center Hill Lake, about 20 miles north of Smithville and 20 miles west of Cookeville.



# BREAKFAST...

community.

"We have eggs, sausage, bacon, tenderloins (what I specialize in), gravy and biscuit, toast and jelly," said Tate. "I describe it as a simple country breakfast.

"I've been cooking for the public for some time, 10 years at Dutton's, four years here for different ones, and now with Jimmy. And I love it. I love the early morning, getting up and having something to go to. It gives an 83-year-old woman something to do.

"If I don't show up, he may just have coffee," Tate joked. "We have a lot of fun here, a lot of kidding going on. We try to make everybody comfortable."

(If you drop by the cafe, be sure to ask the cook about the rattlesnake that bit her a few years ago and how she handled the situation.)

Mingle arrives here most mornings a quarter after 5. He says, "I just like the people and having a place for us to hang out. The folks who come in usually run about two crews, an early one and a later one."

He shares a bit of history about the building, which was built by Palmer Davenport in 1939. It was a garage, which was run for many years by Bunt Cooper from the 1960s into the 1970s, when it closed.

"Ross 'Juicy' Leach was a mechanic here for years. Every time the garage sold, he went with it," said Mingle.

In later years the structure served as a wood-working shop and place where boat seats were made. It also sat unused for a period of time. Then Kent "Smitty" Smith operated a restaurant here until a year ago or so.

This weekday morning in December, Dottie and Thomas Holder drop by for breakfast.

"We're new, only lived here 26 years," says Dottie. "This is the first time my husband has brought me here. I wanted to come but he left early. He told me how much fun it was."

She enjoys eggs, bacon, a biscuit and coffee. "It's wonderful," she reports.

Mingle seems to enjoy the visiting with his neighbors more than he does running the business, as he has to get up from a chair from time to time to allow a customer to pay their bill.

"I may just turn the cash register around and let everybody check themselves out," he smiled.

A warm morning, the first crew of customers has headed out the door to find their seats and catch up on the goings-on.

"This is the liars' hangout," confesses Eugene Harris. "There's always been a hangout here."

Harris ran a thriving auto-parts store here decades back, but when the new Highway 96 bypassed the town, his business and that



Halleen Tate, who was born in the Hurricane Creek community, prepares the breakfast vittles at Jimbo's. She's been cooking hot meals for folks around Auburntown for years and is famed for her yummy pork tenderloins on biscuit.



This vintage Kennedy Brothers truck door claims a place of honor on the wall at Jimbo's. The brothers ran a general merchandise and hardware here for the first half of the 20th century. The men in this 1942 photo are Ervin Davenport, left, and T.E. Jones, Jimmy Mingle's late father-in-law.

of others on the main street plummeted.

Practically all that is left near the heart of the community originally known as Auburn is the post office, the elementary school, a beauty shop, a stainless-steel manufacturing company, the library (inside the old 1922 bank building), several churches and Jimbo's.

As for the name change the story goes that Auburn was rechristened Auburntown around 1919 because there were towns named Auburn in Kentucky and Alabama, and a lot of their mail wound up here in Cannon County, Tennessee. A number of the locals still call the place Auburn, USPS be darned.

"At one time this was a thriving little town," said Robinson.

"That highway killed it," Harris professed.

"At Christmas time they'd have a drawing here in town, and there'd be such a crowd that you couldn't drive through," said Robinson, recalling the 1940s and '50s.

"It's a good little place to live," said Harris, who can tell you exact distances to the neighboring communities.

From here it's nine miles to Woodbury, 12 miles to Alexandria, 18 miles to Smithville and 18 miles to Murfreesboro.

But for all the folks sitting around at Jimbo's, inside and out, well, they don't have to drive anywhere. They're enjoying the scenery, the conversation and the company and feeling quite at home, thank you.

# FORREST...

close of his historic post-war speech in Memphis: "Finer Confederates never fought."

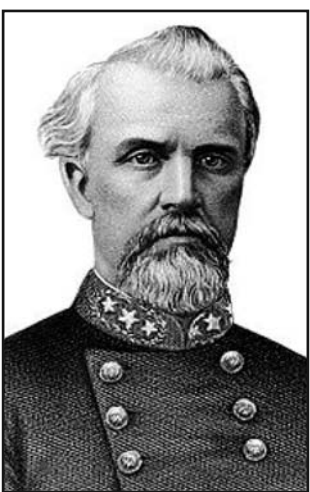
Marthal has been "telling her stories" professionally since the 1980s, as an active member of the Tennessee Society Order of Confederate Rose and Confederate Belles of Tennessee.

"My husband Bill and I enjoy reenactments and sharing the history of our ancestors," she confirmed.

She stated an opinion that modern-day Americans, black and white, are hesitant to study history.

"And MTSU has never taught accurate history of our nation's War Between the States," she added. "There needs to be history taught there about Nathan Bedford Forrest and let history stand on its own proud merits. Although he was pre-war slave trader, many African Americans of his time were faithful to him.

"Yes, he's controversial," she said. "They (Forrest and Southern African



Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest

Americans) fought for the principles they believed in and should be respected."

She and her husband shared details about Forrest staging a raid on Murfreesboro to rescue lives of Cannon County men scheduled for execution at the Rutherford County Courthouse during the Civil War.

"And now, we're living in a dangerous time, as a nation, at a time we should not be divided," the historian continued. "We need the

total perspective of Southern history taught ... it's our national history.

"We're currently being told there's nothing good and positive in our nation's history," she added. "African Americans are hesitant to study history ... white Americans are also hesitant ... both are afraid of being branded racists.

"Nathan Bedford Forrest, who was born at nearby Chapel Hill, was one of the greatest wartime tactical strategists in our nation's military history," she confirmed. "Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro displayed his genius, and he had no military training ... came to the war with only a sixth grade education ... entered the war as a private ... rose to the rank of lieutenant general."

Part Two of this series will appear in the December 30th edition of The Cannon Courier.



Swapping tales after breakfast at Jimbo's, from left, are Auburntown's Tim Powers, Eugene Harris, Perry Robinson and Ronnie Todd. Robinson and Todd are seated on the "liar's bench," but when they say this is "a good little place to live" they're speaking the truth.



This circa 1940s photograph on the wall at Jimbo's shows the old gas station and garage with a group of local gents standing in front.

## Seniors must be diligent In avoiding ID scams

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance's (TDCI) Consumer Affairs Division is warning senior adults to be diligent in avoiding scams. Tennesseans are encouraged to take time during holiday visits to ensure senior relatives and neighbors are equipped to protect themselves against identity fraud.

"Many older adults fall prey to identity theft every year," says TDCI Deputy Commissioner Bill Giannini. "It's important to discuss with them the fraudulent tactics that are being used and communicate how they can avoid becoming a victim."

Older adults are often targets of financial exploitation by caregivers, scam artists, financial advisers, home repair contractors, or fiduciaries (such as agents under power of attorney and guardians), and others.

Share these essential identity theft prevention tips with the seniors you know:

- Never buy from a stranger who calls or visits unannounced.
- Shred all paperwork containing identifying information, healthcare information, banking information, or passwords.
- Monitor bank and credit card statements.
- Monitor your credit report.
- Use direct deposit for benefit checks to prevent checks from being stolen.

· Never give your credit card, banking, Social Security number, Medicare, or other personal information over the phone, unless you initiated the call.

For more consumer tips, visit [www.tn.gov/consumer](http://www.tn.gov/consumer).

## Look Who Will Be 50 Years Old on Christmas Day!



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# 'Recycled Teenagers' Tour Oaklands Mansion

I want to begin this week's column by wishing all you readers a very Merry Christmas and to urge you to remember the TRUE meaning of this special celebration. It began here on earth in the cradle, went to the cross and is now wearing a crown!

And speaking of Christmas, two caroling events that I know of was last week. First, several Prosperity Baptist Church members traveled to homes Wednesday night where they sang carols and enjoyed visiting. The last stop was made at Joe and Mainell Fouch's home where she served up a delicious meal.

Thursday students and teachers from

Auburn School walked around Woodbury for their annual carol singing. They enjoyed lunch at Chilango's.

The Recycled Teenagers from Auburn Baptist Church took a little trip back in time by touring the Oaklands Mansion in Murfreesboro on Thursday, December 10th. After the interesting tour, they proceeded to the Cracker Barrel for lunch. Those enjoying the trip were JC and Joan Hughes, Sara and Eric Dean, Sandi McDaniel, Joyce Dutton, Connie Garret, Ernest and Rita Davis, Shirley Mingle, Sandy Osborne, Paul and Connie Leyhew and Janice Fletcher.

Congratulations

## Auburntown News

By ANNA PATRICK

to the Lady Knights on bringing home second place from the Cancer Tournament. Making the All-Tournament team were Madison Gaither and Katelyn Duggin. Congratulations to them and to Luke Jakes who received the Heart Award.

Our thoughts and prayers for Kathy Pugh and family on the death of her aunt, Vera Rains. Mrs. Rains suffered fatal injuries in a fall.

Once again this community has pulled

together to help a family in need. There were 93 registered runners for the Run 1 4 You held Saturday for Russell and Helen Fults. No less than 171 plates of pancake and country or city ham was served. Over \$3,300 was raised. A big thank you to all who helped, took part and donated to make this a success.

The County 4-H Speaking contest was held recently. Congratulations to Ashton Gilley who placed 1st in 8th grade.

Kiley Hughes was the 6th grade winner and Jesse Tucker Vaughn took first for 5th grade. Participation award went to Dixie Garrison. So proud of each of you.

Here's another congrats and that's to Abby James who brought home a 50" TV which she won at her work.

Sure glad to hear Jerry Bryan is home following a scare. He was found to have atrial fibrillation and was sent home on medication.

Lot of people down with a virus, cold, pneumonia, etc. Get well wishes to each and all.

Velma Turner hits her 75th year on the 23rd. Christmas Eve

will see Sarah Hackney celebrating. Then it's the most important person in history who celebrates on the 25th. Happy birthday Jesus! Shawna Kennedy Ervin enters her last year in the 20's on the 26th. Betty Thomas has her 69th on the 27th. It's the 18th year for Destiny Melton and Mitchell Davenport has a birthday the 29th ending our birthday list. Happy birthday to all of you.

It was December 26, 1955 when Jean Barret became the bride of Ray Melton. Happy 60th anniversary to you.

If you have news for this column, please e-mail me at [apatrick@dtccom.net](mailto:apatrick@dtccom.net), or call 464-4310 and leave a message if no answer.

## AEDC Woman's Club hears AristoCATS

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, TENN. – The December meeting of the Arnold Engineering Development Complex Woman's Club featured the Tullahoma High School AristoCATS singing many favorite Christmas songs while members of the club sung along with them.

Many wonderful items were on display in the Christmas Boutique and the ladies had fun bidding on them through a silent auction. The boutique was a huge success and raised money for the group's Scholarship Foundation.

Capt. Jeff Smith of the Tullahoma Fire Department was at the Lakeside Center to accept a box of donations for Toys for Tots. The ladies also contributed to Toys for Tots via table

donations, which raised an additional \$225. Table donations for January will be given to Fischer House in Murfreesboro.

The next meeting of the AEDCWC is Jan. 5, 2016, at the Lakeside Center.

The January meeting is open to the public and provides the opportunity to meet the AEDCWC members and become a member. You don't need to have military connections or be involved with Arnold Air Force Base to visit and become a member.

For information about the AEDCWC call 455-3569.

The social hour of the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m., with the business meeting and program beginning at 10 a.m.



Patricia Weiland, Chief Executive Officer of TRICOR along with State Rep. Mark Pody presented a Tennessee State Seal, made by TRICOR, to Woodbury's Police Department. From left, Rep. Pody, Patricia Weiland, Woodbury Chief Lowell Womack and Officer John House. Tennessee Rehabilitative Initiative in Correction (TRICOR) was founded in 1994, as a self-supportive government agency that provides occupational and life skills training for Tennessee's incarcerated population through job training, professional certification and coaching programs.

## 'Milk Doctor' named TTU Distinguished Alumni

Henry England "Doc" Randolph was posthumously awarded Tennessee Tech University's Distinguished Agriculture Alumni for 2015.

A former student of Randolph's, Ronnie Erwin, nominated him for the award. Randolph's son, Kenneth, accepted the award during the regular fall banquet and meeting of the Agricultural Foundation of Tennessee Tech.

Randolph was born May 21, 1935 to John Tom and Mary Louise Randolph, and grew up on a farm in Sparta, Tennessee. After he graduated from the town's White County High School, he continued his education at Tennessee Tech University earning a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1957. He received his master's and doctoral degrees in dairy technology and microbiology from The Ohio State University. He served as an instructor and research associate at The Ohio State University and assistant professor and extension specialist in dairy technology at the University of Kentucky. He later became a professor of food Science at Texas A&M University.

Randolph was a renowned food scientist in the food and dairy industry and affectionately known as the "milk doctor." He produced numerous



Chelsea Rose (left), president of the Agricultural Foundation of Tennessee Tech, presents Henry Randolph's son, Kenneth, widow, Jayne, and TTU alumnus Ronnie Erwin (right) with the Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Award. The award was given posthumously to Henry Randolph.

publications and articles about ways to improve food safety and quality in the dairy industry. He chaired numerous committees through his extensive memberships in professional organizations, including the Institute of Food Technologists, American Dairy Science Association, International Association of Food Protection and International Dairy Foods Association.

He was an advisor to several state and national organizations and believed in working to his fullest

potential in everything he did. His development of teaching and research programs, as well as his numerous publications, had an invaluable impact on the food and dairy industry. Randolph's enthusiasm and vigor within the industry was admired among his colleagues.

He passed away July 29, 2013 after a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

The Tennessee Technological University Agricultural Foundation focuses its resources on ways to

enhance the educational experience for students enrolled in any discipline within the School of Agriculture. Founded in 1972, the foundation brings together former TTU students and graduates with leaders in business, education, and state and local governments to contribute and raise financial resources to support students. The foundation awards almost \$25,000 each year in scholarships and awards to Tennessee Tech students.

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## Application for Spring Turkey Hunts runs through Feb. 3

The application period for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 2016 Spring Turkey Quota Hunts runs from Dec. 16 through Feb. 3, 2016.

Applications are available and will be accepted at any TWRA license agent, TWRA regional office, or online at the TWRA website at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org). Applications can be

accepted until 11:59 p.m. (CST) on Feb. 3. Mailed applications will not be accepted.

The areas available for the hunts are listed on the instruction sheets. Hunters have up to 12 choices, but will be drawn for only one. Applicants may not use the same hunt code more than once. There are

a total of 14 hunts listed. No person may apply more than once.

A permit fee will not be charged to Annual Sportsman (Type 004), Lifetime Sportsman (Types 402-405) license holders or Senior Citizen Hunters (Type 166) with an Annual Senior Citizen Permit (Type 167

# Society

## Benefit for Russell Fults: Dementia & Hydrocephalus Awareness & Pancake Breakfast

Benefit for Russell Fults, combined with Dementia & Hydrocephalus Awareness and a Pancake Breakfast held at Auburntown Community Center on Saturday December 12th turned out over 200 in attendance with 93 registered runners. This event was organized by C.J. Hughes of Auburtnown, daughter of Russell Fults. Enjoy the photos below, exhibiting some of those in attendance as well as volunteers, submitted by local photographer Donna Nichols.



Russell Fults' Benefit Supporters: Front Row: Caitlin Dodd, JonMatthew Dodd, Lily Hughes, Russell Fults Honoree, Holly Markum. Back Row: Derrick Hughes, Cassandra Markum, Leighanne Dodd and Kiley Hughes.



"Ready to Run" Pausing just before the "5 K Running 14U Run" with 93 registered runners are left to right: Cindy Larson (3 place in 50-59 age group), DeAnna Reed, Dianne McAllister (1st place in 60-69 age group) and Janna Womack.



Hydrocephalus Awareness Benefit: Russell Fults and wife Helen welcome the more than 200 attendees at the Auburntown Community Center where the "Running14U" 5KWalk or Run and 1 Mile Fun Run was held on Saturday, December 12 at the Auburntown Community Center.



Running 14U" 5 K Run 10-12 Age Bracket Winners: Leighanne Dodd (3rd Place), Hannah Junker (2nd Place), and Kiley Hughes (1st Place and overall female in 5K)



## Woodbury Grammar School Takes Action To Help During Christmas Holidays



WGS Students carry boxes of food from storage as they load trucks for delivery to SAVE.

A local classroom at Woodbury Grammar School, under the kind supervision of Ashley Pelham, collected 500+ cans of food. The students and Ms. Pelham decided to donate to the food to SAVE, as it would be put to good use in this program. Ms. Pelham contacted

the Sheriff's Department who came and visited the class and helped to load the food and deliver it to SAVE. With the help of WGS,

the students, the CCSD and all the donations, this project turned out to be a great experience for the students!



Above Left, CCSD deliver the can goods to SAVE.

Left, Sheriff Young along with Chief Deputy Anthony Young visit with the class and explain how much donations such as these help the community and the SAVE program.

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# CRIME & COURTS

## Missing 3 Year Old Brings Charges of Neglect

### Cannon County Sheriff's Office

#### Missing Child

Two parents were charged with child neglect after their 3-year-old was discovered wet and cold in the front yard of a home on Jim Cummings Highway.

Charged were Julie E. Wray and Kyle L. Merritt.

Deputy Michael Agee was dispatched to an address on Jim Cummings after a property owner "noticed a small child in her front yard following a black dog. The child was wet and cold."

After attempting to find the child's parents, the property owner called the Sheriff's Office. Responding were Agee and Sheriff Darrell Young.

"I took the child to Woodland Elementary to see if any of the teachers knew the child," Agee said.

While the child was at the

school, Agee and Sheriff Young returned to the area to continue the search.

"The sheriff noticed some people in the yard at 9772 (Jim Cummings) stopped and asked if they had a child missing," Agee reported. The couple responded "yes."

The 3-year-old had crossed Jim Cummings Highway by himself and was about 200 yards from the residence.

#### Tools Stolen

Deputy Josh Thomas investigated the theft of a large number of tools, valued at nearly \$1,000, from an outbuilding on Hollis Creek Road. Among the missing items were sockets, assorted wrenches, snips, a half inch drive drill, a Craftsman's tool set, sledge and framing hammers, torque wrench, a chop saw, pitch fork and other assorted tools.

#### Suspicious Driver

Becky Sue Sherburne was charged with DUI after Sgt. Chip Avera was dispatched to the area of John Bragg Highway and Bradyville Road to investigate "a suspicious vehicle with a driver that either passed out or was dead." A hearing is set for General Sessions Court on January 5. Bond was set at \$5,500.

Larry Dale Parsley was charged with public drunkenness after he was discovered sitting in a wrecked vehicle parked at Bill Sparkman's Body Shop. A court date is set for January 5 in General Sessions Court.

#### Dog Attack

Herbert Leverton reported the three dogs attacked his goat on Eugene Reed Road.

Warrant Served  
Cody Cheyenne Fricks, violation of probation.

## Arrests and Inmate Count at Cannon County Jail



Date	Males	Females	Total
12/11	47	11	58
12/12	45	12	57
12/13	42	11	53
12/14	44	10	54
12/15	45	10	55
12/16	41	10	51
12/17	43	10	53

#### ARRESTS:

- DUI 2
- Public Intoxication 1
- Implied Consent 1
- Driving on Revoked/Suspended License 3
- Reckless Endangerment 1
- Domestic Assault 2
- Filing False Report 1
- Criminal Impersonation 1
- VOP 2
- Violation of Community Corrections

## Leave The Scene of an Accident Timely, or Else .....

### Woodbury Police

Michael Lynn Underwood was charged with leaving the scene of an accident by Patrolman Brent Brock. A hearing is set for January 12 in General Sessions Court.

**"Thank You to the Local Law Enforcement as we begin the 2015 Christmas and New Years season. Your dedication year round is appreciated but the special dedication during this time of year to our safety is above and beyond."**  
*Cannon Courier*

## Former South Pittsburg Housing Authority Executive Director Charged with Theft



The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has released a special investigation revealing a \$7,000 theft by former South Pittsburg Housing Authority executive director Terry Case.

Initial results from this investigation into South Pittsburg's housing authorities were released in July 2015. That report can be found here.

Investigators discovered that Mr. Case requested and received fraudulent checks written to him totaling at least \$7,000.

These payments were ostensibly for

these payments was that he had not received a pay raise in five years.

Comptroller investigators also found that Mr. Case borrowed and stored a number of housing authority tools and other items at his home for an extended period of time. These items included a stainless steel table and serving cart, pool chairs, rotary tiller, hedge trimmer, chain saw, and a stereo system.

On December 7, 2015, Terry Case was indicted by the Marion County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000.

Authority commissioners received at least \$37,975 in unauthorized compensation from 2010 to 2014. Housing authority officials told investigators these payments were discontinued after they became aware of the state law prohibiting compensation to housing authority commissioners.

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

If you suspect fraud, waste or abuse of public money in Tennessee, call the Comptroller's toll-free hotline at (800) 232-5454, or file a report online at: [www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline](http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/hotline). Follow us on twitter: @TNCOT

## THDA STUDIES AFTERMATH OF MORTGAGE CRISIS IN TENNESSEE

A sharp decline in the share of home purchase loans going to African-American borrowers has been among the most significant and lasting effects of mortgage market crisis in Tennessee, according to a new study from THDA.

The Research & Planning division at THDA studied ten years' worth of data from before, during, and after the housing market crisis. The new report provides an in-depth look at how the mortgage market has been transformed in Tennessee, including major shifts in home purchasing vs. refinancing, conventional vs. government-backed loans, and ethnic and racial demographics.

#### Findings include:

**Total Mortgages for Home Purchase**  
The impact of the crisis on homebuying continues to be significant. Looking only at mortgages for owner-occupied residential home purchases, the market peaked in 2005 at just over 98,000 loans and dropped sharply to just over 56,000 during the first year of the recession in 2008. Home purchase mortgages hit a low of just under 43,000 in 2011

and rose only modestly to 58,613 by the end of 2013.

**Government-backed Home Purchase Mortgages**  
Another dramatic change brought on by the crisis is the percentage of home purchase mortgages that are backed by the federal government through the FHA, VA, or USDA. Pre-crisis, more than 80 percent of home purchase mortgages were conventional, i.e., not backed by the government.

**Conventional mortgages** have slowly regained share and represented 54.7 percent of the market by the end of 2013. FHA loans, which represented just under 10 percent of the market pre-crisis, fell to 24.3 percent in 2013. However, USDA-backed loans and VA loans remained near all-time highs in terms of market share in 2013; the former held at more than nine percent (from around one

percent), and the latter at around 12 percent (from around five percent).

**Percentage of Home Purchase Mortgages by Minorities**  
By the end of 2013, African-American borrowers made up a significantly smaller percentage of total borrowers, falling from 11.4 percent at the beginning of the study to 6.1 percent at the end.

**Mortgage Denial by Race & Ethnicity**  
The housing market crisis had very little effect on the overall percentage of home purchase mortgages that were denied by the lender. This remains true even when looking only at numbers for African-American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino, or white borrowers. However, denial rates for minorities are significantly higher than for white borrowers whether before or after the crisis.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES



## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Curtis E Fort, Sr

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of November, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Curtis E Fort, 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 9th day of November 2015.

Susan Pearson, Executrix, of the Estate of Curtis E Fort, Sr, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS  
CLERK & MASTER

SUSAN MELTON/  
MATTHEW COWAN  
ATTORNEYS

## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated December 10, 2012, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded December 14, 2012, in Book No. 143, at Page 94, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Cannon County, Tennessee, executed by Earley Rains, conveying certain property therein described to Tri Star Title Co., LLC as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First National Mortgage Services, LLC, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson

& Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, will, on February 11, 2016 on or about 12:00 PM, at the Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Cannon County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

LOCATED, lying and being in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a pipe found in the Southerly margin of the Old McMinnville Highway, said pipe is S-E 800'+- from the center line of Short Street. Thence with the southerly margin of the Old McMinnville Highway South 65 degrees, 09 minutes, 14 seconds East 258.08 feet to a pipe found at Brown's N-W corner. Thence with Brown's westerly boundary South 28 degrees, 23 minutes, 44 seconds West 139.51 feet to an iron pin found at Bielawski's N-W corner and Jennings' N-E corner. Thence with Jennings' Northerly boundary North 76 degrees, 29 minutes, 06 seconds West 187.40 feet to an iron pin found in Stewart's Easterly boundary. Thence with Stewart's Easterly boundary North 04 degrees, 23 minutes, 04 seconds East 187.92 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.81 acres, more or less, according to a survey by Franklin D. Barnes, RLS #1670, dated 20 Feb. 1997. This property is subject to and includes any and all lawful easements, setback lines, restrictions, etc. of record and applying to the within described property and to the zoning regulations of the appropriate governmental body. Being the same

property conveyed to Earley Rains, a single person in Warranty Deed, as filed at Book 134, Page 105 in the Register's Office of Cannon County.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 911 Old McMinnville Road, Woodbury, TN 37190

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property:

Earley Rains

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. W&A No. 310050

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Gary Phillip Phelps

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of November, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Gary Phillip Phelps, 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 24th day of November 2015.

Teresa Diane Underwood, Executrix, of the Estate of Gary Phillip Phelps deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS  
CLERK & MASTER

MATT COWAN  
ATTORNEY

## NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured by that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust for Tennessee executed on March 29, 2001, by Greg Mayfield and wife, Nina Jean Mayfield to David Seiver, Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee in Book 10, Page 774, ("Deed of Trust"); and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed(s) of Trust by USDA, and Jerry Jolley as Substitute Trustee, or duly appointed agent, pursuant to the power, duty, and authorization in and conferred by said Deed(s) of Trust, will on Monday, January 11, 2016, commencing at 10:00 A.M. at the north door

of the Cannon County Courthouse Woodbury, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest bidder either for cash (must be in the form of a cashier's check) or 10 per cent of the high bid price as a non-refundable deposit with balance due within ten (10) days of sale, (and if such balance goes unpaid, USDA will retain the deposit and re-foreclose) the following described property lying and being in the Sixth Civil District in Cannon County, Tennessee to wit: Being Lot 16 on the Plan of Hickory Ridge Estate, Phase 1 of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 1-192B, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee.

Map 46B Parcel 16  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
107 Hickory Ridge Lane,  
Woodbury TN 37190

Being the same property conveyed to the Grantors herein by Warranty Deed of even date recorded simultaneously herewith.

C U R R E N T OWNERS: Greg Mayfield and wife, Nina Jean Mayfield

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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

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

Publication Dates: December 16th, December 23rd, December 30th 2015

Jerry Jolley  
Substitute Trustee  
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Cookeville TN 38501  
http://www.resales.usda.gov

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Julia J Madorin

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Julia J Madorin, 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 8th day of December 2015.

Daniel Madorin,  
Administrator, of the Estate of Julia J Madorin deceased.

BOBBY SMITH  
County Clerk

CALAB B MCCAIN  
ATTORNEY

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Ruth Bethel

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Ruth Bethel, 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 4th day of December 2015.

Betsy Leach, Executrix of the Estate of Ruth Bethel deceased.

NATHAN NICHOLS  
CLERK & MASTER

JONATHON C  
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ATTORNEY

## TDCI Securities Division Encourages Investors to Know Their Rights

The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance's (TDCI) Securities Division urges Tennesseans to be and stay informed when it comes to their investments. Quality service and clear reporting should be key components of all investment relationships.

"As an investor, you have important rights," said TDCI Assistant Commissioner for Securities Frank Borger-Gilligan. "It's crucial to review and apply these essential rights before committing your funds. Being an informed investor can help you spot potential problems such as fraudulent activity."

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- Contact the Tennessee Securities Division in order to verify the employment and disciplinary history of a securities salesperson and the salesperson's firm; find out if the investment is permitted to be sold; or file a complaint.

- To learn more about how to protect yourself from investment fraud, contact the Tennessee Securities Division at 1-800-863-9117 or visit our website.

Cannon County Schools is issuing Requests for Proposals for E-Rate qualifying E-Rate voice services. RFPs are posted on the schol district website at www.ccsn.net. You may contact Bryan Cofer at (615) 563-5752 for further information. Responses are due to later than 3:00 pm on 1/22/2016.

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## MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Woodbury Beer Board will meet Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:30PM at Woodbury City Hall to consider the application of Josh Rudder, for (Off-Premise Consumption) at Save-A Lot Store, 950 South McCrary Street, Woodbury, TN.

*Harold Patrick, Mayor*

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Cannon County Board of Education, Woodbury, TN, will receive sealed bids on a General Contract for the project listed below. Bids are to be delivered to the Owner's office. Bids shall be on a stipulated sum basis; segregated bids will not be accepted. Procurement Documents may be examined at Architect's office or the Owner's office. Copies of the procurement documents may be obtained at the Owner's office. Bidders bidding \$25,000.00 or more must be licensed per state law. Five percent (5%) Bid Security will be required. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject bids. Bids shall be opened at the Central Office at 301 West Main, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190. The project is required to be complete by Friday, April 15, 2016.

**Project:** Bleacher Addition for Cannon County High School Gymnasium  
1 Lion Drive, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190

**Bids Due by:** 2:00 PM local time, on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Bids received after this time will not be accepted.

**Plan Rooms:** F. W. Dodge Plan Room, Nashville, Tennessee  
Associated General Contractors, Nashville, Tennessee  
Reed Construction Data, Nashville, Tennessee

**Plan Deposit Amount:** \$300.00 Check made payable to:  
Smee+Busby Architects P.C.

**Pre-Bid Meeting:** Not required. E-mail questions to architect at gsme@smeebusby.com. Last day for questions Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

**Owner:** Mrs. Barbara Parker, Director  
Cannon County Schools  
Cannon County Board of Education Building  
301 West Main, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190

**Architect:** Smee+Busby Architects P.C.  
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Knoxville, Tennessee 37902  
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**The Deadline to Submit Ads for Cannon Courier December 23rd Issue will be December 16th 10AM.**

**The Ad Deadline for December 30th Issue will be December 23rd at 10AM due to Holiday Print Schedule.**



# SPORTS

## Cancer Tournament Champions



Woodland girls include Abbie Judkins, Anna Grace Sissom, Caroline Blanton, Kristen Fann, Madison Blanton, Jessie Kauffman, Kallie Kemp, Addison Melton, Bradi Mason, Cassie George, Shelby Smithson, Kaylee Armstrong, Maci Sellars, Maleah Sissom. Head Coach: Suzette Sissom



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## Luke 2:1-20 King James Version

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day*

*in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Lynn's Pickett Fence**  
 203 West Main Street  
 on the Square in Woodbury  
 615-563-1222  
*"Happy holidays and may God bless you and your family."*

**Woodson's Pharmacy**  
 304 West Main Street  
 Woodbury, Tennessee  
**615-563-4542**

**Reed's Builder Supply**  
 831 McMinnville Hwy  
 Woodbury, Tennessee  
**615-563-5429**  
 Jeff Reed, Owner

**Melton & Cowan**  
 Association of Attorneys  
 Susan Melton Matthew Cowan  
 On the Square in Woodbury  
**615-563-4512**



# CANNON COURIER



Dear Santa,  
 We have really tried to meet all of our deadlines this year. We have really tried to be positive in the news coverage. We have really focused more on the communities happenings and be supportive of our wonderful youth activites. Overall Santa we feel we have been pretty good.

Our wish this year Santa is happiness, health, family time and peace of mind for all of our Readers not only during the holiday season but the upcoming year.

*The Staff at the Cannon Courier*

P.S. -- Santa we will leave you Country Ham and Biscuits under the tree instead of cookies on Christmas Eve.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS




**dear santa:**

I want <sup>Benkyoy</sup> an X-Box One and and a Ninja Turtle Leo with controller, And a Cyber Boxing Remote Control Robots, I want a Spiderman Socker Boppers Bop Bag.

thank you Berkney



**dear santa:**

For Christmas, I want a Frozen jewelry box, a pink puppy, and an Ariel flounder. I've been a good girl this year. And I promise I won't call 911 anymore.

thank you HOLLIE FUGER

**dear santa:**

~~FROZEN~~  
COOKIE  
BOLT

thank you DRAKEN

**dear santa:**



thank you ART

*May your Christmas be as special as seen through the eyes of a child's first Christmas .....*



**FirstBank**  
Hollie, Diane, Joan, Mindy & Ingrid  
Corner of Main & McCrary, Woodbury  
615-563-2226

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Staff at Community Wellness Clinic**



**Our wish for you ..... Health and Happiness**  
89 Mears Drive, Woodbury TN 615-563-7515



**There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays!**

There's just no place we'd rather be, At Christmas than with all of thee; May many blessings come your way As we celebrate the holiday.

**GERALD MELTON**  
Public Defender for the 16th Judicial District  
Cannon and Rutherford Counties

**Thank you for a wonderful 2015 season. May you and your families have a warm, safe holiday filled with love and laughter.**

**The Cannon County Arts Center**

*Friends like you make it all worthwhile for us - Thanks!*



**O'Grady's**  
Wine & Spirits  
115 S. McCrary Street  
615-563-4500

Wishing you have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

### dear santa:

I love you! I would like a Doc McStuffins Pet Clinic. I want you to tell Mrs. Clause I love her too! And ~~can~~ give your reindeer some carrots!

N  
Love,  
Alora Smith

### dear santa:

I want 2 horses and everything that comes with it and the clothes for my American Girl Doll. I want the baking clothes for me and my American Girl Doll.

thank you Harper Fuston

### dear santa:

I want choos choos and lots of neighs. And candy. And lawnmowers, trucks, and tractors.

thank you Colt alexander

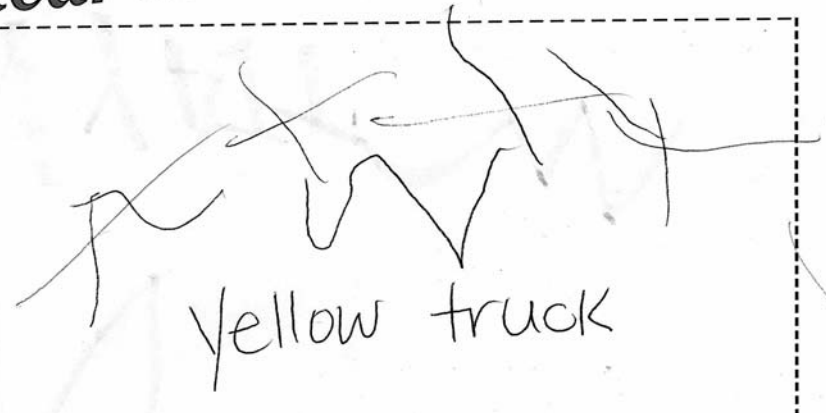
### dear santa:

EINSTINES



thank you MORGAN

### dear santa:



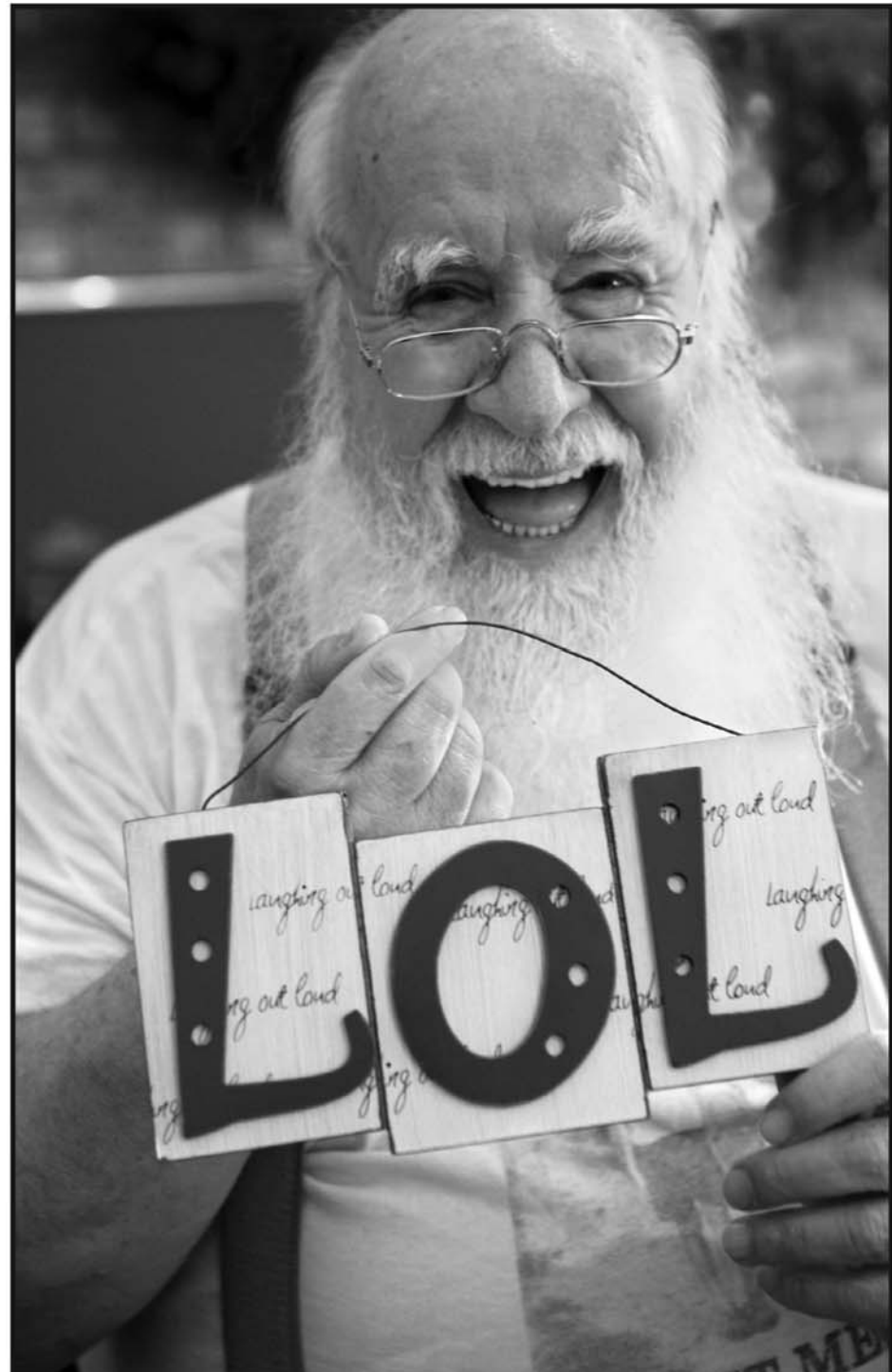
Yellow truck

thank you TATI

### dear santa:

I've been real good, and I'm working hard at school. I would really like a red motorcycle a dirt bike, but if that won't fit on your sleigh I would like a toy gun with a vest and holster

thank you GAVIN



Here's hoping that your holiday  
Leaves you laughing all the way...  
And when the holiday is through,  
May much good cheer remain with you!

### Cannon County Board of Education

Barbara Parker, Director of Schools  
Randy Gannon, Board of Chairman

Members: Randy Gannon, Bruce Daniel, Nathan Sanders,  
Shelly Walkup and Frank Walkup



As another season gets in gear,  
We wish you joy, we wish you cheer  
And to all our friends both far and near,  
We give our thanks for stopping here!

To all the folks who have been so good to us this past  
year...  
Merry Christmas and many thanks!



Member FDIC

563-8011

Dear Santa,  
 I try really hard to be a good boy at school. I listen to my teachers and work hard. For Christmas this year I would really like a green bike that is just my size. I need training wheels and a stopper. My aunt Sharon said she will get me a helmet and knee pads. Thank you for all the gifts you have given me. I Love you very much.  
 Love, Keegan Sullivan (4 1/2 yrs old)



## Baked French Toast

- 1 loaf French bread, cut into 1 1/2 inch slices
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons light Karo syrup
- 2 tablespoons dark Karo syrup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 stick butter

Mix together eggs and milk. In saucepan mix light syrup, dark syrup, sugar and butter. Heat until just bubbling. Pour mixture into casserole dish. Place bread slices on top. Pour egg mixture over bread. Let sit overnight in refrigerator. Bake at 325 for 30 minutes.

dear SANTA  
 I WANT A HOT WHEEL TRACK AND SOME CARS. I WANT A FOUR WHEELER AND A GERMAN SHEPHERD AND A ELF PLEASE THANK YOU  
 love, tessa

Dear Ho Ho (AKA Santa),  
 My name is Aaron and I try to be a good boy. Sometimes I have to sit in time out but I try really hard to remember to be good. I would really like a big bike with big wheels + training wheels. I learned how to write my name. I will wear my helmet to keep me safe. Give rudolf a carrot for me and tell the elves I said hi. I Love You.  
 Love, Aaron Sullivan (3 1/2 yrs old)



## Chocolate Gravy

- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa

Mix well. Stir in 1 1/2 cups milk and water. Cook until thick. Add 1 tablespoon vanilla and 1 tablespoon butter.



Merry Christmas & Many Thanks!

Nothing makes us prouder than knowing we serve good people like you! We feel truly blessed by your friendship and trust.



Pictured Angela, Zorro (seated on the desk), standing Laura and Kaylee, seated Jessica.

From the staff at  
**Purrfectly Pawlished Pet Salon**  
 217 W Main St  
 Woodbury TN  
 615-563-7387 (PETS)

Joy to the world

--And many thanks to all of you this holiday season. It's been a privilege and a joy serving you.

**Middle Tennessee Carpet & Hardwood**

Danny & Jimmy  
 800 McMinnville Hwy.

**Jennings Jewelers**

215 W. Main St., Woodbury 615-563-2421  
 Windol, Joann, Dottie and Erica

# Blessings of the Season

May peace, love, harmony and joy be your constant companions, and may faith be your guide wherever you go this holiday season.

From your friends at the Cannon County Courthouse



**LYNNE FOSTER**  
 Circuit Court Clerk

**MIKE GANNON**  
 County Executive

**DONALD PRESTON**  
 Assessor of Property

**SANDY HOLLANDSWORTH**  
 Register of Deeds  
**NATHAN NICHOLS**  
 Clerk & Master

**BOBBY SMITH**  
 County Court Clerk

**NORMA KNOX**  
 County Trustee

**SUSAN MELTON**  
 General Sessions Judge

**dear santa:** Will you please ask your elf if they will build me a

- \* Blue Dirt Bike
- \* NINJA Turtle Couch
- \* NINJA Turtle Turtle Pack
- \* CANDY

please!

thank you Gaige Boyd

**dear santa:**

Dear Santa here I been on the good list I really want a Nerf gun mega and I good on good list this year I want a lego set Nombic Nerf strike and a Nerf see on Christmas day good bye

thank you Xavier

**dear santa:**

my name is miranda I would like a American girl doll and send food to the children who are hungry

thank you Miranda Rodgers

**dear santa:** ★

I want a Big Doll house electric blanket Kitty purse piano I have been a very good girl and Minnie Mouse Kitcher

thank you Emily Ivie

**Santa**

Dear Santa what I want for Christmas is a American girl doll and a trampoliner lolalopsy maker. Love Kyleigh

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas a toy dinosaur and a toy kitchen and toy remote car.

Love,

OK

A very Merry Christmas to each and everyone. Thank you for your business this past year. We certainly appreciate it.

**Briar Rose Flower & Gifts**  
115 N. Cannon  
615-563-4403



**GREETINGS OF THE SEASON**

May thanks to you our neighbors and friends for your valued patronage.

We look forward to serving you again next year.

**Woodbury Veterinary Hospital**  
102 N. Dillon Street  
Lewanda Lance Jordan, DVM

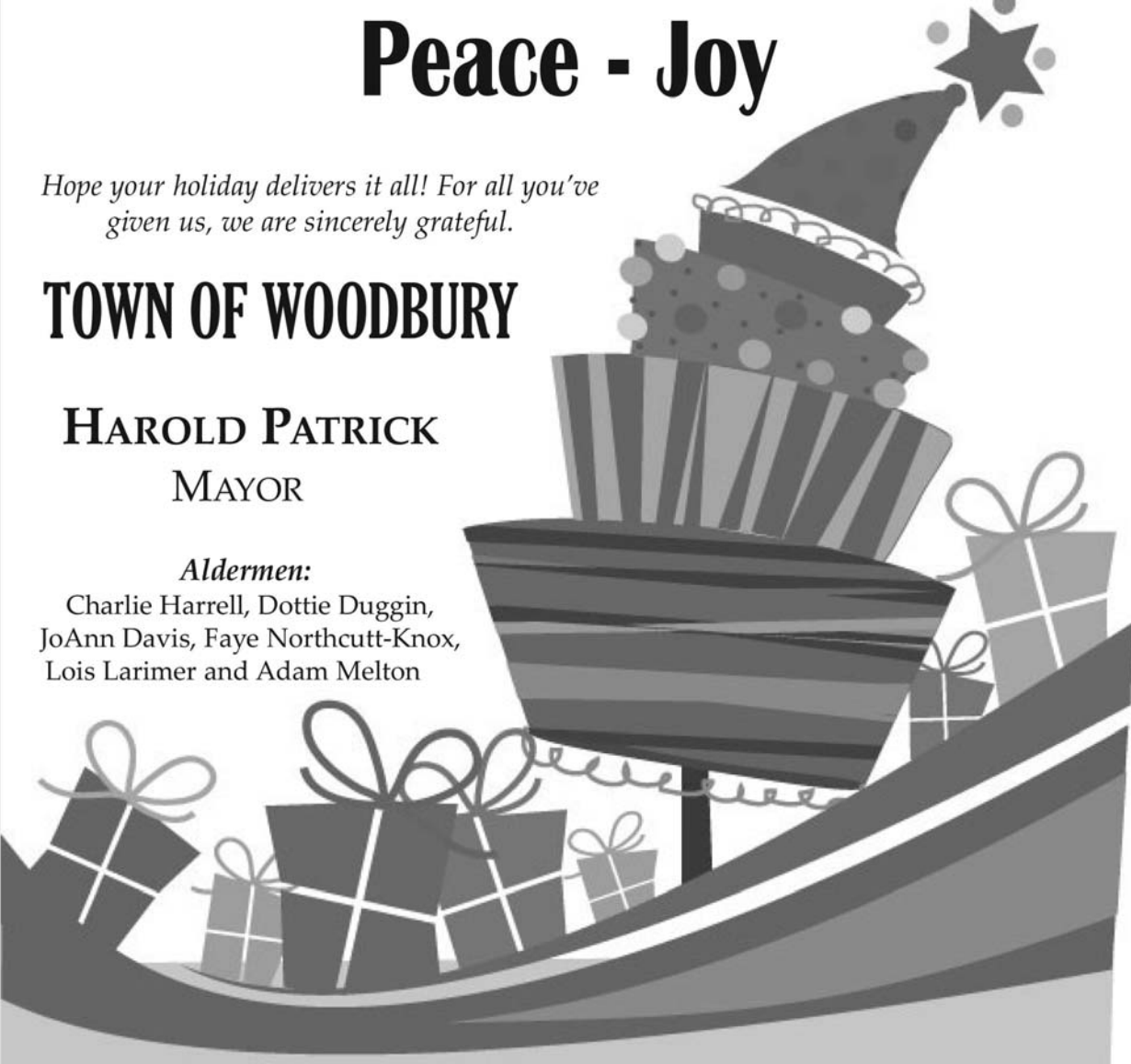
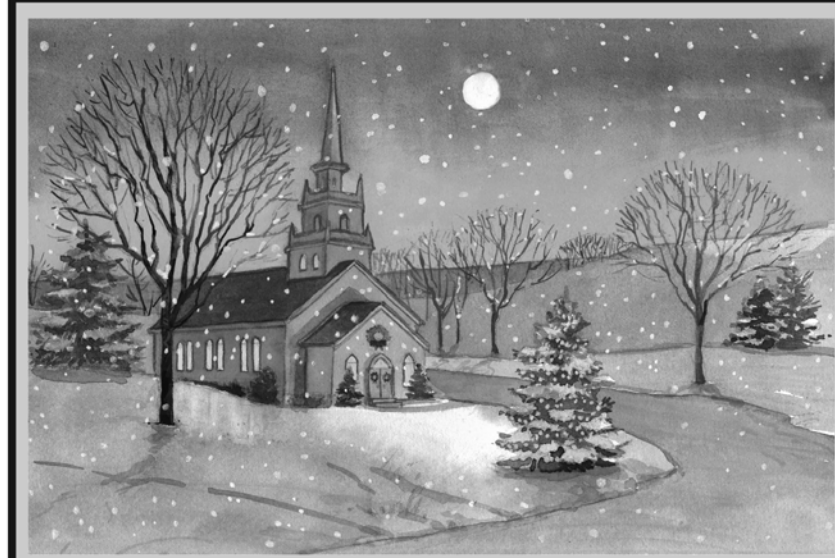
**Harmony - Love - Good Fortune - Contentment Peace - Joy**

Hope your holiday delivers it all! For all you've given us, we are sincerely grateful.

**TOWN OF WOODBURY**

**HAROLD PATRICK**  
MAYOR

*Aldermen:*  
Charlie Harrell, Dottie Duggin, JoAnn Davis, Faye Northcutt-Knox, Lois Larimer and Adam Melton

*With you in mind at Christmastime!*

As we join you and your family in celebrating the birth of our Savior, we recall the many generous folks we've had the privilege to serve this year, and know that we are truly blessed.

Wishing you glad tidings and a holiday that is as special as you are.  
Thanks!

**Woodson's Pharmacy**  
Tommy and Diana

Dear Santa  
I want a  
four-wheeler  
and a cator  
and a dog and  
say hi to the  
reindeer  
love,  
love Jayden

Dear Santa  
I want a JOE  
Bat-four wheeler  
& dog and a  
dinosaur and make and  
Thank you  
love,  
Caleb

Dear Santa  
I want a Big dog  
and a puppie  
and a car and  
a B's New house  
and a ~~phone~~ a phone  
and a Laptop and a  
love,  
Mackenzie

Dear Santa  
I would like a dog  
and I will like a  
Phone, and some  
headphones and a Zoomer  
cat and a Zoomer dog  
Thank you.  
love,  
Cristyn

Dear Santa  
I would like  
a jaw bot for  
me I would like  
race car!  
love,  
Memphis

Dear Santa  
I would like a  
Deablo. and I would  
like a go-cart.  
I would like a four.  
and I like a cat.  
love,  
Corbin

Dear Santa  
My name is Joshua I am 7  
year old. I want a toy robot  
and a puppy and a lego house  
and a kitten, and I will bring some  
cookies milk and carrots for the  
Reindeer and the cookies and milk  
are for the elf and you love,  
Joshua



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

Save a lot  
Special Buys  
Limited quantities. Limited time.

From the Save-a-Lot Employees.  
Looking forward to serving you in The New Year!

**We know you've been good...especially to us!**

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond. For helping to make our dreams come true, we're deeply indebted to each one of you!

*Merry Christmas from all of us to all of you!*

**PARSLEY'S MARKET & DELI**

809 Bradyville Road at John Bragg Highway



The beauty of the winter season reminds us of how blessed we are in so many ways, including the friendship of neighbors like you.

**WOODBURY FARMER'S CO-OP**

400 McMinnville Hwy.



### Choc-Choc Chocolate Fudge

- 2/3 cups evaporated milk
- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

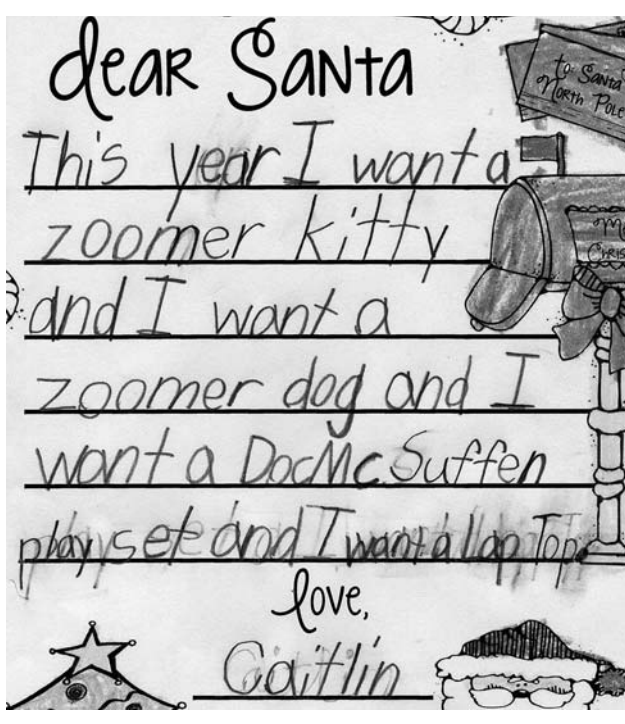
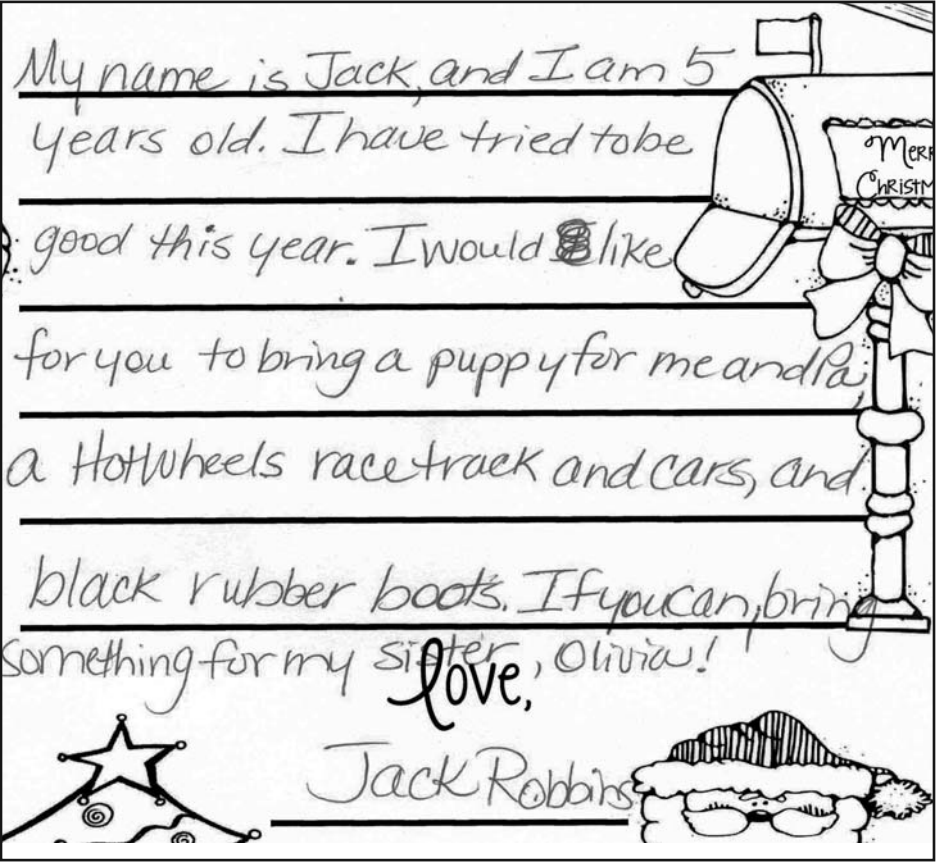
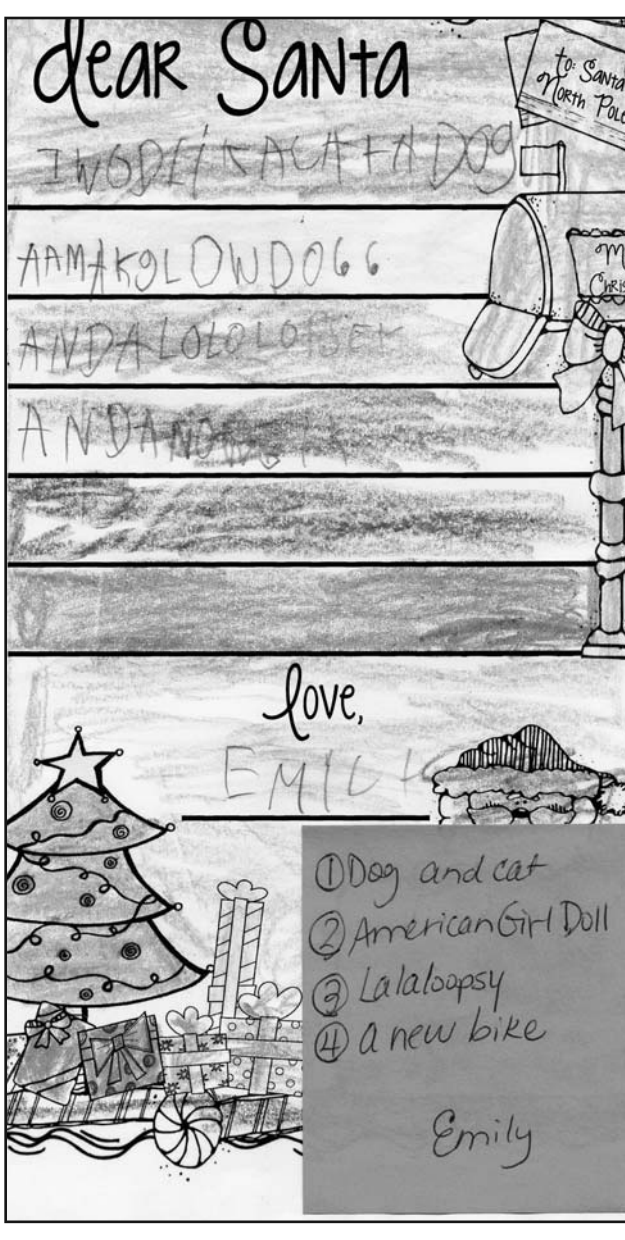
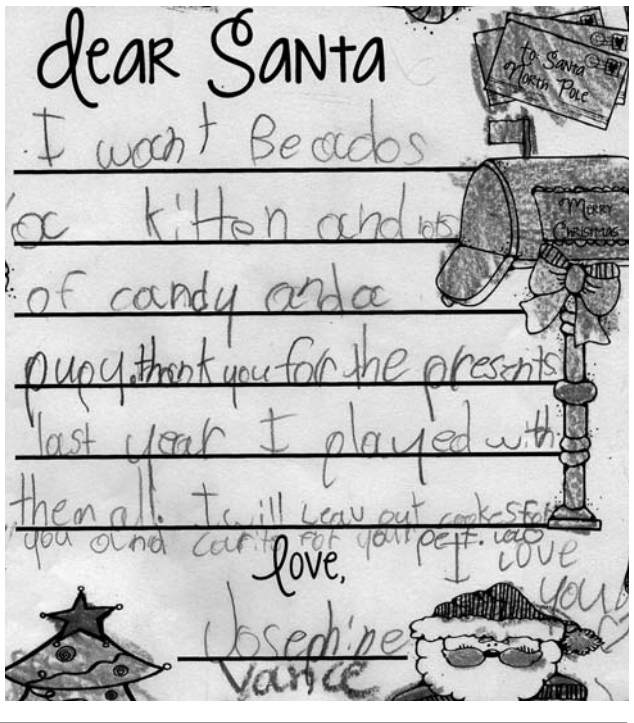
Mix sugar, salt and milk in saucepan. Bring to boil, boil for five minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, vanilla and nuts (optional). Mix well. Pour into a buttered pan.



### Old-Fashioned Gingerbread

- 2 1/2 cups plain flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup of molasses
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup butter

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the beaten egg, molasses and buttermilk, then the dry ingredients, which have been sifted together. Bake in a greased and floured 9 x 13-inch pan at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until done when a toothpick is inserted into the bread and comes out clean.



## Celebrate The Miracle!!



As we watch the holiday season unfold,

We recall the greatest story ever told;

And join our friends in adulation  
Marked by joy and celebration.

As we honor our Savior's birth,  
We send this prayer for peace on earth

And pray that every one of you  
Receive His many blessings, too!

*With heartfelt thanks for your valued business this past year!*

# ROGER BATEY

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In Shop or Mobile Service

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## Thanks... For The Gift of Your Friendship!



Of all the gifts one can give or receive, friendship is the most precious of all! With heartfelt gratitude for the gift of yours, and warmest wishes from both of us for a very, merry season.

**Jean Anne &  
Judge Mark Rogers**





### Ham & Cheese Muffins

- 2 cups self-rising flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup fully cooked ham, finely chopped
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup mayonnaise

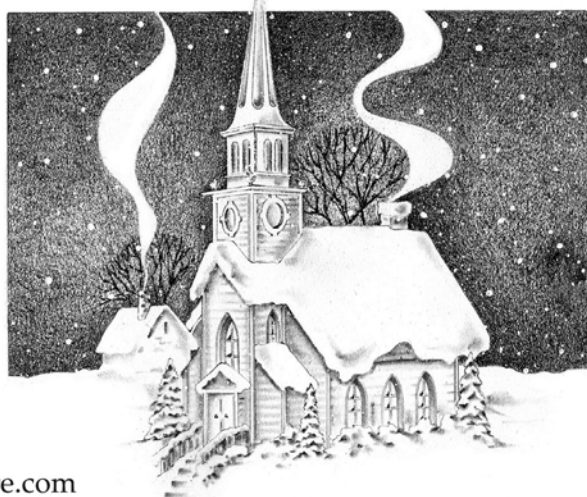
In a large bowl, combine flour and baking soda. Combine remaining ingredients and stir into flour mixture just until moistened. Fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 425 for 16-18 minutes or until done.

### Coconut Macaroons

- 1 1/3 cups flaked coconut
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 egg whites
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients gently with a spoon. Drop by tablespoons onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 20 minutes. Remove to wire rack immediately.

For your friendship and support, we feel truly blessed, and wish you and your family all the very best at his joyous time of yer.



### Old Feed Store Antique Mall

310 West Water Street - Woodbury

[www.oldfeedstore.com](http://www.oldfeedstore.com)

### COLOR IT MERRY!

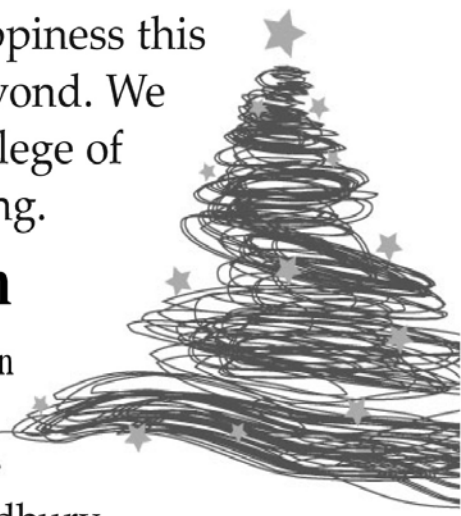
Wishing you every happiness this holiday season and beyond. We thank you for the privilege of serving you all year long.

### Melton & Cowan

Association of Attorneys  
Susan Melton • Matthew Cowan

615-563-4512

On the Square in Woodbury



### Nail Down A Great Season!

While the holiday spirit is building, we'd like to jump in with our best wishes and gratitude. We truly appreciate your helping to make this year a merry one for us.



### Reed's Builders Supply

831 McMinnville Hwy. Jeff Reed, Owner

### Woodbury Insurance Agency



234 McMinnville Hwy  
Woodbury TN  
615-563-2123

*May your blessings be many and the time spent with your families special.*

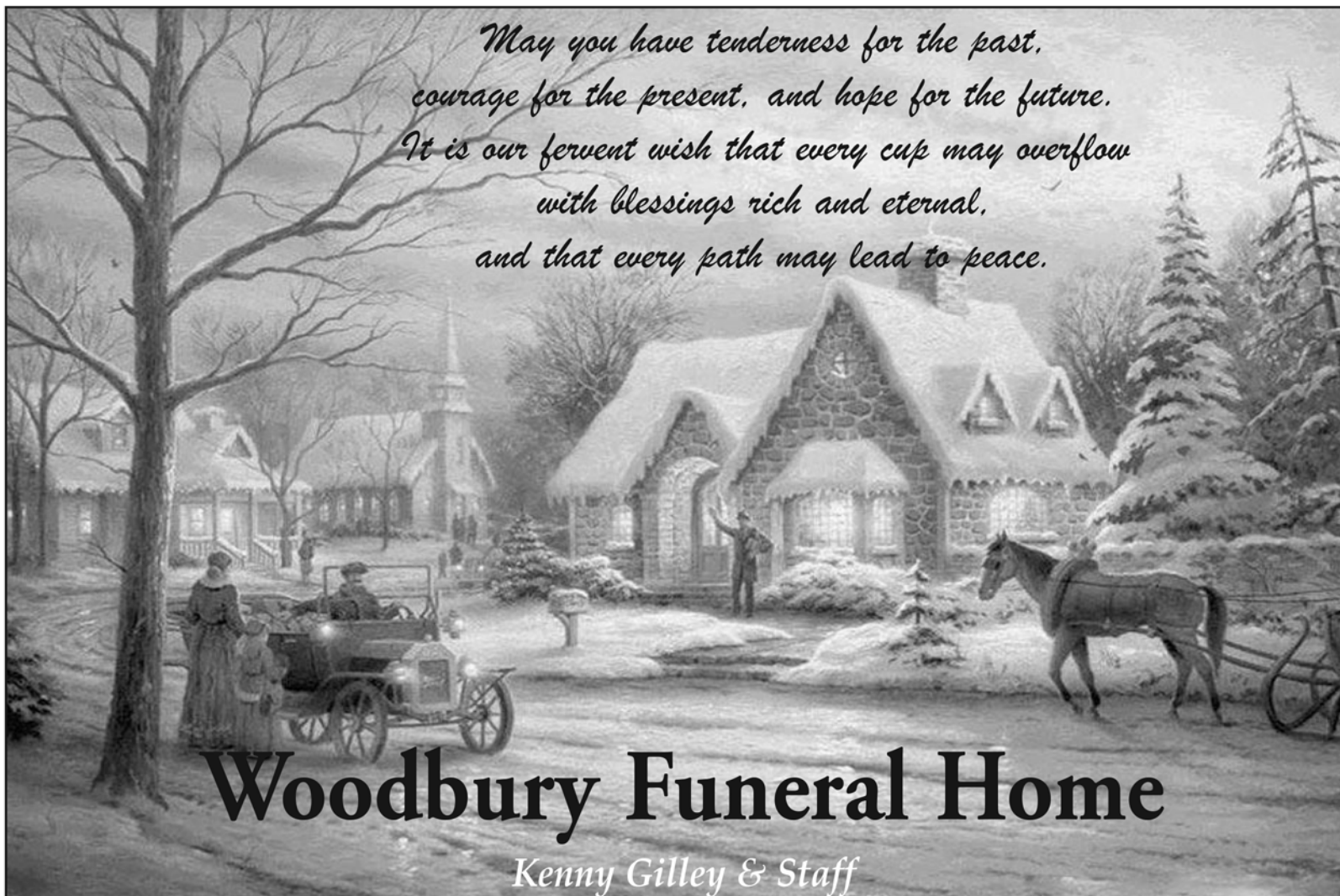
*From the staff at Woodbury Insurance we wish each a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



### Christmas Morning Breakfast Bake

- 1 cup ham cooked and diced
- 1 bag frozen hash browns
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup flour
- 3 cups milk
- 4 large eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 13 x 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Mix ham, hash browns, ½ of onion, pepper and 1 cup of cheese. Spread evenly. In a bowl mix flour, milk, eggs and remaining pepper and onions. Pour over mixture; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Cover and refrigerate 4 to 24 hours before baking. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Serves 5 to 12.



*May you have tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future. It is our fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.*

### Woodbury Funeral Home

Kenny Gilley & Staff

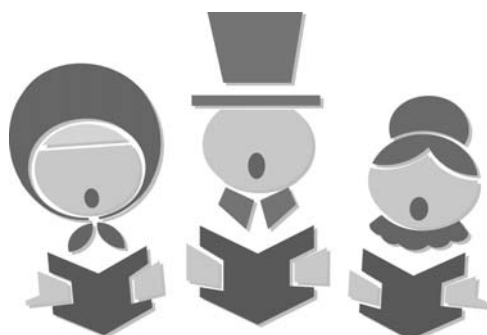
# Christmas Carol Cake

- 1 cup Wesson oil
- 2 cups white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 3 apple, diced well
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cups raisins

Spray 12-cut bundt pan. Combined ingredients in order given, adding eggs one at a time. Blend well after each addition. Bake at 325 for one hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 45 minutes; invert on plate and glaze.

- Glaze
- 1 cup powdered sugar
  - 2 tablespoons water
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix well. Pour over warm cake.



# Holly Clusters

- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 35 marshmallows
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 1/2 cups cornflakes
- 2 teaspoons green food coloring
- Red hots

Melt butter and marshmallows over medium heat. Add vanilla and food coloring. Pour over cornflakes and stir until well colored. Dip by spoonfuls onto waxed paper. Top with 2 or 3 Red Hots. Let cool and dry completely, then store in covered container.



## A Time For Giving

In this season of giving, we'd like to offer you our very best wishes for a deeply satisfying holiday season. For the gift of your patronage this past year, we are sincerely grateful.

### Boyd's Garage

3030 Gassaway Road  
Boyd Pitts, Owner

### Rejoice... It's Christmas!

As we herald another holiday season, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your friendship and the privilege of serving you this year. Wishing you all a most memorable and joyous Noel. Merry Christmas!



## Cannon County Chamber of Commerce



# Merry Christmas

## Smith's Truck Salvage & Wrecker

563-4343  
The Smith's - John, J.C. & Tyler

Thank you for 27 years of serving you!

# Merry Christmas

As the 2015 holiday season approaches and we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we want to take a moment to tell you how much we appreciate you and your continued patronage.

We wish for you and your family a blessed Christmas and a very prosperous 2016!

George & Trish  
**Iron Pig Antiques**  
103 North Cannon, Woodbury TN

## A note of thanks

to our Customers & Neighbors  
Associates & Friends  
at the holiday season

With thanks at Christmas, to all the folks who have passed by this way. We thank you for your valued business and wish you all the merriest holiday season ever!

### Woodbury Flowers

Main Street  
Carl & Opal Jones

## Sweet Tidings to you!



It's been a real treat for us to serve people like you!

## Tri-Star Title Co., LLC

213 West Main Street

# Merry Christmas



During the Christmas season we would like to thank everyone that makes Cannon County great. There are so many things to be thankful for at this time of year, especially, family and friends, people that make our lives special and bring joy and happiness to all around them.

Our wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## SMITH FUNERAL HOME



# Chex Mix Recipe

6 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons  
Worcestershire sauce  
1 1/2 teaspoons  
seasoned salt  
3/4 teaspoon garlic  
powder  
1/2 teaspoon onion

powder  
3 cups Corn Chex  
cereal  
3 cups Rice Chex  
cereal  
3 cups Wheat Chex  
cereal  
1 cup mixed nuts

1 cup bite-size  
pretzels  
1 cup bagel chips

Preheat oven to 250  
degrees F. In an ungreased  
large roasting pan, melt  
butter in the oven. Stir  
in Worcestershire sauce,

seasoned salt, garlic  
powder, and onion powder.  
Stir in chex cereals, mixed  
nuts, pretzels, and bagel  
chips until coated. Bake for  
1 hour, stirring every 15  
minutes. Spread on paper  
towels until cooled. Store in  
an airtight container.



**To All Our Friends at the Holidays**



*Christmas is our favorite time of year because it gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude for the good fortune of serving people like you. Merry Christmas!*

**ESTES BUS SERVICE, INC.**  
*Mark, Penny, Brittany, Kyle & Alex*

How sweet it is to know people like you!



*Serving you has been a real treat for us.*  
**Merry Christmas!**

**State Farm Insurance**  
*Mitch Wilson, Agent*


**THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!**

Please accept our gratitude along with our best wishes for a very merry season filled with wonderful surprises. It's no surprise that people like you make doing business here a pleasure for us. Thanks!




**MIKE JOHNSON**  
**Southern Heating & Air**  
615-568-8672 or  
615-584-0737

There's no place we'd rather spend the holidays, than here among our neighbors and friends!



**BRUCE TODD APPRAISALS**  
*Murfreesboro 631-7350*



**HOPE. DREAM. LAUGH. REJOICE.**

In this season of possibilities, we hope your every wish comes true. Merry Christmas and many thanks for your goodwill and support all year long.

**Preston Brothers Construction Co.**  
830 McMinnville Hwy., Woodbury, TN  
**Terry & David Preston**

The Greatest Gift of All  
Is the Gift of Friendship!



And we're truly grateful for the gift of yours.  
With best wishes for a joyous Noel from our entire staff.

**Paul Holder Realty & Auction Co.**  
108 East Main Street  
McMinnville

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## The Birth of Jesus

At that time, Caesar Augustus decreed that a census be taken, and every person in the entire Roman world had to go to his own town to register. Joseph, being of the line of David, was required to go to Bethlehem to register with Mary. While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus. Probably due to the census, the inn was too crowded, and Mary gave birth in a crude stable. She wrapped the baby in cloths and placed him in a manger.

Out in the fields, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks of sheep by night. The angel announced that the Savior had been born in the town of David. Suddenly a great host of heavenly beings appeared with the angels and began singing praises to God. As the angelic beings departed, the shepherds decided to travel to Bethlehem and see the Christ-child.

There they found Mary, Joseph and the baby, in the stable. After their visit, they began to spread the word about this amazing child and everything the angel had said about him. They went on their way still praising and glorifying God. But Mary kept quiet, treasuring their words and pondering them in her heart. It must have been beyond her ability to grasp, that sleeping in her arms—the tender child she had just borne—was the Savior of the world.

After Jesus' birth, Herod was king of Judea. At this time wise men (Magi) from the east saw a star, they came in search, knowing the star signified the birth of the king of the Jews. The wise men came to the Jewish rulers in Jerusalem and asked where the Christ was to be born. The rulers explained, "In Bethlehem in Judea," referring to Micah 5:2. Herod secretly met with the Magi and asked them to report back after they had found the child. Herod told the Magi that he too wanted to go and worship the babe. But secretly Herod was plotting to kill the child.

So the wise men continued to follow the star in search of the new born king and found Jesus with his mother in Bethlehem. (Most likely Jesus was already two years of age by this time.) They bowed and worshipped him, offering treasures of gold, incense, and myrrh. When they left, they did not return to

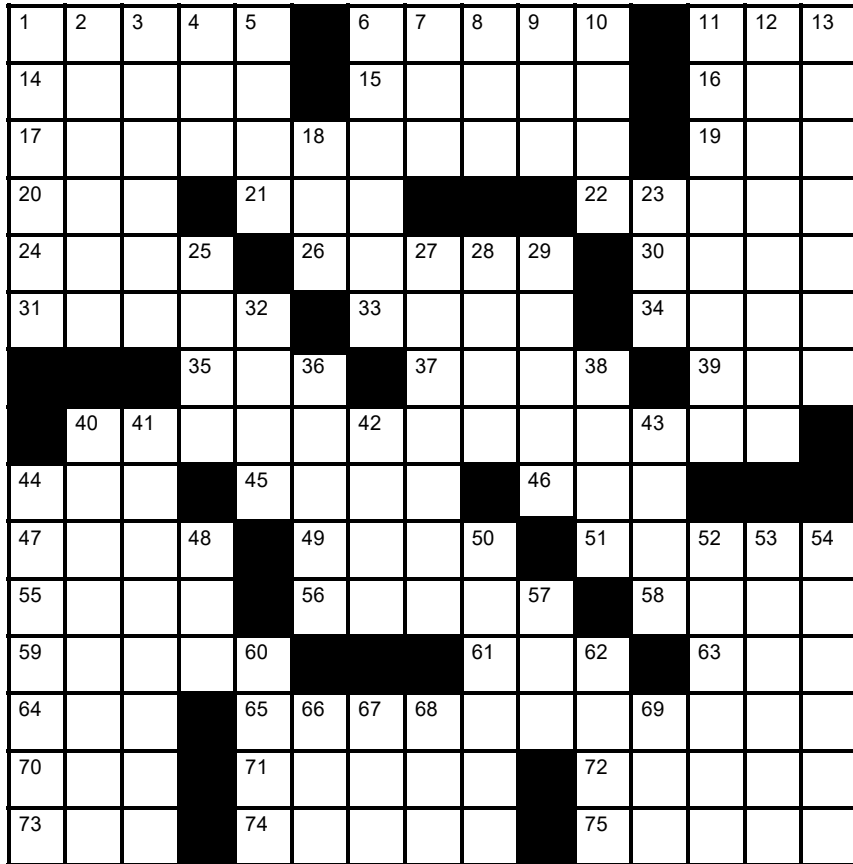
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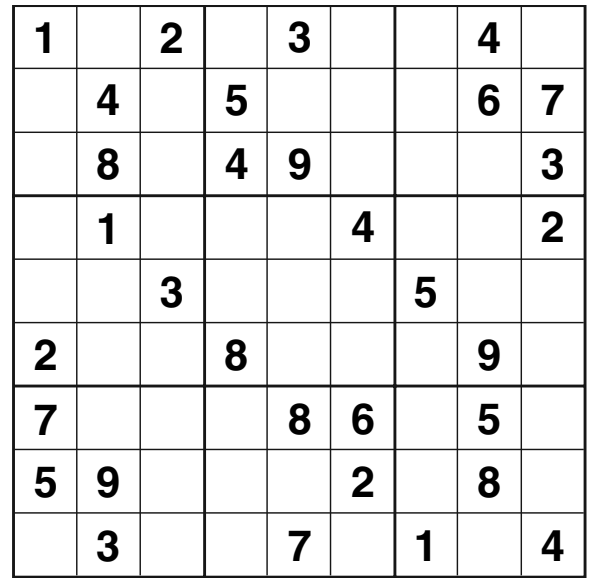
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- 75 Little cat



**Down**

- 1 Size up
- 2 Like mollusk-laden beaches
- 3 Wild Bill of the Wild West
- 4 Be off base
- 5 Requisite
- 6 Make the \_\_\_\_ (profit from)
- 7 Slice of history
- 8 Gymnast's goal
- 9 Twaddle
- 10 Jacob's twin
- 11 Like constitutional amendments
- 12 Disturbs
- 13 Across-the-board
- 18 Trike rider
- 23 Forty winks
- 25 Actor Lugosi
- 27 Hidden hazard
- 28 "Bah, humbug!"
- 29 Toughness
- 32 Slammin' Sammy
- 36 Court org.
- 38 Cut, maybe
- 40 Salt, for one
- 41 Used for support
- 42 "\_\_\_\_ first you don't succeed..."
- 43 "You got that right!"
- 44 Arctic blast
- 48 Evergreen shrub
- 50 Palestine, in the Bible
- 52 Procrastinator's reply
- 53 Set straight
- 54 Chef Gordon
- 57 Drunk
- 60 \_\_\_\_ snuff
- 62 Nerd
- 66 Thousandth of a yen
- 67 Maker of Watson
- 68 \_\_\_\_ Appia
- 69 Teacher of Samuel

## SUDOKU



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## Savvy Senior

### Pill Splitting Dos and Don'ts

Dear Savvy Senior,

Is pill splitting safe? I have several friends who cut their pills in half in order to save money, but I have some concerns. What can you tell me?

Cautious Kim

Dear Kim,

Pill splitting – literally cutting them in half – has become a popular way to save on pharmaceutical costs but you need to talk to your doctor or pharmacist first, because not all pills can be split.

The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of a quirk in the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.

### Ask Your Doctor

If you're interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.

The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split include:

Cholesterol lowering drugs, like Crestor, Lipitor, Mevacor, Pravachol and Zocor.

Antidepressants, like Lexapro, Celexa, Serzone, Paxil, and Zoloft.

High blood pressure medicines such as, Accupril, Zestril, Diovan, Avapro, Norvasc, Tenormin, Toprol and Cardura.

Erectile dysfunction pills, like Viagra, Cialis and Levitra.

### Use a Splitter

Having the right equipment is very important too. Don't use a knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. It can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter that has a cover and a V-shaped pill grip that holds the pill securely in place. You can find them at most pharmacies for \$3 to \$10.

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But it's best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture, or air. It will also help ensure that any deviation in the size of one dose is compensated in the next. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

### Don't Split These

Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combination of drugs probably shouldn't be split, because it's difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn't be split either, along with chemotherapy drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.

Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need.

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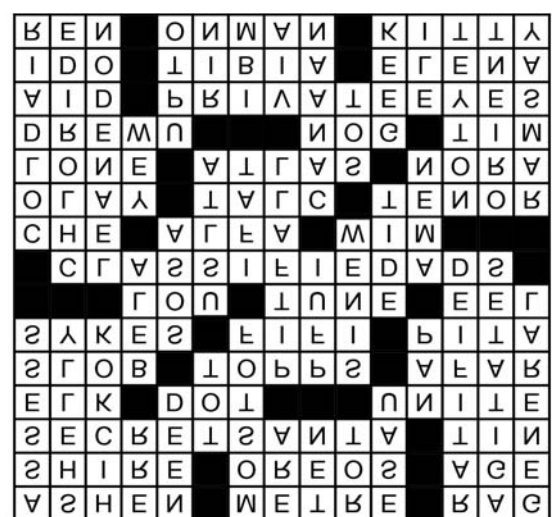


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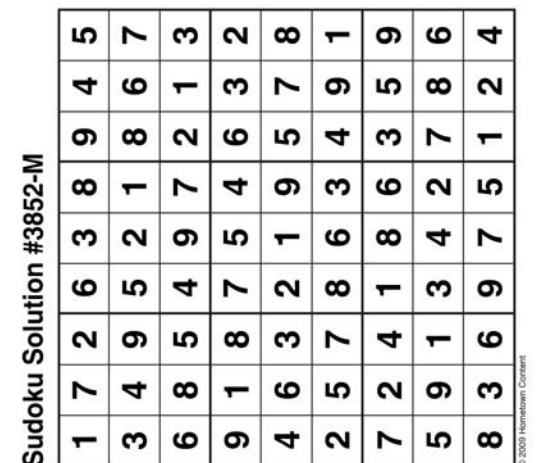
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# A Merry Christmas Parade



Reindeer hunters? No way! A beautifully decorated four-wheel Christmas present makes its way down Main Street. Right, Isabelle Russell rides down the parade route.



"Jesus, sweetest name I know" was the candy-covered float of First Baptist Church.

Below, Sue Stancil, president of the Cannon County Community for Animals, waves at the crowd.

