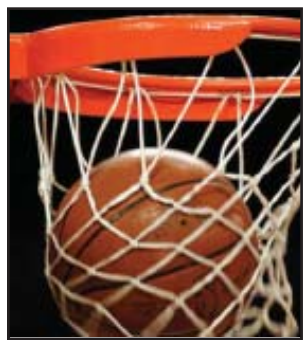


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# Cannon roots set her apart

MIKE WEST  
Courier Editor

What sets Calsonic Kansei's Kim Williams apart from the 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry?

Simple. It's her Cannon County roots.

"I have had many folks tell me it's amazing that I'm from Short Mountain and have had such great achievements," Williams said.

Kim currently resides in the Gassaway community. She attended Short Mountain Elementary School and is a 1990 graduate of Cannon County High School.

"I'm very proud of my Cannon County education," said Williams, adding she wants to encourage our young folks to work hard and pursue their education.

As vice president of modules manufacturing and quality for Japanese

supplier Calsonic Kansei, Williams manages a \$250 million manufacturing budget that yields \$3 billion in component sales for the North American operations. Williams calls herself a simple country girl who lives on a Tennessee farm riding horses and raising cows in her off hours. But she earned her technical management skills at General Motors' Saturn unit, and launching production lines for GM Powertrain. She was the first woman to become a director at Calsonic Kansei globally.

"Long story short I have had much success in my career and recently was awarded '100 Leading Women in the Auto Industry' by Auto News. I received a prestigious award in Detroit MI alongside many powerful women in the auto business, including GM CEO Mary Barra," she said.

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MIKE WEST photo

Cannon County High School's cheerleaders offered a festive look during the Lions Club Christmas Parade down Main Street in Woodbury. The parade was just part of a fun-filled holiday weekend that included a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Lions Club Building. (See page 22)

## Vaudeville Christmas coming to town

The spirits of old time radio, tent shows, and traveling circuses are visiting Cannon County as "A Vaudeville Christmas" comes to town.

Produced by The Village Idiot Society of Middle Tennessee, the holiday production includes the Jake Leg Stompers, the Eggplant Faerie players and Leela Sophina, Queen of the Air. The performance is set for Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Reservations: (615) 563-2787

Combining comedy, circus tricks, aerial trapeze, juggling, stilt walking, and holiday music, both familiar and obscure, A Vaudeville Christmas is the closest thing you're likely to find to the barnstorming vaudeville tent shows of the early 20th century.

A Vaudeville Christmas

harkens back to a time before television when live entertainment meant 'variety show,' with everything from musical saw to juggling rubber chickens and machetes while riding a tall unicycle, all set to a live soundtrack from the sentimental to the surreal. It's the rare show that both tickles the children and teases the memory.

At a time when the world seems a-flurry with predictable Christmas plays and pageants, A Vaudeville Christmas offers truly unique holiday fare, a retro-meta extravaganza that draws from the oldest entertainment traditions and makes them live and breathe again. Think "Christmas Story" meets "Walking Dead."

Actually, don't. That's kind of weird. But you get the idea.

Performing are:



The Jake Leg Stompers, along with Leela Sophina, Queen of the Air, are coming to the Arts Center of Cannon County.

The Jake Leg Stompers, the preeminent Middle Tennessee exemplars of chicken-fried, pre-war, hokum-billy jug music, anchor the show behind the "sweet-as-Sarah-Vaughn, bold-as-Bessie-Smith" vocals of Lela Mae Smith and

blues-shouting front man Hambone Willie Nevil.

Cannon County's own, The Eggplant Faerie players, Tom Foolery and MaxZine Weinstein, have been delighting audiences worldwide with feats of

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Short Mountain's Kim Williams was recently named one of "100 Leading Women in the Auto Industry."

# Can Forrest's legacy be seen for trees?

DAN WHITTLE  
Courier Correspondent

Are schools teaching history?

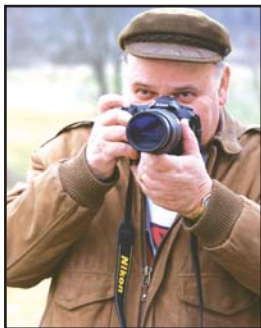
Before educated folks go ripping the name off a building, Middle Tennessee State University officials might offer a mandatory history lesson, laced with reality regarding the ROTC building's namesake, Nathan Bedford Forrest.

They could start by consulting Rutherford County's official Historian Gregory Tucker's detailed research regarding the

post-war life of Confederate General Forrest before putting his name in the dust of time.

See if you don't agree post-war conduct contradicts his portrayal as the Founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

"Retired Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest was an outspoken advocate for the civil rights of freedmen in postwar Tennessee," chronicles Historian Tucker. "This advocacy and his popularity with the Memphis black community were resented by some of his white contemporaries who spread



This bust of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest is currently housed in the Tennessee State Capitol.

false rumors to discredit the general and further their own political interests."

As the late great American broadcast journalist

Paul Harvey, would declare, maybe it's time for the rest of the story.

"Shortly after the end of the Civil War, and while Memphis was still under

U.S. military command, Forrest spoke to the federal authorities regarding the former slaves within their command," Tucker's research validates. "He noted that many of the freedmen were skilled artisans and should be employed. Additionally, he urged the next generation would not be dependent.

"Forrest also approached the Memphis Board of Aldermen, according to newspaper accounts, and argued that the colored citizens could be doctors, clerks, bankers or anything else if given the opportunity and education. He believed that the blacks were a part of the community, and should be involved and employed like anyone

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# OBITUARIES

## Rose Mary Rospapa Burdick

Rose Mary Rospapa Burdick, 81, passed away Sunday, December 06, 2015 at her home at her home following an extended illness. She was a native of Chicago, IL.

She is survived by her children, George (Marlyn) Burdick and Richard (Tera) Burdick all of Murfreesboro, Gary Burdick of Lascassas, Carl (Cindy) Burdick of McMinnville, Patrick (Jackie) Burdick, Mary Lou Burdick, Janet (Walter) Dutton, Jr. and Helen (Michael) Rogers all of Bradyville; also surviving are 22 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Rose Mary was preceded in death by her parents, George & Julia Csepes Rospapa; her husband, Richard V. Burdick whom she married on February 11, 1956; her infant daughter, Julia C. Burdick; 2 grandsons, Mark E. Burdick & Owen H. Brown; 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

Ms. Burdick was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church but attended Simmons Chapel Free Methodist Church. In addition to being a homemaker, she retired in 1996 from MTSU as a Secretary. Her passion in life were her friends and family whom she cherished. She spent her life raising her children and grandchildren. She was a loving wife and caregiver. She loved life and was a God loving woman.

Funeral services will be 1 pm Wednesday, December 09, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cherry Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Visitation with the family will be from 5 pm until 9 pm Tuesday, 12/08/15.

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

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## Carl Smith

Mr. Carl Smith, 80, of Woodbury passed away on December 8, 2015. He was born on December 31, 1934 in Cannon County, TN. His parents were the late David Samuel Smith and Emma Classie Young Smith. He was also preceded in death by his wife Betty Ruth Clifton Smith and a sister, Jean Smith.

He is survived by his son, David Smith of Woodbury; daughter, Melissa (Chuck) Hostetter of Readyville; sisters, Charlotte (Tommy) Boals of Smyrna and Martha Johnson of Nolensville; grandchildren, Amber (Joey) Oxley, Ashley (Bobby) Duncan and Samuel Hostetter; great grandchildren, Cole Oxley, Ella Oxley, Ava Duncan and Cade Duncan.

Mr. Smith was the oldest of his siblings and grew up in the Geedville Community. He graduated Central High School in Woodbury. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force serving for 14 years during the height of the Cold War and the beginning of the Vietnam War. His time in the service afforded him some great experiences, he wouldn't have had otherwise. He was stationed in Germany, Guam, Texas and Alabama. Mr. Smith earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Alabama. He taught at Holt High School in Alabama for a while. After moving back to Tennessee he worked for Middle Tennessee Natural Gas in Smithville. He later started his own company, Flat Rock Construction, installing pipe lines. He enjoyed raising beef cattle on his farm and being outdoors. He was an avid fisherman. He loved to go fishing anywhere from the ocean to the Stones River. During his fishing trips he went, deep sea, spear fishing and shark fishing. He loved to spend time with his family. He was a long time member of the New Hope Church of Christ.

Visitation will be held at the New Hope Church of Christ on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 11-1 pm. Funeral services will follow at 1 pm. Interment will be in McMahan Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to the New Hope Church of Christ, Healing Hands, Tennessee Orphans Home or the Heritage Foundation. Contact Smith Funeral Home for details. Share memories and condolences with the family at [www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net](http://www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net) Smith Funeral Home, (615)563-5337

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## Jerry Lynn Brandon

Jerry Lynn Brandon, age 58, of Woodbury passed away Monday, December 7, 2015 at his home. He was a native of Cannon County.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Mitzi Tenpenny Brandon of Woodbury; Children, Brent (Amy) Brandon, Brian (Danielle) Brandon, & Brittany (Jacob) Duggin, all of Woodbury; 4 Grandchildren that he adored, Anna Grace Brandon, Lily Kate Duggin, Mason Lane Brandon, & Amelia Faith Duggin; Siblings, Carolyn (Henry) Alford, Ellis (Teresa) Brandon, & Charley (Paula) Brandon, Jr., all of Woodbury, and Gail (Ray) Spry of Manchester; Mother & Father-in-law, Elmus & Sue Tenpenny; Sisters-in-law, Melanie (Tim) Mayo & Melissa (Dale) Fulghum.

He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charley Seymour & Geneva Simpson Brandon, and Brother, Melvin Brandon.

He was a member of the Baptist church. He retired from Perfect Equipment in 2006 as a machinist and was a farmer.

Funeral services will be 1 PM Thursday, December 10, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Eakin officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 3:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cannon County Walking Horse Assoc. or to the charity of your choice.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311, [www.woodburyfuneralhome.net](http://www.woodburyfuneralhome.net)

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## Eric Lee "Bigen" Stacey

Mr. Eric Lee "Bigen" Stacey, 28, of Woodbury passed away on December 11, 2015. He was born in Murfreesboro, TN on May 16, 1987.

He is survived by his father, James Stacey of Murfreesboro; mother, Karen (Marc Anthony-fiance) Alexander Stacey of Woodbury; grandmothers, Geraldine Hillis of Murfreesboro and Mary Alexander of Lebanon; brother, Brian Alexander of Dowellton, TN; girlfriend, Briana Rainey and her son, Gregory Livingston that he loved like his own son; close friends, Johnathan Whittaker, Matthew Brawner and Micah Etheridge; as well as, several other aunts and uncles and many cousins.

Eric loved being outdoors. There was nothing he liked better than to be fishing, hunting and riding 4-wheelers. Once, while frog gigging he was bitten by a cotton mouth. That didn't keep him from spending time outdoors. He had a good heart and would give you the shirt from his back. He did his best to live life to the fullest. He enjoyed spending time with Gregory doing things outside like shooting a pellet rifle.

Visitation will be held at Smith Funeral Home on Monday, December 14, 2015 from 2-7 pm. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 1 pm in the Smith Funeral Home chapel. James Wade will officiate. Interment will be in Bradley Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations through the funeral home to help with expenses. Share memories and condolences with the family at [www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net](http://www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net) Smith Funeral Home, (615)563-5337

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## Dr. Herman H "Pink" Pinkerton

Dr. Herman H. "Pink" Pinkerton, formerly of Abingdon, VA, passed away on December 5, 2015 at Springmoor Life Care Retirement Community in Raleigh, NC. He was born October 28, 1928 in Cookeville, TN to Herman Pinkerton, Sr. and Marguerite Fowler Pinkerton.

Dr. Pinkerton received his BA in chemistry from Tennessee Tech University and his medical degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He practiced medicine as a pediatrician and pediatric allergist in Abingdon, VA for 38 years.

Dr. Pinkerton's accomplishments were many. He was past president of both the Washington County Medical Society and the Southeastern Allergy Association, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia, former CEO of Johnston Memorial Clinic, and former chief of staff at Johnston Memorial Hospital. He also served on committees of the Virginia Medical Society and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. In addition to his professional service, he was a committed member of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon. Most importantly, he was a loving, caring husband, father, and grandfather.

Dr. Pinkerton was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Jane Pinkerton. He is survived by his daughters, Ellen Kruszewski (Tom), of Plantation, FL; Susan Ballagh (John), of Leesburg, VA; Sally Gates (Jim), of Raleigh, NC; Margie Fleenor (Don), of Durham, NC; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

The family would like to express its gratitude to the staff of Springmoor Life Care Retirement Community for the loving care it provided Pink. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Dr. Pinkerton to the pediatric ward of Johnston Memorial Hospital, Abingdon, VA; Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church, Abingdon, VA; or the Dr. Herman Pinkerton Chemistry Scholarship at Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN.

There will be a graveside service for the family at Riverside Cemetery in Woodbury, TN on December 19, 2015. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Smith Funeral Home is assisting with local arrangements. Share memories and condolences with the family at [www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net](http://www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net) Smith Funeral Home (615)563-5337

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The Family of Mr. Timmy Wayne Mount wish to say Thank You for all of your support during these difficult times. Timmy was a special part of our family who will live on forever in our hearts. He was blessed with so many great friends and family. We want to express our heart-felt gratitude and say Thank You to each of you for making this difficult time a little easier. Timmy will have a special place in all our hearts, and through our cherished memories Timmy will live on forever.  
"Thank You So VERY MUCH"  
*Beth, Charles, Annie Mount and Children*

The Burdick Family would like to Thank everyone for the love and support shown to our family for the loss of our precious Mom. The prayers, comforting words spoken, calls, cards, visits, food, flowers and memorials are greatly appreciated. We could not have gone through this alone. Also thanking you in advance for the continued prayers for our family as we continue to grieve. We know Mom is in Heaven and we will see her again one day.  
With Love,  
The Burdick Family



Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas W.T. its been 6 months since we had to say Goodbye. It help knowing we will see you again in heaven. We miss you everyday. We know God needed you more than we do. I know you and Daddy are having a reunion in heaven. Just know we Love You and We will see you again someday in Heaven.

Sadly missed by,  
**Josephine, JoAnn, James & Jean**

For up to date obituary information, go to

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# News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



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

Temperatures to be 10 degrees above the norms (in the 60's) this Tuesday we just loving it? – you bet! Can get out without being so bundled up and no one is complaining. Getting some Christmas shopping done with some nice weather to boot quite refreshing and we certainly welcome that.

Weatherman said most likely next week's temperatures will be coming down to normal for what they should be before December which would be 50 to 51 degrees for highs. Would be nice if we could have some white fluffy snow show up around these parts Christmas Eve night and wake up Christmas morn to one more beautiful sign with that snow still falling.

Hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate would be ideal for that kind of occasion don't you think? I'm not predicting that – just would love seeing it and would be remembering days of long ago when we had snows like that. The snow cream was to die for that mom fixed up for us. Do you remember those time and the snowball fights!

Tracy Neal still doing better when I talked with her on Monday. Fay Pitts and Chloe Evelyn Bogle doing good, also.

Do Keep Tracy, Fay, and Chloe Evelyn in your prayers. Others to be praying for: Ruth Brown, Edith Miller, Kathy Martin, Denise Stanton, Carlon and Mai Nell Melton, Luther Lawrence, the families of

Wanda Zeh and Brenda Vanderpool.

Birthday party for Clyde and I all straightened out now as everyone has gotten down to business and have found everything that was lost or mislabeled. No hint of the "Little green men" or that "invisible cow" being about but no one will be letting their guard down. Bobby is on sentry duty (whatever that is) and vows they will not get past him to disrupt the party. We will be hoping he can get the cars parked and keep people from road rage in the parking lot, and also deter little aliens and a cow from messing up this party that has really been only a few days in the planning stages. We're all used to this kind of pressure and all the media coverage that will be surrounding us that night. We always have everything down like clockwork when the curtain goes up (after being stuck for what seems like forever) and it then literally (most of the time) falls down after the party is over on somebody or something (maybe it could take out a cow or some aliens, if they get past Bobby. I'll just be praying they've forgotten about the party.

Have to comment on another shooting of innocent people yesterday in San Bernardino, California with fourteen people at last count killed and seventeen injured – some in critical condition. Please keep the families of this tragedy in your thoughts and prayers. Only would we know how

they are feeling with this kind of hurt, if we were in their shoes.

None of this makes any sense as it is all so senseless. It would be bad enough is someone took their own life, but to take those people's lives that wanted to live, it is not in our human understanding to comprehend.

It seems at times our country is in complete disarray with so much killing that is going on. Even though I can no longer call America a Christian nation, I do believe there are countless Christians that have humbled themselves before God in prayer for our country to come to its senses and the realization that their only hop is to ask for forgiveness and serve only Him.

Do not know exactly when the train was getting off the tracks in America's decline of its morals and making their own rules as to how doing wrong and being ungodly is the fun way to live. We simply put God "out to pasture" and turned out backs on Him. Shouldn't we have known He wasn't about to stay where He wasn't wanted?

Shame on so many of us that call ourselves Christians, when we do what feels good, hurt people in so many different ways, and are always wondering what just exactly is in this for me? God who loves all of us and doesn't want any of us to perish may be giving us a little more time to get the train back on the tracks. I don't know but I do know going along with the so-calls in crowd after so long, - well, you'll lend right in with them and be dooming your soul to hell for eternity just like so many others.

Only God, Himself, knows how many chances He will give us to get this country right again. It will be right only when we "Turn our backs" on this lost and pitiful world and acknowledge the goodness and the righteousness of God almighty.

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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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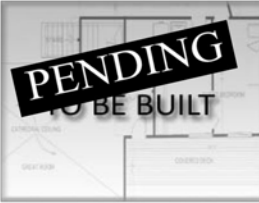
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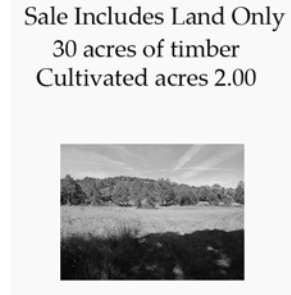
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## Editorial

# Preserving real legacy of Bedford Forrest important to history

The name Nathan Bedford Forrest once struck fear in the heart of his Federal opponents.

Today opinion is sharply polarized about Forrest with his post-Civil War story dominating the discussion. This is particularly true in Tennessee where both sides of the issue are literally battling over Forrest's remains buried in a state park in West Tennessee.

Some where along the way, his true history has been abandoned for a series of half-truths and complete exaggeration.

In Cannon County, we prefer to stick to the truth about Forrest.

Yes, before the Civil War, Forrest was a millionaire dealing in cotton, land and slaves. He began the war as a private, who soon decided to raise his own unit at his own expense. He ended the war as a lieutenant general.

His first major victory came on his birthday, July 13, 1862, was at Murfreesboro where he outwitted a Union occupational force and freed a number of Cannon countians who faced execution the following day.

That victory at Murfreesboro won the "eternal" gratitude of Woodbury and Cannon County.

For four years, Forrest fought the Union army with great success using common sense and a complete disregard for military rules of the day.

By the end of the war, Forrest was known as the "Wizard of the Saddle" and was the most feared cavalry commander (of both sides) of the conflict.

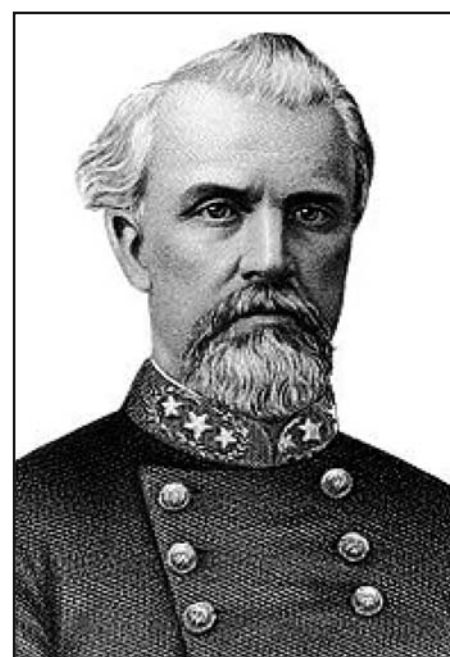
In 1864, Forrest won an amazing victory at Brice's Cross Road, eluding and defeating a Union detachment twice the size of his own.

Earlier that same year, Forrest's detachment fought at Fort Pillow with his men easily overpowering the "fort," which included 262 soldiers of the U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery. Forrest first offered them terms of surrender, but when the Union forces refused the onslaught began. The Confederates, according to eyewitness accounts, were enraged by the sight of black troops and executed many of them.

"Remember Fort Pillow" became a rallying-cry for black soldiers throughout the Union Army.

Despite Fort Pillow, Forrest was a popular public figure among both blacks and whites in the post-war years.

He was so popular that the leaders of the Radical Republicans, like "Parson" William Brownlow, perceived him as a social and political threat. Beginning in the 1870s, the Radicals began to spread rumors and lies about Forrest to diminish his popularity among newly enfranchised black voters.



Among those rumors was Forrest founded the Ku Kloss Society, which was later known as the Ku Klux Klan.

That group was founded by six Confederate veterans meeting in the office of Giles County Judge Thomas Jones. All were Pulaski veterans. As for Forrest, he never as much visited Pulaski, but he was later named "Grand Wizard" of the KKK during a meeting in Nashville. Forrest didn't attend that meeting either.

He did, however, help abolish the Klan. Acting in his official Ku Kloss capacity in 1869, Forrest issued his first and only order to disband the Klan within its entirety.

Ironically, Forrest emerged as an advocate for Tennessee's freed slaves, including hiring many as construction engineers, crew foremen, train engineers and conductors for his Selma, Marion and Memphis Railroad.

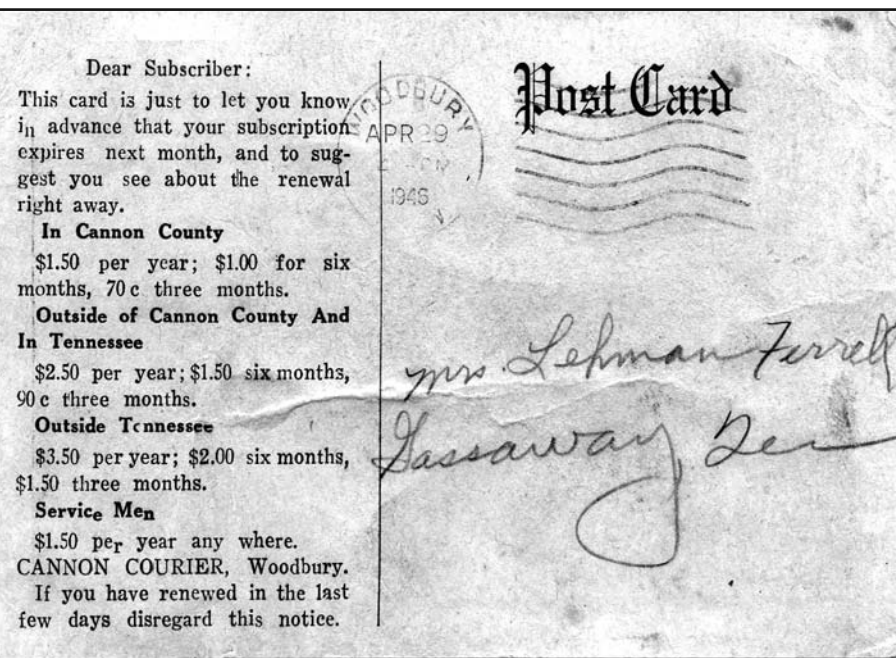
When Forrest died in 1877, Memphis newspapers reported his funeral procession was over two miles long. The throng of mourners was estimated to include over 3,000 black citizens of Memphis.

But after his early death (at age 56) critics continued to downplay his legacy.

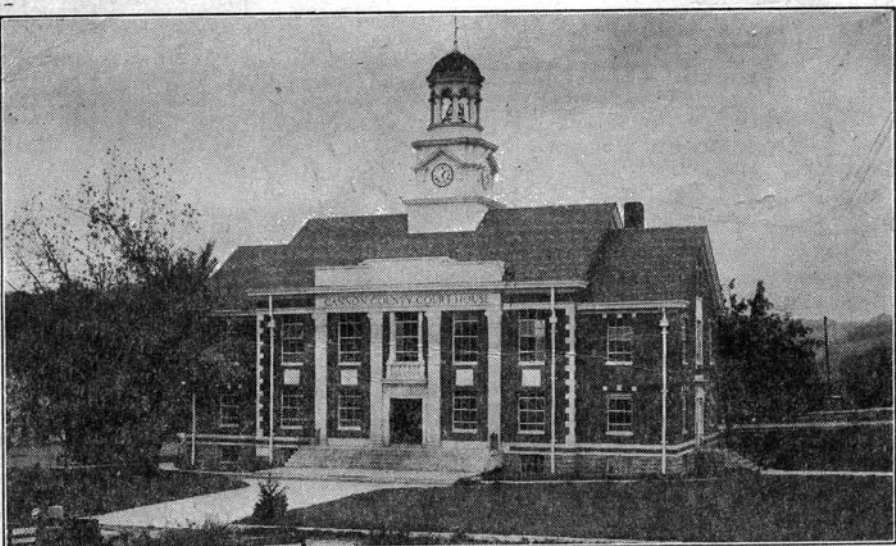
The attacks reached their crescendo earlier this year following the horrible incident during which Dylann Roof, killed nine blacks in a Charleston church. Roof's goal was to start a race war.

That incident in South Carolina unleashed a war to besmirch the legacy of Forrest with politicians suddenly vying to remove any trace of "The Wizard of the Saddle" from Tennessee.

On the other hand, we hope to preserve his legacy even offering a home to the controversial bust of Forrest currently housed in the Tennessee State Capitol. It is the least we can do.



Jewell Knowles brought this interesting (and historic) postcard by the Courier office. This card, from April 1945, shows a year's subscription to the newspaper cost \$1.50 back then or \$2.50 for outside of Cannon County. "Service Men" got the special rate of "\$1.50 per year any where."



Cannon County Court House, Woodbury, Tennessee

## Letter: Jesus the reason for the season

To the Editor:

Christmas will soon be here again. It is a wonderful time of the year. Children are all excited waiting for Santa to come. In many schools, "Noel" or "Silent Night" couldn't be sung only songs like "Frosty the Snow Man" or "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The same thing is stores. The workers aren't allowed to say "Merry Christmas" to anyone. They will be fired. We may offend someone; they say.

If Jesus wasn't born on Christmas, there wouldn't be a reason for a holiday to celebrate, it would be just another day.

Take some time to reflect on Jesus this

year. It is Jesus' birthday and he is being left out of the celebration and pushed aside. Suppose you were left out of your birthday celebration and pushed aside. How would you feel? Sad? Jesus has feelings too. He is sad too, he has feelings also.

Remember to say "Merry Christmas" this year, not "Happy Holiday." God sent us the best gift, His son Jesus, on Christmas Day. Jesus was born as the Savior of the world. I wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

Happy birthday Jesus.

Rev. Virginia A. Watson  
 Woodbrook

## Letter: Courier has right idea about preserving Bedford Forrest's bust

To the Editor:

The November 18 issue of the Courier contained an excellent report on the issues surrounding Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest including his efforts on behalf of the citizens of Cannon County. His heroic actions against the union troops in Murfreesboro saved the lives of many Cannon County men. A man of his time, he lived his life as best he knew and when mistaken, he did his best to correct it.

I think you and Mr. Fryar have an

excellent idea to write the Governor a letter offering a most appropriate home in Cannon County for the bust of General Forrest. All things considered we owe his memory a debt and the current political situation offers us the opportunity to honor that debt.

Mr. West, please write that letter. If more money is needed to acquire the bust and provide a suitable site I am confident our citizens will donate the needed funds.

Sincerely,  
 John Hackett  
 Locke Creek Road

## Courier columnist Social media turns into real arms race

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 seeing 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.

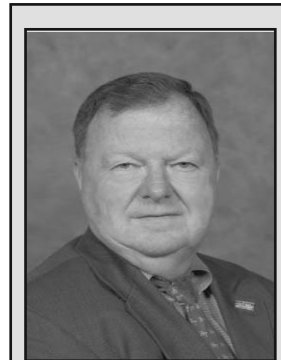
Now ISIS has developed a smartphone app designed to run on Android phones. The app is supposedly more secure than

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.



Media Matters  
 LARRY BURRISS

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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unicycle, stilt-walking, and general hilarity. Rounding out the Vaudeville Circus will be the incomparable Leela Sophina, Queen of the Air, on her burlesque trapeze. All ticket prices are \$10. The Arts Center is located on 1424 John Bragg Highway, just west of the town of Woodbury, approximately 20 minutes from Murfreesboro, Manchester, and McMinnville and one hour southeast of Nashville. Office hours are 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Monday through Saturday. For reservations or more information call 615-563-(ARTS) 2787 or 1-800-235-9073.

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# Mattie Ready was straight out of 'Gone With the Wind'

MIKE WEST  
Courier Editor

In the days before Christmas 1862, little Murfreesboro was the scene of one of the most glamorous and romantic moments of the Civil War.

The war-time wedding of dashing Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan and socialite Martha "Mattie" Ready was an event straight out of Martha Mitchell's fictional "Gone With the Wind."

The 22-year-old bride, the granddaughter of Readyville's Charles Ready Sr., was described as an "elegant model of the trim-figured Southern belle with dark brown hair, fair complexion, rosy cheeks and gray eyes sparkling with intelligence and strength."

The 37-year-old groom stood "arrow-straight at 6 feet tall, weighed 185 pounds. He had curly sandy hair and gray eyes."

Morgan was a charmer.

Early in the Civil War, Carrie Pyncheon of Huntsville wrote in her diary, "Before the town was occupied by the Yankees, I spent an evening with Captain Jack [John] Morgan, our second Marion. He was so mild and gentle in his manners that I would not have taken him for a soldier but for his boots and spurs, so unworrior-like did he seem."

The 'Marion' mentioned by Pyncheon was the "Swamp Fox," Gen. Francis Marion in yet another link to the American Revolutionary War.

While the setting wasn't Scarlett O'Hara's Tara, the ceremony was certainly impressive with the top brass of the Confederate Army of Tennessee and the cream of Kentucky's Rebel aristocracy in attendance at the home of former U.S. Congressman Charles Ready Jr.

The nuptials, arguably, were the most talked about during the Civil War and legend soon eclipsed history. Naturally, delving fact from fiction is most difficult 144 years later.

Following the unconditional surrender of Fort Donelson on Feb. 16, 1862, it was slightly more than a week before Nashville fell to Union troops without the firing of a shot.

Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson, a West Point graduate, was in overall command of Confederate troops in the Western division. Hearing of Grant's resounding win on the Cumberland River, Johnson acted to save his remaining troops by falling back to Murfreesboro with Col. Nathan Bedford Forrest as rear guard.

Within a week, Johnson had

reorganized Confederate units from Nashville and Fort Donelson at Murfreesboro. Gen. George B. Crittenden's forces were added as well following their loss at the Battle of Mill's Springs in Kentucky on Jan. 16, 1862.

Late February found the gallant 'Captain Jack' and his 2nd Kentucky Cavalry serving as scouts in the Murfreesboro area. The unit was attached to Gen. William J. Hardee's command.

"The season of the year was the worst possible in that latitude. Rain fell, sometimes sleet, four days out of seven. The roads were bad enough at best, but under such a tramping of horses and cutting of wheels as the march produced, soon became horrible," wrote William G. Stevenson, who made the long march from Kentucky to Murfreesboro.

Col. Charles Ready Jr., a former U.S. Congressman, was the first of his family to meet Morgan at his camp outside Murfreesboro sometime near the end of February 1862.

James A. Ramage gave an account of the meeting in his book, "Rebel Raider: The Life of General John Hunt Morgan." Morgan was already well-known for his raids behind Union lines at places like Gallatin where in August 1862 his men burned a railroad bridge, killed 80 Union soldiers and captured 200 more.

After meeting him, Ready invited Morgan home for dinner, sending word "the famous Captain Morgan was coming. Tell Mattie that Captain Morgan is a widower and a little sad. I want her to sing for him."

Morgan's wife, Emily, had died July 21, 1861 following a lengthy illness. That same fall, Morgan and his men joined the Confederate army. Lt. Basil Duke, his second in command, was his brother-in-law.

When time permitted, Morgan became a frequent visitor to the Ready's home.

Mattie's sister, Alice, described a visit by Captain Jack in a March 3, 1862 diary entry.

"Morgan is an extremely modest man, but very pleasant and agreeable, though one to see him would scarcely imagine him to be the daring reckless man he is. An immense crowd collected at the front door to see him, and two or three actually came in and stood before the parlor door," she wrote.

At other times, the couple exchanged notes via military courier. Family tradition holds that they became engaged March 19, 1862.

Soon, Federal troops were to occupy



Mattie Ready Morgan is pictured with her husband, the dashing Confederate raider John Hunt Morgan, who was soon to die in combat.



Murfreesboro for several months until they were routed during Nathan Bedford Forrest's July 13, 1862 raid, making life easier for the Readys and the community's other leading families.

The legend goes that during that first occupation, a Federal soldier asked Mattie her name.

"It's Mattie Ready now, but by the grace of God one day I hope to call myself the wife of John Morgan," was her response.

On Nov. 20, 1862, diverse Confederate units serving in the Western Theater were reorganized as the Army of Tennessee under the command of Gen. Braxton Bragg and were again based in Murfreesboro. It was then that Morgan gave Mattie what was called at the time an early wedding present.

On Dec. 7, 1862, Morgan led some 1,300 Confederate troops across the Cumberland River and launched a surprise attack on a Federal garrison at Hartsville. More than 1,800 of the Union troops were captured. Despite ice and sleet, the Confederates recrossed the river with prisoners and supplies, which were taken to Murfreesboro.

A few days later, Confederate President Davis visited Murfreesboro by train from Chattanooga. He reviewed the new Army of Tennessee; ordered that a division be dispatched to Vicksburg, Miss., and announced several promotions.

Davis promoted Morgan to brigadier general and a gala was held Dec. 13 at Oakland. The following morning, the president and his aide, Gen. GWC Lee, took the early train to Chattanooga, thus missing Morgan's wedding that evening.

The wedding was held in the parlor of the Ready home just off Murfreesboro's Square. Charles Ready owned the property now occupied by Bank of America. A state historic plaque still marks the spot. The Ready family's town house was a large two-story structure facing East Main Street with an ornamental garden.

Ready, a prominent Middle Tennessee lawyer and planter, had served as U.S. Congressman from 1853 to 1859. He was elected as a Whig.

The wedding party included Mattie's brother Horace, an officer on Hardee's staff, and Col. George St. Leger Grenfell served as groomsmen. Grenfell, a British soldier of fortune, claimed to have fought in the Crimean War, Sepoy Mutiny and against the Barbary Pirates. He resigned from the Confederate Army in 1864 and joined in a plot to take over Chicago and form a Northwestern Confederacy. He was arrested and sentenced to join Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, Edmund Spangler, Samuel Arnold and Michael O'Laughlen in prison in the Dry Tortugas. The other state prisoners were convicted in connection with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Mattie was attended by her sister Alice.

Generals Braxton Bragg, William Hardee, Benjamin Cheatham, Roger Hanson and John Breckinridge were in attendance, along with Breckinridge's wife, Mary. Breckinridge was the former vice president of the United States.

Bishop Leonidas Polk, with his vestments covering his general's uniform, performed the ceremony. An elaborate dinner followed with regimental bands serenading the bridal party. Bonfires were lighted and the troops cheered the newlyweds.

Family legend says the newly married couple spent their first night at "The Corners" in Readyville. The elegant home was owned by Mattie's grandfather, Charles Ready Sr.

The following evening, Monday, Dec. 15, 1862, a grand ball was held at the Courthouse in Murfreesboro in honor of John and Mattie.

All too soon, Morgan would be back in the business of raiding behind Union lines. Their days of wedded bliss would soon be over ended by his death at the hand of Union troops.

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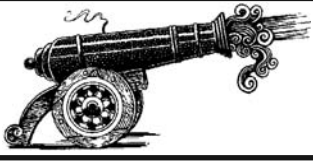


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# THE CANNON BLAST

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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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## Computer Class: Which Do I Want? Tablet, Desktop, or Laptop? Tuesday • December 15 • 2:30 pm

Come learn some basics as we present an Introduction to Computers for the Beginner and look at the different types of computers, which features are important, where to buy, and which software you will need. Adams Memorial Library, call 615-563-5861 for more info.

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## SANTA Is Coming! Tuesday • December 15 • 5:00-6:30 pm

Be sure Santa knows what you are wishing for this year— come and tell him! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Adams Memorial Library Tuesday, December 15 at 5 pm. And bring your camera for those Santa pictures.

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## Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, December 18

Come for early Christmas fellowship, bring finger food or a desert. Rode West Band will perform. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Admission is \$5.

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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.

## What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

**December 15—Basketball—CCHS vs. York at home,  
6 p.m.**

**December 18—End of second grading period  
Student abbreviated day: Student dismissal  
at 10 a.m.**

**December 18-19—Clinton HS Christmas Basketball  
Tournament**

**December 21-January 1—Christmas Break**

**December 28-30—Sonic Shootout at Sparta**





## FORREST...

else."

Did Forrest put action behind his post-war conduct?

"Although his words to the federal authorities and the city aldermen went unheeded, Forrest conducted his own business consistent with what he urged upon others. As president of the Selma, Marion and Memphis Railroad, he employed former slaves as construction engineers, crew foremen, train engineers and conductors. Blacks were hired as managers as well as laborers."

Being a journalist for 55-plus decades has exposed me to multiple history makers and history lessons. That's one of the perks of the news business that often puts you on the front seat of history, even when it's being made.

When I worked for the Nashville Banner editors Weldon Grimsley and Harold "Cowboy" Lynch assigned me in 1972 to Pulaski, Tenn., credited with being the birth place of the Ku Klux Klan in the post-Civil War era.

That's when James Brown became the first black citizen to run for



This controversial statue of Nathan Bedford Forrest stands in Memphis.

mayor in Pulaski. Although Mr. Brown (now deceased) did not win the election, he showed respect in balloting. I did the news stories for that historic evolution of society.

Forrest is often credited with starting the KKK in Pulaski. You be the judge.

"Forrest detractors allege that the Confederate

general was the 'founder of the KKK.' That is factually incorrect," Historian Tucker confirms. "The 19th century Ku Klux was founded as a fraternal organization on Dec. 24, 1865, in Pulaski, Tn., by Thomas M. Jones, a Giles County judge; Frank O. McCord, publisher of the Pulaski newspaper; and four other Confederate veterans. Though not pres-

ent at a Ku Klux meeting in Nashville in 1867, Forrest was elected Grand Wizard of the organization."

Here is critical information that MUST be shared in present-day school curriculum.

"There is no evidence that Forrest ever wore any Klan costume, or ever 'rode' on any Klan activity," Tucker's research shows. "He did, however, on Oct. 20, 1869 order that all costumes and other regalia be destroyed and that the Klan activity be ended. That was confirmed by the U.S. Congress in 1871."

He's the Tennessean who staged one of the most exciting moments in state Civil War history, the night of July 12, 1862, when his Calvary and tactics rescued a number of Cannon County men slated to be executed by Union forces who had occupied Murfreesboro.

Nathan Bedford Forrest, born in nearby Chapel Hill and not in Pulaski, deserves 'Not a Politically Correct and Blatantly False' depiction by today's under-educated lawmakers and college administrators, but an accurate seat in significant Tennessee history.

# A Made in Tennessee Christmas

Tennessee's upcoming tourism news is consolidated for your convenience below. For a complete list of Tennessee events, visit [tvacation.com/calendar](http://tvacation.com/calendar).

## Ongoing

**Clinton** – Christmas in Old Appalachia showcases how the holiday was celebrated during the pioneer days of Tennessee through Dec. 24 at the Museum of Appalachia.

**Crossville** – Celebrate the season with performances of the timeless tale of Scrooge through Dec. 19 and the heartwarming Sanders Family Christmas through Dec. 22 at the Cumberland County Playhouse.

**Jonesborough** – See Miracle on 34th Street, based on the 1947 film, on stage through Dec. 20 at the Jonesborough Repertory Theatre. Additionally, the annual Celebration of Trees, featuring beautifully decorated Christmas trees is on display through Dec. 20 at the Historic Jonesborough Visitors Center & Old Town Emporium Gift Shop.

**Knoxville** – Embodying

Enlightenment: Buddhist Art of the Himalayas gives an insight on how trade, travel and Buddhism fostered an artistic tradition continued today, on display through Jan. 3 at the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture.

**Memphis** – Enjoy a special screening of Polar Express through Dec. 24 at the Pink Palace Family of Museums.

**Morristown** – Have a hilarious time watching A Christmas Story, The Musical! play out on stage through Dec. 20 at the Walters State Community College.

**Union City** – Christmas trees, Santa Claus and more than 380,000 lights make up the Let It Glow Light Show illuminated until Dec. 31 at Discovery Park of America.

**Dec. 17 Chattanooga** – Nature Nuts: Wild Holiday Decorations help children craft holiday decorations from the wild, for the wild, 5-7 p.m. ET at the Tennessee Aquarium.

**Memphis** – Enjoy a night of music at Home for the

Holidays 7:30 p.m. CT in The Cadre Building, 149 Monroe Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

**Nashville** – Contrarian Ensemble performs dance music from the 1300s 6-8 p.m. CT in the Frist Center Café at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts.

**Nashville** – The Science of Beer returns that unites beer-lovers and science enthusiasts for a fun evening 7-10 p.m. CT at Adventure Science Center. **Dec. 17-20**

**Jackson** – See the stage adaption of the Christmas classic It's A Wonderful Life! 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. CT at The Ned.

**Dec. 18 Memphis** – Tony Bennett and Antonia Bennett perform for audiences 8 p.m. CT at the Orpheum Theatre.

**Dec. 18-19 Chattanooga** – All aboard the Polar Express for a trip to the North Pole during PJs & The Polar Express with a special, 3D screening of the film and refreshments 9:30-11:45 a.m. ET at the Tennessee Aquarium. **Dec. 20**

**Chapel Hill** – Henry Horton State Park Santa Claus is Coming to Town is at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. CT. Santa is on hand for pictures at Henry Horton State Park.

**Memphis** – Catch a Christmas performance from India Arie with special guest Jonathan McReynolds 7:30 p.m. CT at Minglewood Hall.

**Memphis** – It's A Wonderful Life will be on view along with dinner specials at The Majestic Grille.

**Dec. 23 Memphis** – Have a listen: The Maître D's perform Booker T and The MG's In the Christmas Spirit on Beale St. Caravan.

**Dec. 24 Jackson** – The 31st annual Christmas Eve Breakfast buffet is \$4.99 for adults and \$2.99 for children 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. CT at the Old Country Store. Santa is at The Providence House.

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## CANNON...

Williams was along the women featured in a recent edition of Automotive News.

"A comparison of the 2015 and 2010 Automotive News lists of 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry confirms that the status of women in the industry has improved. There are six CEOs among automakers and suppliers on the list this time, up from two in 2010 — the last time the list was compiled. Among the 2015 honorees, 73 have executive officer titles or are owners of their companies. That's up from 63," said Mary Beth Vander Schaaf, Automotive News managing editor and editor of the special issue.

The 2015 class of Automotive News' 100 Leading Women emerged from a months-long nomination and judging process that attracted hundreds of entries from the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"Our selection committee made many difficult decisions," said Vander Schaaf. "The talented, powerful executives on this list are at the forefront of thousands of successful women in the auto industry."

For Williams her entry into the automobile industry came easy.

An only child, Kim's father and uncle had a strong influence on her early life and education.

"We lived in Illinois when I was a kid, where my father worked for Caterpillar, and he got laid off. So he used to fix cars for people. I was always helping him in the shop, getting him the right wrench and watching. I always wanted to be around cars," she said.

Her uncles also contributed to her interest in things mechanical.

"My uncle taught me me how to double-clutch the tractor when I was 8 and we were bailing hay. That kind of training allow me to grow up believing I could do anything," she said.

Those experiences led to

a degree in Industrial Engineering Technology from Tennessee Tech.

Before she graduated from TTU, she began work at SW Manufacturing in Smithville as a quality engineer. That company made seat tracks and window regulators for Mitsubishi and Toyota.

Her big break came when she was hired as a quality engineer at the Saturn (GM) Plant in Spring Hill.

But the Saturn job lured Williams away from Cannon County to the Lascasas area for 14 years to be closer to her job.

"Eventually raising three kids, I longed to move back to Cannon County and changed careers to work for Calsonic Kansei headquartered in Shelbyville," Williams explained.

Now the Williams family lives on a farm in Gasaway. Her husband's name is Marty and her children are Macy and Molly and T. Wayne. Macy and Molly are students at Tennessee Tech. T. Wayne is a student at Short Mountain Elementary.

"I'm married to my grammar school sweetheart. I met him when I moved to Tennessee 30 years ago and we've been married 21 years," she said.

"We live on a farm far out in the country. We have cows. My parents live about a half mile down the road from us and my in-laws across the road from us," Williams said. "I'm an only child and a career person, and my parents have always helped me with my children. I wouldn't have the career I have today without their help."

Country life is perfect for the Williams family. "I live simply. I like being at home," she said.

"My career has taken me to Europe, Mexico, China and Japan multiple times. I was in Japan in March 2011 during the Tsunami and was on a bus, on a bridge over water — it was a terrifying experience to live through. Every time I travel, I am glad to see the hills of Cannon County upon my return!" Williams smiled.

## Motorists can't rely solely on high-tech answers to avoid hitting pedestrians

With the holiday season in full swing motorists are certain to experience distracted drivers in crowded parking lots. Drivers and pedestrians navigating through the parking lot can pose a safety risk. Rear cross traffic alert (RCTA) systems on vehicles are used to help motorists avoid these type of accidents. However, AAA warns drivers not to solely rely on this technology to prevent crashes.

In partnership with the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center, AAA tested rear cross traffic alert systems, designed to alert drivers to traffic passing behind a reversing vehicle, and found significant system limitations exist when parked between larger vehicles, such as SUVs or minivans. In this common parking lot scenario, the tested systems failed to detect pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcycles and other vehicles at alarming rates:

A passing motorcycle was not detected by the systems in nearly half (48%) of tests.

The systems failed to detect a bicycle passing

behind the vehicle two in five times.

The systems failed to detect a passing vehicle three in ten times.

While not all systems are designed to detect pedestrians, the technology failed to detect pedestrians the majority (60%) of the time.

"Motorists should always physically check behind their vehicle before backing out of a parking space because there maybe objects the sensors did not detect," said Don Lindsey, TN Public Affairs Director, AAA - The Auto Club Group. "It's important to keep in mind that RCTA systems only work when a motorist is backing straight out of a parking space. They system does not work if you are parked at an angle."

AAA offers the following recommendations:

RCTA systems fail to detect 3 in 5 pedestrians

If car shopping, a vehicle equipped with RCTA system may boost rear visibility, but should not be relied on to prevent crashes.

Even if your vehicle is equipped with RCTA system, always reverse slowly, turning and

checking blind spots to verify that a vehicle, bicyclist or pedestrian is not approaching the vehicle.

Owners of a vehicle equipped with RCTA system should understand system limitations before using the feature. In AAA's testing, system accuracy varied widely among vehicles.

Whenever possible, reverse into a parking space. Driving forward out of parking space increases driver visibility and lessens the likelihood of a crash.

Consumers should inquire about the cost of RCTA systems, two in five 2015 model year vehicles will have this technology. Packages that include this feature range in price from \$600 to more than \$9,000. The average cost for this feature on 2015 model year vehicles is approximately \$2,373.

"RCTA systems were designed to improve safety features in vehicles," said Lindsey. "In order for the technology to work properly motorists knowledge of the operating system is Key."

Previous AAA testing of rear-view camera systems, required on all new vehicles by 2018, revealed

significant consumer benefits including increased visibility of the rear blind zone by

an average of 46 percent. However, it's important to note that no system shows 100 percent of the space behind a vehicle and that rain, snow or slush can impede camera visibility.

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# Donna Nichol's home after Thanksgiving in Canyon, Texas

Donna Nichol is home after spending the Thanksgiving Holidays in Canyon, TX with daughter, Sara Drue Zimmer and family, Chris, Drew and Canyon. She enjoyed taking a look at the Palo Duro Canyon.

Enjoying the parade and other sights and sounds of the Christmas season in Gatlinburg were Eric and Beth Saddler, Evan and Ella, Jared and Nikki Saddler, Isabell, Lexie, Jake and Jack, Mark and Kendall Duggin, Brent, Brian and Katelyn.

The Christmas parties continue. Friday the 4th, it was off to the Christmas Gala Event for Dusty and

Tiffany Junker. The gala, with the theme "A Holiday Homecoming", took place at the Oaklands Mansion, Murfreesboro. Although a bit cold, the Junkers had a good time.

It was the annual Christmas gathering for Janice Richey's Sunday School Class of Auburn Baptist Church. She always cooks up a great meal and those who enjoyed this year's culinary talent were husband, Charles, mom, Kizzie Lou Vance, Robbie Owen, Ernest and Rita Davis, Halleen Tate, Paul Edward and Betsy Leach, Dan Nichols, Jimmy Mingle, Millie King, Brenda and Bobby Francis, Pat and

## Auburntown News

By ANNA PATRICK

Mike Bryson, Bobby Bogle and Shirley Mingle.

Jerry and Beverly Bryan were in McKenzie Saturday the 5th to celebrate the graduation of their daughter, Rebecca Tate from Bethel University. Rebecca received her Masters of Arts in Education degree and guess what, Becca wasn't the only Cannon Countian to receive that degree. Carlene Brown Judkins came in from North

Carolina to receive her diploma. Congratulations to both ladies.

He's an early Christmas present for Phillip and Alanna Vaught. Jess Michael Vaught was born Wednesday weighing in at 7 lbs, 1 oz. He has an excited big brother, John Buryl. Congratulations!

Austin Duggin was treated to a big 16th birthday bash by Wade and Jennifer Duggin. Lots of pizza, a fire pit and a

basketball cupcake cake were enjoyed by many of his family and friends.

Betty Thomas spent last week in Cedar Grove with son, Patrick. She helped make Christmas "come alive"!

There's never a good time to lose a loved one but it seems Christmas is an especially difficult time. Here are 3 that were connected to our community:

Barbara Asbury whose husband, Bill, passed away Sunday. Lisa Reed's grandmother, Minnie Davis, passed away Tuesday and Donna Nichols received word Wednesday that her cousin, Jody Dickey, had also

passed way. Our thoughts and prayers go up for each loved one's family and friends.

Joe Turner opens up our birthday list this week when he celebrates the 18th along with Memphis Reed who turns 8 that same day. Samantha Gaither hits her 17th day on the 19th and Helen Fults celebrates the day with her. The 21st Jordan Blackburn and McKenzie Turney have their special days and finishes up this week's list.

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

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## Life Skills Class Visits NISSAN



Ashley Pelham's life skills class at Woodbury Grammar made a recent visit to the Nissan plant in Smyrna. Thanks to Officer Barker and Bobby Moore for going with us!

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## American Flag Donated to Cannon County Veteran's Service Officer

Navy Veteran Paul Nicolay donated a beautiful American flag to the Cannon County Veteran's Service Officer in thanks for helping clear up his benefits. From left are Veterans Service Officer Penny Daniels, Paul Nicolay and McKensie Blu of the Veterans Service Office.

*The Cannon Courier recognizes the personal interests stories and photos coming into the office have increased during the past four months; for this we say "Thank You" our readers. It is such a privilege to serve you. We especially treasure the accomplishments of our local children. Please continue to help us create this wonderful publication about our friends, family, community that allows us to be "hometown friendly and supportive". - The Cannon Courier*

## Register of Deeds, Sandy Hollandsworth, Reports over 4M in Property Transfers for Cannon County During the Month of November 2015

	TRANFERED TO	AMOUNT	PROPERTY
Ronald & Donna Sue Howse	Wallace Ray Barrett	\$38,000	7045 Short Mtn Road, 3.22 Acres
James & Kristin Davenport	David Leonard, Jennifer Currey	\$94,500	183 Hickory Ridge Lane
Andy & Dian White	Ceryla Parker	\$47,000	301 Hayes St
Stanley McCullough	Charels & Milisa White	\$245,000	671 Vance Road, 15.04 acres
Shane Burdick	D&R Construction	\$38,000	Horton & Dorothy Elrod Estate, 5.5 Acres
John Higgins, Dale Nichols, Randy Ward, Charles Vinson	George & Debora Trotter	\$57,500	Westfield Subdivision, Lot 14 & 26
Kimberly Plunkett	James & Mona Mitchell	\$28,000	Indian Springs
Stanton & Mary Melton	Christopher Young	\$250,000	116.78 Acres
Elen Foster	Charles & Kathy Preston, Ely & Stephanie Hamby	\$86,360	21.59 Acres
Hattie Lee Eaton Estate	Thomas & Holly Genovese	\$265,000	131 Claude Gaither Road, 60 Acres
Tracie & Orland Wolford	Dillon St Baptist Church	\$220,000	16.21 Acres
Dillion St Baptist Church	Town of Woodbury	\$112,350	7.49 Acres
William & Nancy Hatton	Benton Rayburn Lowe	\$150,000	2.01 Acres
Maurice & Irene Jernigan	Marie Cole	\$80,000	34.17 Acres
Kimbel & Mildred Pugh	Stanley & Brenda Smitty	\$192,000	3506 Jim Cummings Hwy, 3.52 Acres
James Gordon Summar Estate	Johnny & Kimberly Francis	\$157,000	9.95 acres, 450 Poplar Bluff Rd
Ola Inez Carter Estate	Bobby & Linda Simpson	\$150,000	4889 Hollow Spring Rd, 15 Acres
Randall & Carole Davenport	Corey & Hilary Davenport	\$144,336	1516 Cummings Hollow, 35 Acres
Richard & Patricia Wilt	Tony & Tammy McGonigal	\$110,000	431 Wilt Lane, 30.42 Acres
John McLemore, Michael Gragg	Clay & Andrea Thaxton	\$10,450	Houston Hills, Lot 59
James Gordon Summar Estate	Doyle Wayne Scott Living Trust	\$194,436	58.92 acres
Marshall & Kelly Harris	Daniel Branch, Amanda Duffle, Jarrett & Adria Branch	\$280,000	1137 Roach Hollow Rd, 122.47 Acres, 43.41 Acres
Judy Trent	Shane Burdick	\$78,900	39.71 Acres
Carl & Julie Merbitz	Lionel & Diane Bohne	\$175,000	23 Acres
Michael & Betty Perry	Joel & Jennifer Smith	\$65,000	12.75 Acres
Arnold Weiss, Rodney & Stacey Sargent	Midfirst Bank	\$96,200	567 Peeler Rd, 5.0 Acres
US Bank Nat Assoc	John & Darlene Medlin	\$50,500	191 Paschal Rd, 12 Acres
Christopher & Myrian Hollenbeck	Lindsey Farless	\$101,500	968 Hollow Springs Rd, 1.93 Acres
Jennier Grizzle FKA, Steven Martin	Brooke Oldham	\$84,250	923 McCrary St
Ibis Rodriguez	Falcon Management	\$32,500	6.2 Acres
Darl & Wanda Smith	Robert Witty	\$50,000	37 Acres
Edward Kehrer, Heath Webb, Elizabeth & Carson Kehrer	Timothy & Ashley Pope	\$215,000	1690 Bradyville Rd, 2.1 acres
Kevin & Juanita King	Cristopher & Myriam Hollenbeck	\$160,000	640 Auburntown Rd, 5 acres
Phyllis & John Robinson	Alica & Johnny Neely	\$197,000	607 Hoover Rd, Woodbury

## Nissan, Yates look for part-time interns

MURFREESBORO — Nissan North America in Smyrna, Tennessee, came calling recently along with industry partner Yates Services. They were courting MTSU students, who watched, listened to oral and PowerPoint presentations and later asked many questions.

Some of the students even began the process of applying for part-time internships at Nissan, for jobs paying more than \$15 an hour that may begin after Christmas.

In the first of what will be additional campus visits to recruit students, Nissan and Yates representatives enjoyed quality face time with engineering technology majors in the Tom H. Jackson Building's Cantrell Hall.

Yates Services' co-op work opportunities at Nissan offer \$15.25 starting pay for full-time students and flexible work schedules that will average 20 hours per week for any of three, four-hour shifts Monday through Friday.

Potential benefits include being paid weekly, an opportunity for a \$500 co-op bonus and receiving holiday pay.

MTSU senior Naomi Florentino, 24, of Murfreesboro, who works in maintenance support at Nissan, attended the campus gathering with Yates and Nissan representatives because she "wanted to learn

about this opportunity in manufacturing. It's so important for the economy in the Middle Tennessee area."

"I'm learning at Nissan, but I come to school and learn engineering principles for a career in robotics," she added. "It's like the more you learn the more you don't know. This mechatronics program is going to become the (industry standard). It's so versatile. It helps students be well-rounded."

"I was preparing for a career that doesn't exist, but now I'm glad to see I'm a part of a process that's becoming a reality."

In high school, Florentino knew mechatronics existed, but was not offered at any four-year colleges in Middle Tennessee. So she pursued mechanical engineering at Lipscomb University in Nashville, and then transferred to Motlow College in Smyrna, Tennessee, to pursue its mechatronics associate degree.

Eventually, she transferred to MTSU, which unveiled the mechatronics engineering bachelor's program in August 2013.

"I was real excited when MTSU began offering it," she said. "Things worked out."

Sophomore mechanical engineering major Lawrence Cotton, 20, of Cleveland, Tennessee, wanted to attend the session because he "thinks it's a really great opportunity to

get my foot in the door. I've been trying to find my way as far as who to talk to (in manufacturing)."

"I thought it was interesting to hear what it's like working on a production line on the floor of an engineering company," he added.

Yates' personnel manager Greg Persinger and operations manager Steven Lee and Nissan senior manager of human resources Gina Baio met Dec. 8 with Jessica Carter, interim director for MTSU's School of Agribusiness and Agriscience.

"Students get so busy with college and working part-time," Carter said. "A lot of them may not have a future plan (a full-time job) when they finish."

It gives our students networking opportunities, work experience and possible careers."

The Yates-Nissan team met Dec. 9 with Dr. Hilary Stallings, director of the MTSU Veterans and Military Family Center, to discuss opportunities with student-veterans. Persinger, Lee and Baio also are reaching out to Bill Fletcher, director of the Career Development Center, to further cement the internship relationship.

**To contact Yates recruiters, students can call 615-494-4281 or email [yates.jobopenings@nmm.nissan-usa.com](mailto:yates.jobopenings@nmm.nissan-usa.com).**



Yates Services personnel manager Greg Persinger, right, shares with MTSU engineering technology students about benefits and flexible schedules to work at Nissan during a presentation recently in the MTSU Tom H. Jackson Building's Cantrell Hall.



MTSU sophomore mechanical engineering major Lawrence Cotton, left, of Cleveland, Tenn., and Steven Lee discuss the different options offered by Yates Services and Nissan for future part-time internships with Nissan. It came during a Yates-Nissan recruiting session in the MTSU Tom H. Jackson Building's Cantrell Hall. The companies are seeking students from a variety of disciplines. (MTSU photo by Randy Weiler)

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# State Fire Marshal Urges Fire Safety for Christmas Trees

## Christmas Tree Fires Average Seven Deaths, \$17.5 Million in Annual Property Damage

The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) is reminding Tennesseans to always keep natural, fresh-cut Christmas trees watered in order to avoid the fire risk created when they are allowed to dry out.

"A dry tree is a dangerous tree," said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Deputy Commissioner Gary West. "Properly maintaining a cut Christmas tree's moisture content by keeping it in water significantly reduces the chance that its needles will dry out and create a fire hazard."

Association (NFPA) records show structure fires caused by Christmas trees result in an average of seven deaths, 19 injuries, and \$17.5 million in direct property damage every year. While Christmas tree fires are not common, when they occur, they are likely to be very serious. On average, one of every 31 reported fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in death. Some type of heat source, such as a candle or electrical equipment, was too close to the tree in one quarter (24%) of Christmas tree fires.

time in which a dry Christmas tree can catch fire and engulf a room in flames, the SFMO is distributing this link of a side-by-side comparison of the burn rates of a properly maintained tree and a dried-out tree: <http://youtu.be/RNjO3wZDVIAA>

In addition to keeping natural trees watered, the State Fire Marshal's Office also shares these Christmas tree safety tips:

**Picking the tree.** If you choose a live tree, select one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. If you have an artificial

tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.

**Placing the tree.** Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2 inches from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

**Lighting the tree.** Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Replace any string of lights with

worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

**Recycling the tree.** Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a

recycling program.

Take time this holiday season to develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your home. The plan should include two ways out of every room and a designated meeting place outside where everyone can be accounted for.

Don't forget to install smoke alarms on every level of your home and to test them monthly. More than 90,000 free smoke alarms have distributed throughout Tennessee in the past three years through the SFMO's "Get Alarmed" program. That program is credited with saving the lives of 106 people to date.

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Pictured from left to right: R.V. Billings, Jr. (Committee Member), Charles Brown (Outgoing Committee Member), Jack Campbell (Committee Chairperson), Mary Sanders (Outgoing Committee Member), Javin Fann (Committee Vice-Chairperson), and Donny Green (County Executive Director).

### Charles (Charlie) Brown Recognized for Nearly 2 Centuries of Service to the Farmers of Cannon County

On December 8, 2015, the DeKalb/Cannon Farm Service Agency County Committee recognized two outgoing members of the Committee. Mary Sanders (DeKalb County) has

served on the Committee for 18 years; 9 years as the Committee's Advisor and 9 years as a voting member. Charles Brown has served on the Committee for 17 years; 8 years as the

Committee's Advisor and 9 years as a voting member. Both were presented plaques of appreciation for their exemplary service to the farmers of DeKalb and Cannon counties.

### Shoppers urged to research hoverboards before buying

Hoverboard Fires Prompt Safety Concern Tennessee State Fire Marshal Urges Shoppers to Research Before Purchasing

NASHVILLE - Self-balancing scooters, popularly known as hoverboards, are undoubtedly the hot ticket item on many holiday wish lists. Unfortunately, the growing worldwide number of injuries and fires involved with these devices is prompting the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) and the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) to issue an advisory to consumers. "Safety is our ultimate mission," said Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance Deputy Commissioner Gary West. "We want Tennesseans to be informed about hoverboards as the number of fire incidents involving these popular devices steadily increases."

The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office is joining NASFM in issuing the following safety tips for the use, care, and maintenance of hoverboards.

When shopping for a self-balancing scooter or hoverboard:

Take the time to look at and research the product you buy. If it is compliant with federal standards, inspections, and certifications, it will have a mark on it or indicate such on its packaging, on the device itself, or on its charging equipment. Devices not bearing a mark indicating compliance likely have not been tested to meet minimum safety standards.

When buying online, take the time to verify that the device meets applicable standards. There are many of these products on the market, and many may not meet this country's inspection and safety requirements. Those that do will indicate such on the packaging, and on the device or its charging equipment.

Buy a device with a warranty, or buy it in person at a brick and mortar store. If you are buying online, buy from a reputable source. Also, check with your retailer regarding the safety of the device you are purchasing.

When charging your self-balancing scooter or hoverboard:

After it has been used, give the device time to cool off prior to charging.

Do not leave the device unattended while it is charging. Someone should be able to observe the device during its recharging time.

Do not overcharge the device; follow manufacturer's recommended charging times and do not leave device plugged into an outlet overnight.

Do not use imitation electrical chargers as they may be unsafe.

Limit to one plug per socket.

When operating your self-balancing scooter or hoverboard:

Wear appropriate safety equipment; similar to when riding a bicycle.

Do not text or operate a cell phone while using a self-balancing scooter or hoverboard.

Operate the device in accordance with its intended use.

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### TTU awards 800 degrees at ceremony

More than 800 Tennessee Tech University graduates, dressed for the first time in purple gowns, received their degrees at the school's fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 12.

"We have journeyed with these students through a time in their lives they will never forget, and that has

the potential for profound change," said TTU President Phillip Oldham. "Not just in their own lives, but in yours and ours and for generations to come.

"They leave us today with new knowledge, new skills and, we hope, confidence in their role as professional, practical and

productive citizens."

The purple gowns honor TTU's ongoing Centennial celebration, which began in March. Instead of a speaker, students and guests at the ceremony viewed a video of current students, faculty and alumni telling the story of Tennessee Tech and why it matters to them.

# SPORTS

## Lionettes record mixed success

### Face Macon, Smith County in District 8AA play

DAVID HUNTER  
The Cannon Courier

The Cannon County High School Lionettes enjoyed mixed success on the hardwood as they continued District 8AA play last week at home against Macon County on December 8 and at Smith County on December 11.

CCHS won their first district game of the season against the Tigerettes 77-61, but fell three nights later to the Lady Owls 61-40 to drop to (2-7, 1-2).

CCHS picked up their first district win of the season with a complete effort against MCHS with several key players contributing in the win. It was this seasons' first win at Robert A. Harris Gymnasium since clinching a berth into last seasons' State Tournament run.

"It was great, because they were definitely here supporting us," CCHS senior forward Autumn King about winning in front of the home crowd. "We wanted to put on a good show and win tonight."

The Lionettes controlled throughout three periods, but the Tigerettes came to within 11 during the final quarter, but sophomore post

Maleah Scott scored 14 during the last quarter to offset MCHS's effort.

"I was thankful they looked up and was able to feed it to me," Scott said. "It was a team effort, and it wasn't just me."

King finished with 22 while Scott and senior Kelli Davis had 18 a piece in the win. Head coach Jonathan Odom also credited key contributions from senior Addison Hale who hit three long distance shots in the second quarter, fellow senior Haylee Mooneyham with her defense by taking a timely charge and sophomore Hannah Haley playing point guard along side with Tori Knox.

"This game was what we have been trying to preach and work on during the last three in practice," Odom said. "It was a complete fourth quarter effort. They cut it to 11, but I never had any sense of panic from the girls. We settled down and made some buckets. It was a total team win."

The Lionettes fell at SCHS three nights later as the Lady Owls continued their perfect play in district action.



RONNY BURKS photo  
Kelli Davis putting up one of four 3's against Smith County.

## CC Lions continue losing streak

### Boys drop fourth game in row still winless in District 8AA play

DAVID HUNTER  
The Cannon Courier

The Lions dropped two games last week against Macon County (76-49) at home and at Smith County (62-50). It was the fourth loss in a row for the CCHS boys' basketball team as they remain winless in District 8AA (3-6, 0-3).

At home against MCHS, senior forward Austin Martin hit a trey, with 4:49 left in the first half, to cut the lead down to 20-16. That would be the closest the Lions would come in the contest as the Tigers blew it open to take a 36-22 advantage at the break.

Midway into third quarter, though trimming the Tigers' lead to nine at 40-31 after a basket by senior guard Briar Jakes,

MCHS went on a lengthy 10-2 run to break it open and eventually pulled away for the win. Jakes finished with 18 points in the loss.

Three nights later, the losing streak continued at SCHS and the lights literally went out on the Lions.

Midway through the opening quarter, a delay in the contest was caused by the light literally going out in the SCHS gym. At this point in the game the Lions were only down five points and were able to fight back to tie the game after the delay.

Nonetheless, the Owls pulled away for the 62-50 win as the Lions remained winless in District 8AA.

Freshman Charlie Parrish led CCHS with 13 points, while Martin added 11 in the loss.



RONNY BURKS photo  
Austin Martin (32) making two over Smith County defender.

## Woodland girls, Westside boys

### Event raises funds for Cancer Society

DAVID HUNTER  
The Cannon Courier

All 12 local grammar school teams took part in the 2015 Cancer Tournament at Woodbury Grammar School on December 7, 10 and 12. The champions this year were the Woodland Lady Warriors and Westside Eagles. However, the real winner was the amount of money raised for the American Cancer Society.

"It raises a lot of money for the American Cancer Society, and I always enjoy the kids," ACS spokesperson Lois Larimer said during the tournament. She has been with the group for over 50 years.

All four consolation and championship games were hard fought and a couple came down to the wire. Both the Lady Warriors and Eagles continued their dominance in the county,

but their wins did not come easy against tough opponents.

The Lady Warriors used a 17-0 run early in the first half to break it open against Auburn as they won, 60-27. Woodland was led by Anna Grace Sissom with 24 points, while Madison Gaither led Auburn with 13.

"I am just glad we can do something like this, and use our abilities to raise money to help people," Sissom said. "It is a great feeling to be able to raise money."

The boys' title game between Westside and Woodland came down to the wire as the Warriors gave the Eagles a scare, which included cutting the lead down to two, 33-31 after a trey by Zachary Basham with 3:03 left in the game. However, the Eagles held on for the 40-35 win. Wade Love led the Eagles with 18, while Blake Bush had 17, including five treys to pace the Warriors.

"It feels great, and we want to give all of the glory



RONNY BURKS photo  
Grace Sissom (24) Woodland driving for a lay-up in championship game.

to God," Westside player Brady Cunningham said after the win. "We just did what Coach (Roger Haley) told us to do."

The third place girls' game was won by Westside

over Woodbury Grammar 23-22, after a short jumper by Miranda Early with eight seconds left. Abbie Maynard led the Lady Eagles with 10, while Zettie Elrod hit two long distance shots for six points to lead the Lady Cubs.

"I was excited for both my team and myself," Early said. "My team helped me get the rebound, and I just put it up." The third place boys' game was won by Woodbury Grammar over Short Mountain 47-40 as Duncan Cook led the Cubs with 18 in the win, and Luke Alexander also had 18 for the Bears.

On December 14, all six schools held their final regular season games before the Christmas Holiday as Westside traveled to Short Mountain and Woodland visited Eastside.

RONNY BURKS photo  
Luke Love (15) hitting two points leading West Side to the championship.

## 10 Questions

**Lion Senior Football and Basketball Player Austin Brock**

**Favorite Food:** Steak

**Favorite Sport to Watch on TV:** College Football

**Favorite Team:** Carolina Panthers

**Favorite Subject in School:** Physical Education

**Favorite Part about Playing for Cannon County:** We become

closer with everyone, and make new friends.

**Future Career Choice:** Play College Football/Undecided

**Favorite Athlete:** Cam Newton/Stephen Curry

**Biggest Influence in Your Life and Why:** My mother has done everything to raise me and my brother and sister on her own being a single mom.

**Favorite TV Show:** My Name is Earl

**Favorite Author:** Stephen King



**Lionettes Senior Basketball and Tennis Player Autumn King**

**Favorite Food:** Sushi

**Favorite Sport to Watch on TV:** Tennis/Football

**Favorite Team:** US Women's Soccer Team

**Favorite Subject:** General Music

**Favorite Part about Playing for Cannon County:** The crowd, because

matter where we go, they are good about traveling with us even two or three hours away. They are always there supporting us.

**Future Career Choice:** Orthopedic Surgeon

**Favorite Athlete:** Dallas Mavericks star Chandler Parsons

**Biggest Influence in Your Life and Why:** My sister, because she is always there for me. She played basketball, and she is really good about giving me advice.

**Favorite Movie:** The Goonies

**Favorite Musician:** Demi Lovato



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So, this is my way of saying thanks for everything! I know the excellent sports coverage will continue thanks to Ron and Mike. However, I felt I needed to step away and focus on other areas of my life.

Thanks for reading and all the support you have given me!

DAVID HUNTER  
Sports Talk

Goodbye,  
thanks to  
all of you

After consideration and prayer, I've decided to move on with my life and my last day with the Cannon Courier will be Friday, December 18. This column is my final one for the newspaper. I'll really miss this place and here is why.

Earlier this year when my awesome boss (MTSU Journalism Hall of Famer), and current Owner/Publisher of the Cannon Courier, Ron Fryar, asked me to sports for the paper, I was extremely excited about the opportunity for many reasons both professionally and personally.

Professionally, I was ready for a new challenge after working for Ron for the past five years at the Murfreesboro Post. I covered some historic events in my hometown. However, I've enjoyed working for a unified community that supports their teams no matter what the record was on the scoreboard. So I was beyond excited to come here.

Personally, I was going through a lot of tough stuff, including losing a close Christian mentor to a sudden death, and a personal relationship falling apart (which was my fault because I focused too much on me instead of her). It's something of which I've worked on to become better.

Nonetheless, the first few weeks were interesting as the basketball postseason tournaments had to deal with the biggest winter storm to hit this area in several years. However, once the weather cleared it was a mix of emotions because the Lionettes used a Cinderella run to advance to state tournament for the fifth time in six years, and the Lions tried trying to end a 30-year drought fell in the sub-state.

I remember vividly the emotions at Robert A. Harris Gymnasium on back-to-back nights where we experienced the classic Jim McKay line of 'The Thrill of Victory and the Agony of Defeat'.

Now fast forward! This has been one of the best years of my professional career and I give all of the credit to not only my two bosses, Ron and Mike West, but to all of you as well.

I've never approached my role in this business to simply win awards or, unlike other writers in higher profile media jobs, upset people. Instead my goal each issue has been to be a voice for the student-athletes, coaches, and the wonderful people who make the local athletic programs the best in the state.

So, this is my way of saying thanks for everything! I know the excellent sports coverage will continue thanks to Ron and Mike. However, I felt I needed to step away and focus on other areas of my life.

Thanks for reading and all the support you have given me!

# Society

## IVY BLUFF NEWS

By Bonnie Stacy

A memorial service was held for Daryl Perry on Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses in Manchester. A large crowd of friends, family and relatives attended Daryl's service. Daryl passed away 2 weeks ago from a long illness. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim and Judy Stacey from Murfreesboro and Bonnie Stacy ate lunch at the Oak in Manchester on Thursday.

Megan McAllister

treated me to lunch at the Cracker Barrel on Monday in Manchester.

Barbara Bailey spent the holidays with her sister Jane Vickers and family in Huntsville AL.

Ben and Elizabeth Hartsfield had lunch at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mance Davis Sr home on Thanksgiving Day with other family members and friends.

Larry Sissom and wife Ginger and A.J. and Hallie from Michigan visited

Earline Williams last week.

*If it isn't right, don't do it. If it isn't true don't say it.*

*There is nothing so strong and safe in an emergency of life as the simple truth.*

*What you laugh at tells better than words what you are.*

*Four things come not back; the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity.*

## Auburntown Pancake Breakfast & Fun Run: The Results Are In!

Race results are in. Pictures from the wonderful photographer Mrs. Donna Gaither Nichols will be posted after they are edited and sorted this week.

171 plates sold. Benefit raised \$3,375.75 after funds were taken out.

93 registered runners!!! Thank you all.

I will list the runners that placed then I will post all of the runners times. Ugly sweater winner was Dixie Garrison.

**\*\*One Mile Fun Run:**

•Trip: 1st place: 12 min even, •CiCi and •Lily Hughes tied for 2nd: 12:27

**\*\*5K placement for 1st, 2nd, 3rd male and female in each age division and overall male and female in the 5K.**

•Overall male: Will Eells - 18:35

•Overall Female: Kiley Hughes - 25:46

•9 and under: Dixie Garrison, 1st- 43:40

10-12 female: • Kiley Hughes, 1st- 25:46

•Hannah Junker, 2nd- 26:16

•Leighanne Dodd, 3rd- 34:07

10-12 male: •Brenden Reed, 1st- 24:55

•Tucker Kyne, 2nd- 36:52

•Alex Foster, 3rd- 36:54

•Ben Brown- 42:10

•Lauryn Crawley- 47:07

•Carly Brown- 47:07

•Katelyn Duggin- 47:07

13-17 male: •Justin Whited, 1st- 21:22

•Ian DeArmond, 2nd- 31:15

13-17 female: • Kirsten Renee, 1st- 46:44

•Adrianna Reed Alayna Reed, 2nd- 47:07

18-29 male: •Trice Powers, 1st- 25:06

•Josh Osborne, 2nd- 49:48

18-29 female: •Kayla Hughes, 1st- 43:54

•Janna Womack, 2nd- 45:18

•Amy Reed, 3rd- 49:48

•Lindsey Powers, 53:58

30-39 male: •Will Eells, 1st- 18:35

•Nick Patterson, 2nd- 21:28

•Dustin Junker 30-39 female: •LarRissa LarRissa N Phillips, 1st- 33:03

•Heather Foster Rowell, 2nd- 37:45

•Paula Kyne, 3rd- 38:10

•Lisa Johnson - 38:52

•Dana Clark- 34:08

•Mandy Gay- 34:12

•Jennifer Brown- 50:51

•Anna Patterson- 53:10

•Tiffany Davies Junker 40-49 male: •Brian Elrod, 1st- 20:25

•Chad Crawley, 2nd- 23:24

•Jason Reed, 3rd- 24:18

Jason Brown- 42:31

•Sam Garrison- 46:44

40-49 female: •Jennifer Jennifer Melton Duggin, 1st- 43:46

• Lisa Smith Reed, 2nd- 43:47

• DeAnna Reed, 3rd- 45:18

•Stormi Smith-Reed - 48:58

•Lori Reed- 49:48

•Cindy Garrison- 50:51

50-59 male: • Marcus Larson, 1st- 25:56

50-59 female: •Jackie Powers, 1st- 35:18

•Robin Graham, 2nd- 37:36

•Cindy Larson, 3rd- 45:18

•Sherry Patterson - 52:58

60-69 female: Dianne McAllister, 1st- 45:18

•Joan Hughes, 2nd- 50:50

•60-69 male: J.C. Hughes

## Middle Tennessee Mule Skinners "On The Move"



Above, Grady & Carol George, Jr, proudly display the blue ribbon as they prepare to leave for the Alexandria Christmas Parade with their two mule hitch and show wagon. Grady and Carol are members of the Middle TN Mule Skinners and are one of many who travel far and near to meet the demands of many Christmas parades and events throughout this holiday season. The Mule Skinners begin booking many events early in the year for the Holiday Season. Mules and their wagons, buggies, etc are in high demand especially in the parades. Congratulations to a Grady Jr and Carol for this beautiful display and Thank You for representing the local Mule Skinners so well. Grady, Jr and Carol, as well as many others, were at Livingston on Saturday the 11th as well as this parade on the 12th. It takes a lot of work to prepare these beauties and wagons for a parade or event so believe their caretakers enjoy everyone taking time to pet, clap, ask questions and ooh and aw over them when they arrive on the scene.

## ATTENTION: Cripple Creek Cloggers

All current, former and prospective Cripple Creek Cloggers are invited to gather on Sunday, December 20, at 3 p.m. at 1216 E. Main Street, sboro, for fun, celebrations, and lots of reminiscing and conversation. Bring food/drink to share and spread the word to any whom you think might be interested.

The organization begun nearly 49 years ago is alive and continues today to

teach, perform and host an international folkloric festival each June ([www.mboro-international-folkfest.org](http://www.mboro-international-folkfest.org)). Though the name changed from Kittrell 4-H Square Dancers to Rutherford County Square Dancers to the current Cripple Creek Cloggers, the preserving of Appalachian-style square dancing with a clogging step remains the major goal of the organization.

The group began out-of-state travels in 1968 and out-of-country travels in 1973. In 2016, they will represent the U.S. in three international folkloric festivals in Normandy and Brittany in France during June 30-July 16.

For more information, contact Steve Cates, Director ([www.cripplecreekcloggers.org](http://www.cripplecreekcloggers.org)), at [appdancer@aol.com](mailto:appdancer@aol.com)

## Johnson Joins Staff at Local United Way

Teresa Johnson has joined the staff of the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties as the Data and Operations Manager.

Teresa's role will support the organization's growth as well as the Community Impact Model by collecting, analyzing, and utilizing accurate, robust, and meaningful data. Teresa will work within the finance department and contribute to the strength of the organization's backbone.

Teresa comes to United Way as an alumna of the Jones College of Business at Middle Tennessee State University. One campus administrator noted Teresa as being among the "top five students" that they had worked with at MTSU. Teresa completed an internship with the local United Way in the spring of 2015, and another with the International Institute

of Global Resilience in Washington, D.C., where she conducted research in the area of disaster relief.

Stan Jackson, Director of Finance for United Way, said, "We are blessed to have a person of Teresa's character and management background become a part of our staff at United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties. In her position, she will standardize our internal processes organization wide, further increasing our daily efficiency and data management. We will look to her to tap into and implement all the capabilities of our database system, so information will be readily available to all staff. Training current and new staff will become a part of her position so there is consistency in the way we enter and manage our data."

Teresa may be contacted at [Teresa.Johnson@yourlocaluw.org](mailto:Teresa.Johnson@yourlocaluw.org) or (615) 893-7303 ext. 102.

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During 2015, United Way mobilized the resources and volunteers to provide resources valued at more than \$70,000 to Murfreesboro City Schools, Rutherford County Schools and Cannon County Schools.



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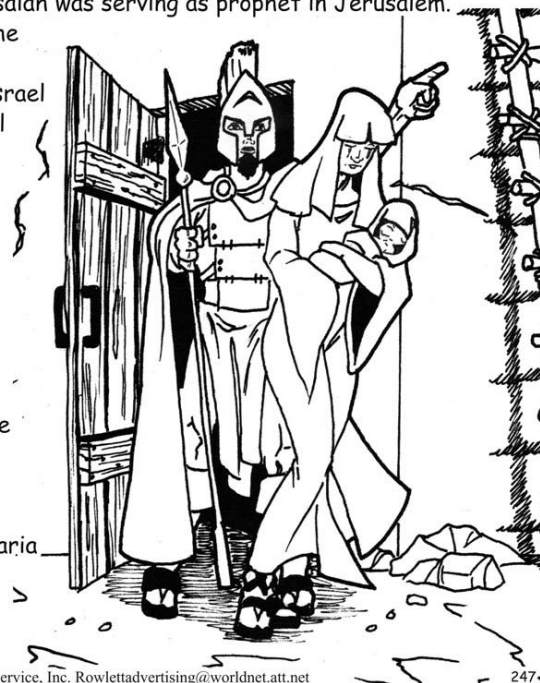
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### TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

**Micah**  
 Book of Micah

Micah was a citizen of the southern kingdom, Judah, during the reign of King Jotham, King Ahaz and King Hezekiah and while Isaiah was serving as prophet in Jerusalem. Micah observed what was happening to the northern kingdom, Israel, as Assyria overthrew them and Israel became a mere province following the fall of Samaria in 722-721 B.C., as he prophesied.

Now Judah was guilty of the same sins as Israel. Micah denounced the rulers, priests and false prophets. He preached against the exploitation of the helpless, the dishonesty in business and the sham that was being passed off as worship. The ruling classes treated the poor awful by seizing their fields and clothes and ejecting women with children from their homes. God's judgment would come to both Samaria and Jerusalem but that would not be the end. There would be a restoration.



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At first Mary was afraid and troubled by the angel's words. Being a virgin, Mary questioned the angel, "How will this be?" The angel explained that the child would be God's own Son and, therefore, "nothing is impossible with God." Humbled and in awe, Mary believed the angel of the Lord and rejoiced in God her Savior.

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# CRIME & COURTS

## Multiple charges set in auto accident

Woodbury Police

by Patrolman Tracey Stoetzel. A hearing is set for Jan. 12 in General Sessions Court.

### Multiple Charges

Kenneth W. Mathews faces multiple charges following an auto accident on College Street.

Patrolman Jimmy Hayes charged Mathews with DUI, simple possession of a controlled substance and leaving the scene of an accident.

A hearing is set for Feb. 16 in General Sessions Court.

### Public Intoxication

Jason Couch was charged with public intoxication

**Driving While Revoked**  
Sharon L. Brown was charged with driving on a revoked license by Patrolman Jimmy Hayes. A hearing is set for Jan. 16 in General Sessions Court.

**Driving on Suspended**  
Robert Earl West Jr. was charged with driving on a suspended license by Patrolman Tracey Stoetzel. A hearing is set for January 12 in General Sessions Court

## State Troopers rescue elderly couple from storm surge

NASHVILLE – On the night of December 1st during a heavy rain storm the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) dispatch office in Knoxville received a call of a motor vehicle crash that possibly involved injuries on Andersonville Pike in Knox County.

Immediately as the THP dispatch center received the call state troopers were dispatched to the area of Andersonville Pike. At the time of the crash it was raining extremely heavy, the visibility was very poor.

Troopers patrolled the area of Andersonville Pike for several minutes searching for the crashed vehicle before Sergeant Turley located an area where the vehicle had exited the roadway.

Sergeant Turley obser-

ved where the 2002 Oldsmobile Alero had crashed down an eight foot embankment, and was now resting in a low lying area that was quickly filling with rain runoff. Sergeant Turley fought his way down the embankment in the deep mud to the driver's door of the crashed vehicle. Once he reached the door he observed that water was quickly filling up the floorboard of the vehicle.

Turley completed a quick medical interview of the driver Mr. Thomas A. Yonker 78, of Knoxville and his wife Mrs. Verlin Yonker 77, of Knoxville and immediately called for the assistance of Rural Knoxville Metro Fire Department. Sergeant Turley then pulled the door open through the rising

water and removed Mr. Yonker from the vehicle and escorted him up the eight foot embankment to safety. At this time Sergeant Turley and Rural Knoxville Metro Fire Department together went back down the steep embankment to remove Mrs. Yonker from the vehicle.

As they made their way back to the vehicle it now was filled with water approximately three feet high. Once atop the embankment the



## Arrests and Inmate Count at Cannon County Jail

Date	Males	Females	Total
11/27	41	12	53
11/28	45	13	58
11/29	44	13	57
11/30	45	14	59
12/1	46	15	61
12/2	47	13	60
12/3	48	11	59

### ARRESTS:

**Domestic Assault 3  
VOP 5  
DUI 2**

**Driving on Suspended License 1**

**Livestock @ Large 1**

**Aggravated Domestic Assault 1**

**Aggravated Assault 1**

**Capias 2**

**Public Intoxication 2**

**Assault 1**

**Aggravated Burglary 1**

**Vandalism over \$500 1**

**Vandalism under \$500 1**

**Simple Possession 1**

**Leaving Scene of Accident 1**

**Violation of Protection Order 1**

**Reckless Endangerment 1**

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couple received a medical assessment by emergency personnel, and required no medical attention. They were treated and released to go home safely with their family. "This is a wonderful example of how our troopers are placing service before self. I am very proud of the job our troopers perform daily, THP Colonel Tracy Trott said." - See more at: <http://www.tn.gov/safety/news/21660#sthash.uFUSbxT.dpuf>

## HUMOROUS POLICE REPORTS

### Ohio woman caught eating cereal during high speed automobile chase

COLUMBUS, Ohio – A woman is behind bars after an overnight police chase that went on for nearly 30 miles.

According to investigators, it started when a Madison County deputy noticed a woman driving erratically on Interstate 70 near U.S. 42.

After stopping the car, the deputy noticed that the woman behind the wheel was eating a bowl of cereal. During the traffic stop, deputies say the woman took off, driving toward Columbus.

The pursuit reached speeds up to 100 mph. Stop-sticks were used near downtown Columbus, but failed to end the chase.

In the area of Weber Road and Reis Avenue, the car began to break down and the woman got out of the car and tried to run, according to investigators. She was then cornered by deputies and arrested.

### Man posing as U.S. Marshal walks out on \$3 beer tab at Hobbit bar

A man posing as a U.S. Marshal walked out on his \$3 tab for a Corona beer at a South Tallahassee restaurant in October, police say.

Now John A. Monk, 29, is facing charges of impersonating an officer, carrying a concealed weapon, petit theft and possession of marijuana.

He was arrested on a warrant Monday by the Tallahassee Police Department and is being held in the Leon County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

A manager of Hobbit American Grill on Capital Circle Southwest called police Oct. 11 to report that Monk had entered the restaurant openly carrying a gun, flashlight and wearing a badge, court records say.

He told the manager he was a U.S. Marshal as he ordered a beer and then walked outside to smoke a cigarette. The manager followed, struck up a conversation in which Monk told him "this was 'his jurisdiction.'"

Monk left the restaurant without paying for his beer. The manager told police he was "freaked" out and called 911.

Monk was identified by workers of the restaurant because he had dated a former employee, court records say, but they dispelled his claim that he was a Marshal.

### Father & son face charges over stealing, reselling chick wings

SYRACUSE, NY-- A father and his son are facing charges for allegedly stealing chicken wings from the restaurant where they worked and reselling them at a lower price.

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office says Paul Rojek, 56, and his son Joshua Rojek, 33, both of Syracuse, are accused of placing chicken wing orders through the restaurant's wholesaler, then reselling them on the street, or other restaurants, at a discounted price.

Police say the restaurant, Twin Trees Too, was billed approximately \$41,000 for the chicken wing orders between February and November 21 of this year.

Both Rojeks are also accused of destroying the receipts for those orders.

They are charged with grand larceny and falsifying business records. They were arraigned in court. The judge set their bail at \$2,500.

### Woman bites store employee

RUTLAND, Vt. — A New York woman was arrested after she allegedly bit an employee of a Vermont store after he attempted to retrieve underwear she had allegedly stolen from the store.

The 33-year-old woman from White Plains, New York, will be arraigned on Dec. 14 on misdemeanor charges of retail theft and simple assault. Her hearing had been scheduled for Monday, but has since been rescheduled.

Loss-prevention officer Richard Durham, of the TJ Maxx store in Rutland, told police the woman kicked him, slapped his glasses off of his face and bit his thumb after he had taken her purse to check for the stolen underwear.

Police say Durham retrieved the \$21.50 underwear from the woman's bag.

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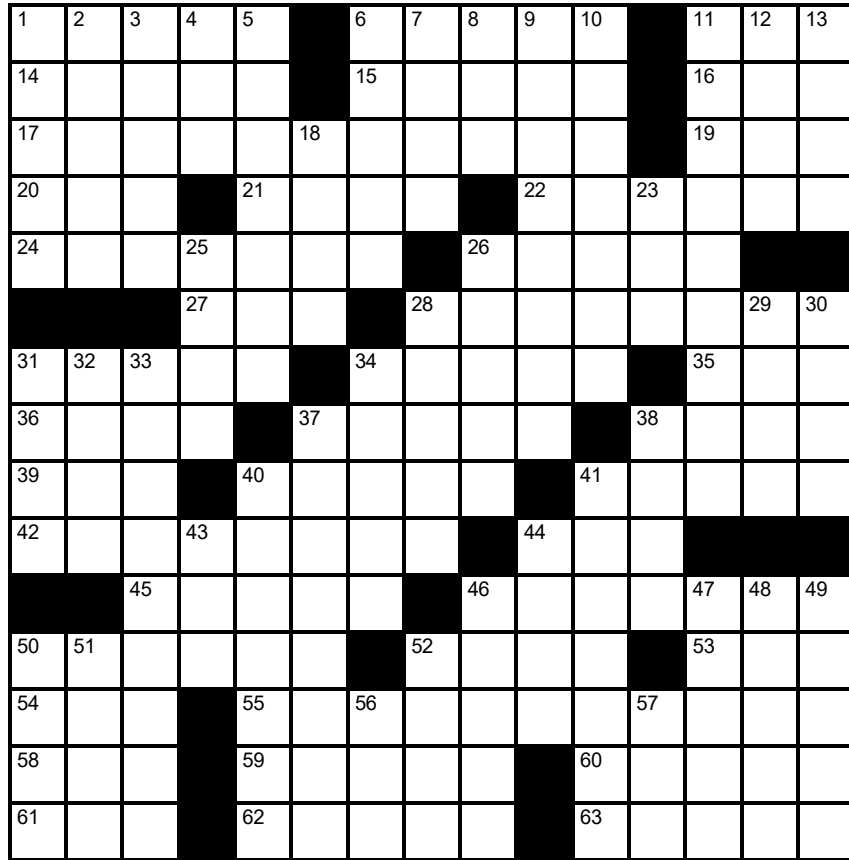


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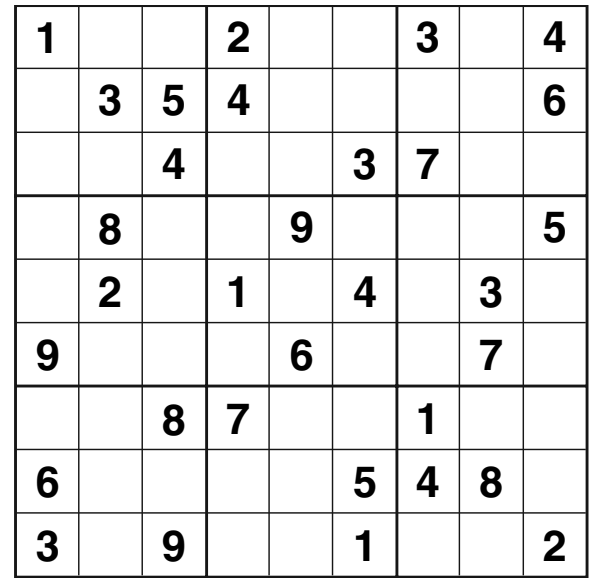
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## Savvy Senior

**How to Make Your Kitchen Safer and Easier to Use**  
Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you recommend for making a kitchen senior-friendly? My wife, who loves to cook, has had several kitchen-related accidents over the past year, which is why we would like to modify to make it safer and more practical.

**Hungry Husband**

Dear Hungry,

There are a number of simple modifications and inexpensive add-ons that can make a big difference in making your kitchen more age-friendly. Depending on your wife's needs, here are some tips for each aspect of the kitchen.

**Floors:** If you have kitchen throw rugs, to reduce tripping or slipping, replace them with non-skid floor mats or consider gel mats, which are cushiony and more comfortable to stand on for long periods. GelPro.com and WellnessMats.com offer a nice selection.

**Lights:** If the lighting in her kitchen is dim, replace the old overhead fixture with a bright new ceiling light, and add under-cabinet task lighting to brighten up her kitchen countertops.

**Cabinets and drawers:** To reduce bending or reaching, organize your kitchen cabinets and drawers so that the items you most frequently use are within comfortable reach. You can also make your cabinets and pantry easier to access by installing pullout shelves or lazy susans. And D-shaped pull-handles for the cabinets and drawers are also recommended because they're more comfortable for arthritic hands to grasp than knobs.

**Faucet:** If you have a twist-handle kitchen faucet, replace it with an ADA compliant single handle faucet. They're easier to use, especially for seniors with arthritis or limited hand strength. There are also kitchen faucets on the market today (like the Delta Touch20 faucet and Moen MotionSense) that will turn themselves on and off by simply touching the base or moving your hand over a motion sensor. And, for safety purposes, set your hot water tank at 120 degrees to prevent possible water burns.

**Microwave and stove:** If your microwave is mounted above the stove, consider moving it to a countertop. This makes it safer and easier to reach. And if you're concerned about your wife remembering to turn the stove off, there are automatic stove shut-off devices you can purchase and install to prevent a fire. See cookstop.com, stoveguardintl.com and pioneeringtech.com for some different options.

If you're looking to upgrade some of your appliances too, here are some different senior-friendly features you should look for when shopping.

**Refrigerator and freezer:** Side-by-side doors work well for seniors because the frequently used items (refrigerated and frozen) can be placed at mid-shelf range for easy access. Pullout adjustable height shelves and a water/ice dispenser on the outside of door are also very convenient.

**Stove or cooktop:** Look for one with controls in the front so you won't have to reach over hot burners to turn it off, and make sure the controls are easy to see. Flat surface electric or induction burners, or continuous grates on gas stoves are also great for sliding heavy pots and pans from one burner to the next. And ask about automatic shut off burners.

**Oven:** Self-cleaning ovens are a plus, and consider a side-swing door model. They're easier to get into because you don't have to lean over a hot swing-down door. Also consider a wall-mounted oven, installed at your wife's preferred height to eliminate bending.

**Dishwasher:** Consider a dishwasher drawer that slides in and out, and is installed on a 6 to 10-inch raised platform. These require less bending to load and unload.



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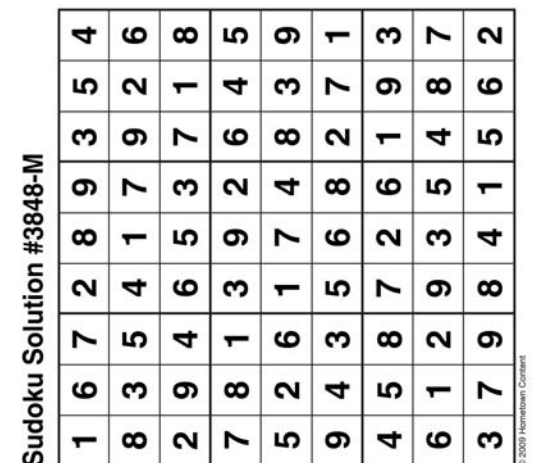
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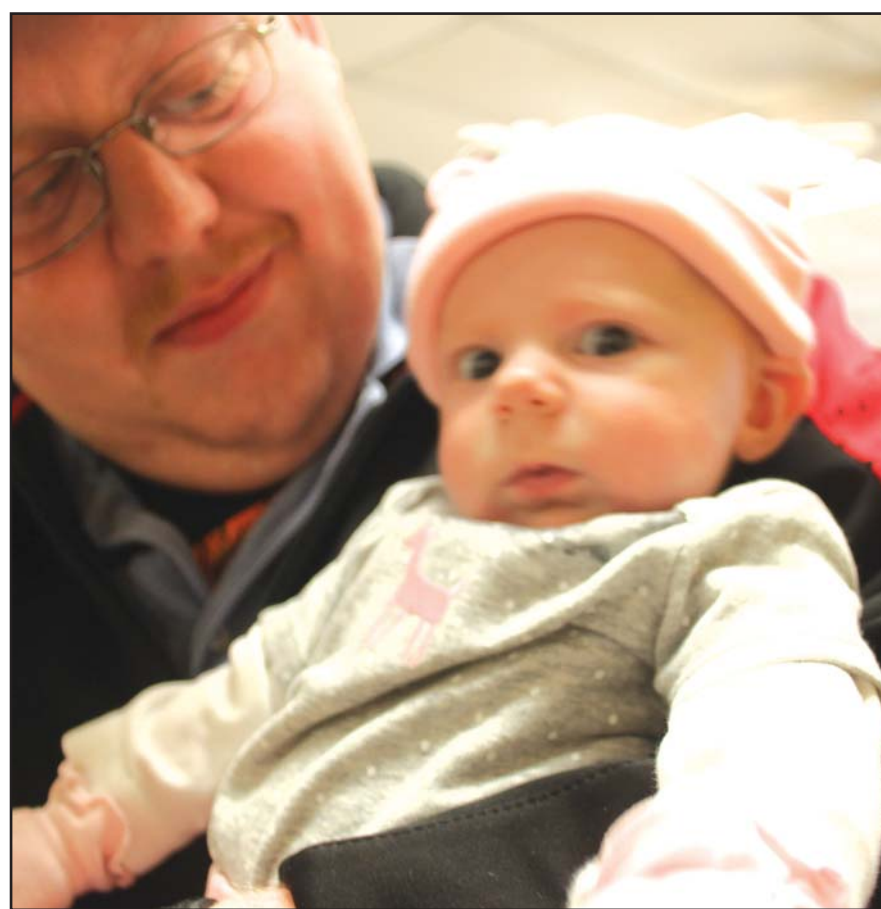
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# Santa visits Lions Club breakfast



Lion Carl Franklin Hirlson snaps the shutter on Santa and Mrs. Claus. Below, a close-up of Clay and Bradyn Nelson weighting down the Jolly Ol' Elf's lap at Woodbury's Lions Club Building.

Photos By Mike West



Proud Papa Dustin Taylor holds his 6-month-old daughter Lillian after she sat on Santa's lap. Lillian smiled for Santa, but isn't too sure about posing for a closeup.

Chamber of Commerce's Carolyn Motley was dressed in her Christmas finery for the pancake breakfast which featured her traditional exhibit of Christmas figurines, including one of her first, the Pinewood Lodge, below.



Lion Trea Wessell supervised the making of 'perfect pancakes' from her top secret recipe. As always, her pancakes were a hit with the crowd attending the special Christmas breakfast.

