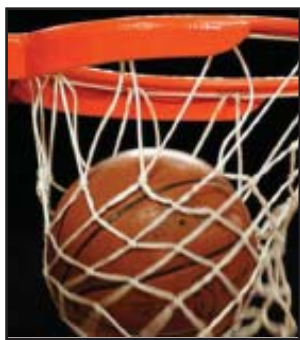


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Coffee shop dream comes true

KEN BECK
The Cannon Courier



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Husband and wife for 56 years, Bill and Peg Rackley have seen their dream come true since they recently opened Bill's Coffee Shop on the Woodbury square. Serving breakfast Thursday through Saturday, the couple caters to all but have affection for veterans. They will offer a special Valentine's Day dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 13). Reservations are required.

and he prayed over his children. Bill came to the house and read the Bible with my Daddy and that put him over with my dad."

Peg, a native of Charleston, S.C., and Bill, who grew up in Goldsboro, N.C., have been married 56 years, and more than

half of their marriage, from 1956 to 1985, he served as an aircraft maintenance superintendent in the U.S. Air Force.

That included a tour in Vietnam from 1963-64 and a tour of Thailand in 1972. The couple, who moved to Rutherford County in

2001, has four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Peg has been dreaming for years about opening a coffee shop in tribute to Bill as well as other military veterans. She shared those sentiments on Thursday
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Building inspector gets OK

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

Building or expanding a home in Cannon County?

If that's the case, you will soon have to have it inspected beginning March 1 by an authorized state building inspector.

The Cannon County Commission voted unanimously to approve the plan after hearing from Tim Planer, state building inspection supervisor. The Commission had previously voted not to opt out of the inspection process.

The vote came during the February 4 Commission meeting.

"Does this apply to remodeling or additions?" asked Commissioner Mark Barker.

"No for remodeling, yes for additions," Planer answered.

How much does an inspection cost?

The cost of the building permit is based on the es-

timated cost of construction, Planer said.

For example for a \$125,000 house, the permit would be \$450, he said.

Shops, sheds, barns and detached garages and buildings of that sort do not have to be inspected.

"The Commission failed to opt out of the process," said County Executive Mike Gannon. "But we do need time to advertise the change and explain it to the public."

"We're in. We might as well go ahead," said Commissioner Jim Bush, who moved to have the County Clerk's Office to begin issuing the permits on March 1.

Bush's motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richie Hunter did ask how much the building inspection process could save Cannon County residents on insurance.

"I can see nothing but
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Iconiummannabbedfordrugs

An 37-year-old Iconium Road man was arrested by the Cannon County Sheriff's Office on multiple drug charges.

The suspect, identified as James Estell Brown, denied selling any prescription drugs reported Investigator Brandon Gullett.

Gullett said he was advised by Brown "He hadn't sold any prescription pills but that he would give them to people who needed them and he would in turn receive prescription pills back from them if he needed them."

"I then asked James if he had given any prescription

pills to anyone in the past month which James stated that hadn't anyone been to his house over the past month," Gullett reported.

It was then the investigator revealed to Brown his house had been under surveillance for the past month and that a number of cars had been spotted there.

At that point, Brown said he didn't have anything else to say.

The Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Tennessee National Guard Counter Drug Unit, had maintained surveillance on Brown's house on Iconium

Road until a search warrant could be obtained.

Executing the warrant were Gullett, Investigator Chris Brown, Sheriff Darrell Young, Chief Deputy Anthony Young and Deputy Mike Agee.

Once inside the dwelling, investigators discovered several pill bottles with the label ripped off in a brown dresser sitting next to a wood stove. Also inside the dresser, a peanut container was found containing \$600 in 20-dollar bills. An AR-15 rifle was discovered loaded. In another room, a loaded

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The 2016 Cannon County Chamber of Commerce board members and officers include (back row, from left) Treasurer Cindy Pitts, Phillip Reed, Deborah Shahan, Vice President Gary Hancock, Daryl Fisher and Neal Appelbaum. Front row, from left Connie Rigsby, Tabitha Smith, Martha Whitmore, President Sue Conley and Trish Forst. Not pictured are John Barker, Joann Tate, Debbie Vaughn and Keith Ready.

Chamber swears in officers

The Cannon County Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Board teamed up to recognize Chamber Members and Industry in Cannon Co. at their annual Mix & Mingle Social held at The Arts Center on Thursday January 21. Those attending which included several county commissioners, city council members, local business owners, IDB board members and Chamber of Commerce officers and board members enjoyed a selection of food items and drink catered by The Blue Porch Catering.

A 60-second commercial was offered to everyone who wished to speak along with great door prizes donated by The Arts

Center, DTC Communications and Sue & Bob Stancil.

Ron Fryar the 2014 & 2015 Chamber President retiring after serving 6 years introduced the 2016 Chamber President Sue Conley, CEO of St. Thomas Stones River Hospital and two new board members, Deborah Shahan, director of The Senior Center and Martha Whitmore with Global Industrial Components. Neal Appelbaum chairman of the IDB introduced the Industrial Development Board members.

The Chamber and IDB are working to promote the visibility of Cannon County in order to attract new shoppers, new residents, and new business owners.

Dispose of unused medications safely at Sheriff's Department

Got any unused or outdated medications? If you do, the Cannon County Sheriff's Office is now providing a safe way of getting rid of them.

"We are proud to announce we are now a member of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's Unwanted Pharmaceuticals Take Back Program," said Sheriff Darrell Young.

"With this program, we and the TDEC are able to provide a permanent bin in the lobby of the Cannon Sheriff's Department for Cannon County residents to collect unwanted and expired medication that have the potential to be a safety, environmental and health concern for the citizens and the occupants of their homes," the sheriff said.

Prescription medicine is accepted along with over the counter drugs including ointments and lotions.

The permanent Unwanted Pharmaceutical Take Back bin is available from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in the lobby of the Cannon County Sheriff's Office at 110 Alexander Drive in Woodbury.



Acceptable and unacceptable drugs are clearly listed on the front of the receptacle.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Inglis Preston

Margaret Inglis Preston, 91, passed away Monday, February 2, 2016 at Dekalb St. Thomas hospital. She was a native of Cannon Co.

She is survived by her children, Helen Preston of Smithville, Donald (Donna) Preston of Woodbury; Russell (Kay) Preston of Manchester, Regina (Wayne) Pack of Smithville, Terry Preston of Woodbury, Charles (Kathy) Preston of Woodbury, David (Jackie) Preston of Beech Grove; Sister, Sarah Crowell of Scottsville, KY; 12 Grandchildren and 24 Great Grandchildren

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Meda Melton Inglis; husband, James M. Preston; Grandson, Jimmy Preston; Granddaughter, Margaret Virginia Preston; brother, James Inglis & Lavaun Moulton.

Ms. Preston was a member of Woodland Baptist Church and was a retired seamstress from Colonial and Valdor. She enjoyed going to church, vegetable and flower gardening and canning. Most of all she loved being a wife and mother.

Funeral services will be 1 pm Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. John Robinson & Bro. Greg Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow in the Amity Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4 pm until 8 pm Wednesday, February 03, 2016. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cannon Co. Child Advocacy Center

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

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Woodbury, Tennessee

Eleanor "Dixie" Kerwin

Mrs. Eleanor "Dixie" Kerwin, 95, formerly of Clearwater, FL passed away on January 31, 2016. She was born in Canton, OH on June 24, 1920. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Guy Donbar and Christina Sailor Donbar; her husband, John Francis Kerwin and a sister, Mary Ellen Deihl.



She is survived by her sons, Michael (Tracey) Kerwin of Woodbury and Timmy (Rev. Lisa) Kerwin of Milford, OH; daughter, Cheryl Kerwin and her husband, Stephen Moitoso of Upper Marlboro, MD; seven grandchildren, Jason, Shannon, Melissa, Kelly, Jane, Erin and Kyle; nineteen great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Kerwin was a resident of Clearwater for over 41 years before moving to Woodbury. Her husband was a Coast Guard Veteran and they lived many places through the years. She was dedicated to her family and kept very active with her children and grandchildren's activities. She passed away just after the 72nd anniversary of her marriage.

The family will hold a memorial service on Sand Key in Clearwater at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Alive Hospice in her memory. Share your memories and condolences with the family at www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net Smith Funeral Home (615)563-5337

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Woodbury, Tennessee

Billy Joe Hayes

Billy Joe Hayes, age 75, of Readyville passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. He was a native of Cannon County.

Survivors include his wife, Jewell Perry Hayes of Readyville; Children, Craig Hayes of Readyville & Sheron & John Brothers of Murfreesboro; Grandchildren, Faith Hayes of Chattanooga, Allie, & Garrison Brothers of Murfreesboro; Siblings, Buddy Hayes of Burt & Helen Davenport of Woodbury; Sister-in-law, Joyce Trail of Manchester; Brother-in-law, Charles Perry of Manchester. Also surviving are many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Hayes & Lillian LeFevers Downing; and son, Byron Hayes.

Mr. Hayes was a member of the Woodbury Church of Christ and a general foreman at Samsonite for 33 years. He was most importantly a family man and also a sports enthusiast. He also loved his antique cars.

Funeral services will be 2 PM Sunday, February 7, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Herb Alsop & Bro. Daniel Hayes officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 PM to 8 PM Saturday, February 6, 2016.

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Woodbury, Tennessee

Opal Loraine Rigney

Funeral services for Mrs. Opal Loraine Rigney, age 95, of Manchester, TN will be conducted at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 5, 2016 at Coffee County Funeral Chapel with Bro. Kip Green and Bro. Paul Cagle officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be from 11:00 AM until time of service on Friday at the funeral home. Mrs. Rigney passed away Tuesday afternoon at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN, surrounded by her loving family.

Opal was born in Manchester, TN, the daughter of the late David and Elsie Bush Gilley. She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. View Church of Christ. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, always had flowers, was a Christian lady, and loved her granddaughters and great granddaughters.

In addition to her parents, Opal was also preceded in death by her loving husband of 50 years, Alton Rigney; four brothers, Finis, Clarence, Wayne, and Austin Gilley; and two sisters, Wanda Gilley and Florance Gowen. She is survived by one son, Foy Rigney and his wife, Charlene of Manchester; two granddaughters, Ericka (Kelly) Readhimer and Emily (Matt) Cagle; and two great granddaughters, Tatum Readhimer and Megan Cagle.

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Woodbury, Tennessee

Flavil Ray Pitts

McMinnville, TN resident and Cannon County, TN native Flavil Ray Pitts, age 88, was born June 27, 1927 and died February 5, 2016 at St. Thomas River Park Hospital following an extended illness.

A retired auditor with Chrysler Corporation, a United States Army veteran of WWII, and a member of the Church of Christ, he was the son of the late Shelah and Jennie Justice Elkins Pitts. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Karen Edwards and Darlene Owczarski; first wife, Delores Pitts; three brothers, David, Paul and Sterling Pitts; and three sisters, Eva Lee Reed, Donzie Greer and Ona Prater.

He was married August 11, 2001 to Julia Turner Pitts of McMinnville. In addition to his wife, he is survived by son, Kenneth Pitts of Arizona; grandson, Terry Owczarski of Michigan; two step-sons, Tom Winfree and wife Sonjia of McMinnville and Ronald Winfree of Indiana; step-daughter, Karen Walters and husband Darrell of Greenbrier, TN; sister, Una Ray of Tullahoma, TN; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and step-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Pitts served in the Army for several years. He enjoyed fishing and being out on the water. He taught himself different languages, and had a love for music and singing. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 8, 2016 at Leoni Church of Christ with Ben Bailey officiating. Burial will follow in Leoni Cemetery in Cannon County, TN with full military honors administered by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Visitation will be 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sunday at High's, and from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service Monday at the Church.

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Woodbury, Tennessee

Ruby Nichols Anderson

Mrs. Ruby Nichols Anderson, age 89, died Thursday February 4, 2016 at St. Thomas Stones River Hospital following an extended illness. She was a native of Cannon County and the daughter of the late Chalmus and Vera Davenport Nichols. Mrs. Anderson was also preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Anderson; 2 Sons, Kenneth and James Anderson; and 2 brothers, Hoyte and Carl Nichols.

Survivors include her children: Thomas Anderson of El Paso, TX, Eugene (Kathy) Anderson of Manchester, Patty (J. W.) Bailey and Debbie (Paul) Davenport all of Woodbury, Anthony Anderson of Arizona and Larry (Lecia) Anderson of Smyrna; Her sister-in-law, Ailene Nichols of Woodbury; 13 Grandchildren, Jeffery, Eddie, Melissa, Phillip, Kayla, Jessie, Daniel, & Adrienne Anderson, Lee Bailey, Angela (Jake) Woodcock, Shane (Amy) Davenport, Stephanie Watson, & Bekah. Also surviving are several great grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Baptist Church and a housekeeper, working several years at the Holiday House. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, raising Siamese cats and taking care of people.

Funeral services will be Monday February 8, 2016 at the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with burial to follow at Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 4:00 to 9:00 PM.

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Timmy Wayne Mount

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News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER

2 out of 3 Groundhogs Say

Just how many groundhogs do really need to give us a prediction of how much longer the winter weather is going to hand around? From Pennsylvania, the most famous one of the lot did not see his shadow today, February 2nd, so winter is going to wrap up its coldness and be on its way out of here I do hope. Georgia's ground hop the next in line of importance in all of this doesn't get all that media attention like the first one. Now, someone has told me that there is this ground hog in New York, also in the running. For the record, we do not believe this groundhog could predict the weather several weeks or maybe a couple of months in advance do we? -- when the weather people can't predict it one day to the next. That would be like saying we know there are 'little green men' or an 'invisible cow' among us wouldn't it and we all know that couldn't be right? - or could it.

The winter weather is still out of whack as I see it, as the temperature for Nashville on Tuesday was 75 degrees. It broke the old record of 72 degrees. It was an extremely pleasant day being so warm but boy was it ever windy. Glad we didn't have any severe weather as the front came through. Super good sleeping weather but just too much rain fell during the night that we didn't really need. The ground around here is really a soggy mess to walk on.

Talked with Donna Lawson for a spell and she is doing better but does need our prayers.

Others we need to keep

in prayer: Fay Pitts, Ruth Brown, Jody Reedy, Edith Miller, the Luther Lawrence family in his passing, Chloe Evelyn Bogle, and Denise Stanton.

Mind-boggling news today as the CIA is releasing (top secret) - formerly "classified information" after all these years on UFO sighting. Why are they doing this now is what everyone is asking? A meeting has been called for our CAC (Community Association Committee) to be at 12:00 midnight - in old Uncle Tom's barn off route 52 that is barely standing and could collapse at any time.

Why would we meet there? The CIA would never think we could find our way there or make it out alive most likely if we did locate it. This meeting will be to find out what the CIA has been covering up for so long. We have to do this in secret so the CIA will know how it feels to be "left in the dark" about matters that are of no consequence to them. Bobby wanted to start the meeting by asking what does the letters CIA stand for anyway? Informed him California Industrial Academy and a lot of people do live there or visit to be with other smart people like themselves. He bought it - that was all I was hoping for. I think I saw a little green head with antennas among them crowd attending our gathering. Surely not one of them aliens is here and how would he know about this secret meeting, unless Clyde told him?

Clyde, you can imagine, is in trouble as I don't think he can talk his way out of this one.

All cutting up and jok-

ing aside that we need not to take too seriously. Focus on what we need to be thinking about - how good God is to all of us. If you have a roof over your head, food in your belly, and able to pay your bills, please acknowledge Him with your gratitude for that each and every day. No one's day to day living is gonna be perfect. That is a sure thing, but we that know Him are confident He will always be there to help us with whatever is going wrong in our life and the plan He develops will be a perfect one to smooth out that bump in the road that caught us off guard. Concentrating on the Lord for help - will lead you to heaven - depending on mankind will only lead you to destruction. Praising the Lord each day for His goodness to you will always start your day out right. May others in that day that you are around see Jesus in you and want Him in their lives, too.

Also, always remember to treat others the way you want to be treated. Once you've spoken words to hurt people, they can't be taken back and will always be remembered by that person. Do forgive that person as you have been forgiven by Jesus. Checking yourself out in the mirror works every time as to the person that you have become. Sometimes it's not a pleasant sight is it?

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

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:14

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MLS # 1688409



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Burt Burgen Road
33.78 acres (see listing)
MLS #1687599



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MLS # 1644070



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Suicide Prevention

Two grants totaling more than \$5 million will increase suicide prevention efforts in Tennessee

Centerstone, one of the nation's largest not-for-profit providers of community-based behavioral health and addiction services, has expanded its Crisis Care Services in Tennessee with two new, statewide suicide prevention grants totaling more than \$5 million.

Aiming to lower suicide deaths, reduce suicide attempts and promote long-term engagement in mental health services among youth and working-age adults, the combined initiative is funded by grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), awarded to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) in partnership with Centerstone, Centerstone Research Institute and Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network.

With these grant dollars, Centerstone has launched two enhanced follow-up tracks for Tennesseans at high risk of attempting suicide. SAMHSA data shows emergency room (ER) visits related to suicide attempts are increasing, while the number of ERs around the U.S. has decreased "at an alarming rate," according to Journal of the American Medical Association. The result often can be

the discharge of suicide attempt survivors who haven't been connected appropriately to follow-up care due to ER overcrowding.

"Survivors of suicide attempts are at their highest risk following discharge, and up to 70 percent of survivors never attend their first follow-up counseling appointment," said Jennifer Armstrong, director of Crisis Care Services at Centerstone. "With our new enhanced services, we're increasing our reach, partnering with local hospitals and taking an in-depth approach to outreach and follow-up support that reduces relapse, suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. Our goal is to support our clients until we're confident they are safely supported beyond our care."

CONNECT is a five-year suicide prevention effort expected to serve at least 6,000 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24, and TARGET is a three-year grant program expected to serve over 3,500 working-age adults ages 25 to 64.

Facets of both plans being implemented by Centerstone's dedicated team of experts include face-to-face and telephone follow-up communication. A notable extra feature of TARGET is a technology package for enrollees that incorporates use of iPhones and Fitbits to encourage communication and to help track activities and health habits. Centerstone Research Institute is taking

the lead on data collection and analysis for both grants with the goal of developing shareable best practices that will help save lives.

At pilot locations, early results of these new grant services are showing great success. To date, a higher number of clients have been linked to follow-up care, and no subsequent suicide attempts have been reported. The list of statewide partnerships, in various stages of program implementation, continues to grow as Centerstone conducts consultation with select emergency departments, inpatient psychiatric facilities and primary care physicians, assisting in standardizing suicide care, including referral of high risk patients to appropriate services.

Centerstone is widely known for its Crisis Call Center and pioneering suicide prevention efforts and has been recognized by major U.S. publications as well as The White House. Leaders at the organization have been instrumental in supporting the National Action Alliance's Zero Suicide in Health and Behavioral Health Care initiative, implementing effective suicide prevention protocols throughout Tennessee and championing the cause at events in Washington, D.C., Vancouver, Canada, and Oxford, England.

To access Centerstone's Crisis Care Services, call 800-681-7444. Experts are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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What about Bigfoot?

To the Editor:

Just curious.

Whatever happened to Big Foot? Has he been replaced by Little Green Men?

Georgia Gannon
 Antioch

Do you want to be part of tax decision?

To the Editor:

Attention citizens of Cannon County, do you want to be part of the Tax Decision determining how much and the type of taxes you will pay? If so, then Vote March 1.

The Cannon County Commissioners have put two tax referendums on the March 1 ballot:

1. Increase the local sales tax by 1 cent (total sales tax 8.75 to 9.75). This would align Cannon County with the surrounding counties: Rutherford, Warren, DeKalb and Coffee.
2. Increase the Wheel Tax by \$20 (total vehicle tag renewal from \$74.25 to \$94.25).

However concerning the \$20 wheel tax increase, the Commissioners agreed to rollback the 15 cents property tax rate increase, approved at the special called meeting August 31, 2015 by 13 cents, if the \$20 wheel tax increase is passed by the voters.

I understand no one wants to pay more taxes, including myself. But, I believe our Commissioners are trying to act in good faith in balancing the services Cannon County citizens want and deserve with taxes required to be financially responsible. This was demonstrated at the August 31 meeting when the Commissioners:

1. Cut 2.75% from all departments included in the General Fund from their

2014-15 expenditure totals. This action helped to bring spending in alignment with 2016 projected revenues.

2. Revenues directed to be set aside in order to start building an approximate \$600,000 General Fund balance, as recommended by the State Comptroller's Office. This fund balance will help to provide cash flow to cover expenditures through out the fiscal year, since revenues (sales taxes, property taxes, etc) collections fluctuate from month-to-month.

At the August 31st meeting, Commissioner Glenn Steakley commented ... property tax is the most unfair tax that can be levied on a citizen. I agree with Commissioner Steakley and now we have the opportunity to reduce the property tax rate for 2016 by 13 cents.

The sales tax and wheel tax allow the tax burden to be spread more equitably across the citizens of this county We all make purchases and just about every household owns one more more vehicles. Therefore, I would ask first and foremost that you VOTE ... Let your voice be heard ... March 1st and second seriously consider voting in favor of the sales tax and wheel tax referendums for a more equitable sharing of the tax burden.

Thank You.

Ronnie Mahaffey
 Woodbury

GOP urges 'no' vote on local tax issues

To the Editor:

In conjunction with the long standing belief that less government and lower taxes are two of the main principles of the Republican Party platform, the Cannon County Republican Party would like to issue the following statement to the citizens of Cannon County.

The voters of Cannon County will be faced with two separate tax increases during the Presidential Primary election during the early voting period or on March 1, 2016. One will be a \$20 Wheel Tax increase and the other is a one cent Sales Tax increase. We encourage you to VOTE NO on both increases.

We oppose the tax increases for several different reasons, but primarily because there are other ways to increase revenue without increasing the tax burden on the poorest of our community through a Sales Tax increase. Additionally, the Wheel Tax increase would be used to pay the county General Fund when this tax has always been used to pay off school debt. The citizens of Cannon County will get no additional services from these tax increases.

We have presented the County Commissioners and the County Executive with alternatives that would

save tax payer dollars and raise revenue without increasing taxes.

We have asked that ALL county budgets be scrutinized and reviewed for cost savings before tax increases are requested. This was not done during last year's budget review.

We have asked that a uniformed pay scale be created to ensure equitable treatment to all county employees.

We have asked for procedural changes to the Solid Waste program that would save thousands of tax dollars a year. These changes would mirror the Rutherford County Solid Waste program and would still provide the private citizens of Cannon County with every benefit they currently have while ensuring that our tax dollars are being spent wisely.

We have asked for a change in use of the current Wheel Tax sticker. By eliminating the sticker completely this would be an approximate \$5,500 savings per year.

As you can see there are realistic solutions to our issues without raising taxes. We encourage you to VOTE NO on both increases.

Cannon County Republican Party
 Executive Committee

Courier columnist Please, no more award shows!!!

Take a look at what time it is. Now, I bet within two hours there will be an awards show somewhere on television. And if you can hold on for a few days, you can watch the 88th Annual Academy Awards, the Oscars.

It used to be we just had the Oscars and the Emmies, each running for hours at a time. Now, in addition to these two classics, we have, and this is only a small, partial list: the Grammys, the Tonies, the Golden Globes, the Screen Actors Guild Awards, the Directors Guild of America Awards, The Writers Guild of America Awards, There's the M-T-V Movie Awards, the M-T-V Music Video Awards, the American Music Awards, the Billboard Music Awards, the Country Music Association Awards, the Academy of Country Music Awards, and the list goes on and on and on, through nearly 600 movie, television and music awards. And of these awards, dozens end up being televised.

And why this proliferation of awards shows? Well, underneath that red carpet is a cushion of green, as in money. You see, everyone gets to cash in on the awards. For the stars, the televised programs are little more than infomercials

that can generate millions of dollars from ratings, album sales and box office receipts. For the networks, the programs yield millions of dollars of advertising revenue. And let's not forget the dress designers, hair stylists, florists, and the people who manufacture the gold-plated trophies.

Of course, if you ask the producers or sponsors, they will tell you the awards are for "artistic merit" or for "contributions to humanity through the arts." Well, if that is the case, don't you think we would be seeing the Nobel Prize Awards during prime time? Don't count on it any time soon.

What we perhaps need is an award show to recognize award shows. But come to think of it, that's already being done. Every year the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the Emmy folks, nominates the Academy Awards show for, you got it, an Academy Award.



Media Matters
 LARRY BURRISS



Courier Editor

Little Green Men crowd out Bigfoot

Got a brief "letter to the editor" recently from a relative, Georgia Gannon.

Now Georgia is quite a talker, but her letter was short and to the point: "What ever happened to Bigfoot? Has he been replaced by Little Green Men? Just curious."

Now that is a good question from my point of view.

Looking back on the Internet, I managed to find two formal reports of Bigfoot signings in Cannon County. Naturally both of these reports were based in the Short Mountain area.

The most "recent" was taken in 1992 and reported by the folks at the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization (BFRO) which is featured on the Animal Planet program, "Finding Bigfoot."

BFRO.net has this report: "As two witnesses were hunting, they became aware of something noisily making its way through some brush about 50 yards away. Thinking it too large to be a deer, both witnesses simultaneously viewed from their tree stands a large, hairy, 7 ft. tall creature walking across an old logging trail (this only totally clear area near them) before they could do anything. The creature suddenly tore through the forest away from the hunters. (The witnesses believe that it possibly smelled them and became spooked.) It was too dark by the time the witnesses got out of their tree stands to find any footprints, but they did observe damaged undergrowth."

The witness returned to the property later in the week only to be astonished when the property owner told him a woman had witnessed the Bigfoot as well.

A second report dates back to the fall of 1997 with the "reporter" being a former detention officer at the Cannon County Sheriff's Office.

"One of the dispatchers called back to my work station to tell me of a report she had received containing information about a possible Bigfoot sighting in the area of Short Mountain. After the caller hung up, we all had a good laugh, thinking the woman had been intoxicated.. After reading the report posted on this sight, however, I feel this

information could be of use to you. The description she gave matched the one in your Posting, especially the incredible speed it displayed when she screamed at the sight of the creature."

BFRO's website includes 91 Tennessee reports with one the most recent being in Tullahoma.

To see more of BFRO's reports, click on <http://www.bfro.net/>

As for Little Green Men, there have been a few UFO sightings in Cannon County in recent years.

"I was just a witness to a flash of light that started to look like a shooting star and then abruptly turned and sped off into what I believe to be just over a 45° angle. It lasted less than 2 seconds..... I am not a believer, but after this...I would like something explained!!!" reported one Woodbury resident to the National UFO Reporting Center .

As for "Little Green Men" themselves, they first gained fame back on August 21, 1955 in Kelly, Ky, near Hopkinsville. The folks of Kelly hold a "Little Green Men" festival each year to celebrate its occurrence.

Locally, the "Little Green Men" seem to be denizens of Short Mountain (naturally) where they seem content pulling pranks. Guess, the little "fellers" do seem less threatening than 8 or 9 foot tall Bigfoot critters?

Now the folks at Short Mountain Distillery blame all the Bigfoot and little alien stories on the bootleggers who were once common to the area. You can also add mountain lions and ghosts, etc. to that theory.

Back to Georgia's question ... I guess you can blame the change from Bigfoot to Little Green Men on technology. Yup!

So if you has a Bigfoot or Little Green Man story (or photo) to share, send it to news@cannoncourier.com



My Take
 MIKE WEST

Voters feel standard of living falling behind

Generally approve of state leaders, disapprove of president, U.S. Congress

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Tennessee voters are less satisfied with their standard of living and are more likely to say that it is getting worse than the nation as a whole, according to the latest statewide poll by Middle Tennessee State University.



about the same time as this year's MTSU Poll found that 45 percent approve of the job Obama is doing while 48 percent disapprove.

U.S. Congress is again the worst

Despite the relatively positive evaluations that Tennessee voters give their own U.S. senators, their views of the U.S. Congress as a whole are nothing short of abysmal.

A remarkable 80 percent say that they disapprove of Congress. Only 12 percent approve. These numbers are even worse for Congress than those found in a previous MTSU Poll about a year ago, when 70 percent disapproved and 15 percent approved.

A national CBS/New York Times poll conducted in early January 2016 found that 75 percent of Americans disapproved of Congress while 15 percent approved.

"The United States Congress received far and away the worst overall evaluation of any elected official or government institution that we asked Tennessee voters about," Reineke said.

Previously released results from the latest poll included voter opinions about the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates; abortion regulations; gun rights; gasoline tax; and the admission of Syrian refugees to the country.

Those results are available at mtsupoll.org.

Methodology Telephone interviews for the poll were completed by Issues & Answers Network Inc. from among a random sample of registered Tennessee voters age 18 and over.

Data were collected using Tennessee statewide voter registration sample of 60 percent landline and 40 percent cell phones. The average interview length was 12 minutes. Quotas by gender and Grand Region were implemented. Data were weighted based on respondent age to ensure the data represent Tennessee registered voters. The survey's error margin of 4 percentage points indicates one can be 95 percent confident that the actual population figure lies within 4 percentage points (in either direction) of the poll result. Error margins for subgroups can be larger, depending on the subgroup's size.

At the same time, voters approve of state leaders overall, but disapprove of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government.

"These seeming contrasts raise interesting questions about how Tennesseans perceive the relationship between their quality of life and performance of government leaders," said Dr. Ken Blake, director of the poll at MTSU.

The poll of 600 registered Tennessee voters was conducted Jan. 15-20 and has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

Standard of living good, not great ... and in jeopardy More Tennessee voters did say they are satisfied with their standard of living (67 percent) than say they are dissatisfied (30 percent). Standard of living was defined as "...all the things you can buy and do."

However, more say they feel their standard of living is getting worse (42 percent) than getting better (34 percent). About 1 in 5 voters voluntarily answer that they feel their standard of living is staying the same (about 20 percent).

A December 2015 Gallup Poll found that nationwide 79 percent of respondents were satisfied with their standard of living and 62 percent said their standard of living was getting better.

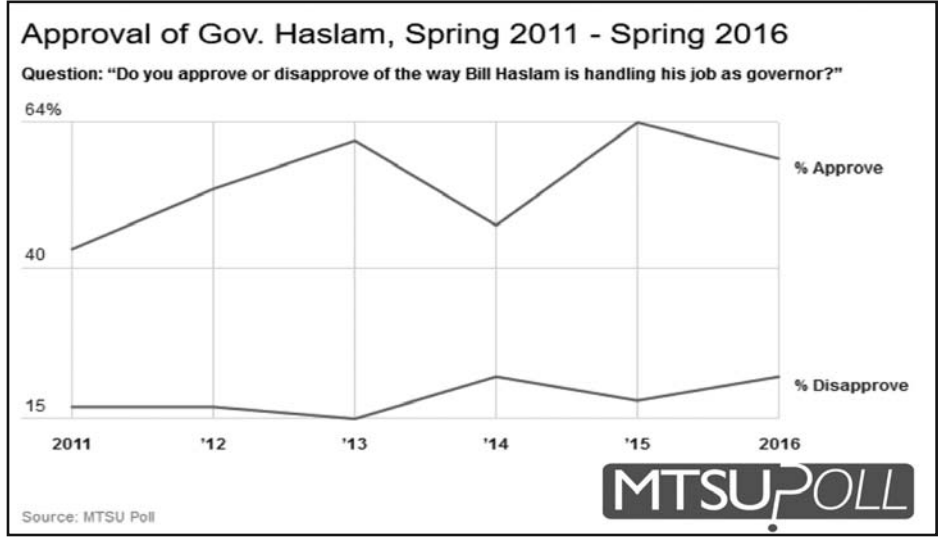
Political party identification makes a difference, with 60 percent of self-identified Republicans saying they approve (16 percent disapprove) and 50 percent of self-identified Democrats saying that they disapprove (30 percent approve).

Among self-identified independents, 44 percent say they approve, 24 percent disapprove.

More disapproval for President Obama Fully 61 percent of Tennessee voters say that they disapprove of the job that President Barack Obama is doing, up from 52 percent who said the same in an early 2015 MTSU poll.

Only 31 percent say that they approve, compared to 37 percent who said the same a year ago.

A FOX News poll of registered voters nationwide conducted at



McNairy audit cited

The Comptroller's annual audit of McNairy County includes 16 issues related to noncompliance, weaknesses and deficiencies in government operations. The 16 findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 were spread across multiple offices. Some of the issues auditors identified included problems with purchasing procedures, expenditures exceeding appropriations, and cash overdrafts.

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In Memorium

On Wednesday, February 10, the Cannon Courier will publish special pages entitled "In Memorium... 2015" honoring the memory of those who passed away in 2015. A listing of names, by month, from obituaries published in our paper will also be printed.

As part of these pages, we are providing a special opportunity for family and friends to honor that special someone with a Last Minute Memorium word message, \$20

If you wish to include a photo (30 words is in addition to person's name, birth date and death date).

To include your memorium, bring your information to Cannon Courier, 113 West Main Street by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2016. advertising@cannoncourier.com.

"In Memorium" Month by Month... In Memorium Pages will run in the February 17th Issue Allowing for Last Minute Memoriums... I miss you more as I now walk through life alone. I love you always, Jane

Grid of memorial cards for various individuals, including names like Melissa Simpson Young, Robert Edward "Bob" Stoeckel, and Jerry and Sandy McCoy. Each card includes a photo and a short message.

Board of Education to meet February 11

The Cannon County Board of Education will meet February 11 at 6:30 p.m. At Woodbury Grammar School Cafeteria. The next regular board meeting workshop will be at the Central Office on Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 at Woodbury Grammar School cafeteria.

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A Shot of Wry

LARRY WOODY



Are UFOs really probing us?

According to news reports there has been a recent increase in UFO sightings, although, to be honest, some of them are a tad suspect.

One of the reports about an Unidentified Flying Object was filed by two Mississippi catfishermen, Cletus and Moon Pie, who were hunkered on a delta riverbank late one night when the alleged extraterrestrial encounter occurred.

According to Moon Pie, "this big ol' flyin' saucer landed and a little green feller hopped out and beeped, "Catchin' anything?"

Before they could answer ("Nope") Cletus was snatched up by his overall bib and given a through probing.

Investigators who looked into the matter had some suspicions after an empty moonshine jug was found nearby, although Cletus and Moon Pie insisted the only imbibing they had done that evening involved "a decanter of light Chardonnay served with some chilled Russian caviar."

Moon Pie suggested selling their story to The National Inquirer, but Cletus was reluctant to go public with all the explicit details, explaining: "You wasn't the one who got probed!"

Another questionable UFO sighting was reported by Mort Stargazer, a technician at the National Astrological Institute who said he was working in the lab late one night when "a space craft of unknown organ" suddenly swooped down outside.

Mort's account sounded plausible until, according to his testimony, the turret on the spaceship opened and a troop of Martians pranced out. He said the aliens looked like Kate Upton, and they immediately began dancing to "Cat Daddy."

He could only hope they would take over the earth.

A series of psychological tests subsequently revealed that Mort's

wheel was spinning but his hamster had bounced off, if you get my drift.

He was advised to take some time off, and agreed to go on a long vacation with his golfing buddy Napoleon.

We've always been suckers for space-invader stories. Orson Wells sparked a national panic with his 1938 radio "news bulletin" about an extraterrestrial attack. His "War of the Worlds" broadcast sounded so realistic listeners thought he was serious. (Remember, this was highly-respected newsman Orson Wells, not Moon Pie Gump from Fly Buzz, Mississippi.)

People were running through the streets, seized by panic and expecting to be zapped by crazed Martians at any moment. Some, believing the end was near, took advantage of their final minutes to confess their sins and clear their conscience.

One example: Elmer Gruntalott of Minneapolis fell on his knees and told Mrs. Gruntalott about his ongoing affair with his buxom office secretary, Tiffany. Shortly afterwards, when the hoax was exposed and the panic subsided, Elmer WISHED he had been zapped.

I confess my mind is not entirely made up about the existence of spacemen (or space-persons, to be politically correct.) As with conjecture about Global Warming, whether the Miss Universe contest was rigged, and what went wrong with Joe Biden's hair plugs, I try to keep an open mind.

But I have reached one conclusion, having observed my fellow earthlings on The Jerry Springer Show and in the U.S. Senate: Before we search for intelligent life on other planets, we ought to first try to find some here on earth.

Events at Adams Memorial Library

Feb 15, Monday, Cannon County Library System will be closed.

Winter Reading Program (Teens and Adults) • Ends Feb 12

Winter Reading Program continues until Friday, February 12, you read for fun and prizes. This year we're reading by pages rather than books, so read one long book or several short ones and you're still in the running. One thousand pages gets an entry into the weekly drawings and the grand prize winner is drawn from all the entries. The more you read the more you can win. Come sign up and start tracking the pages you read and after reading 1000 pages, turn in your slip to be entered into the Friday prize drawings. Also new this year, book reviews! If you read a book that you want to recommend to another patron, pick up a review slip and tell everyone what you liked about the book. The library will post these so everyone can see what others are reading and enjoying.

Name That President (Children and Adult) • Saturday, Feb 13 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All week, February 16-20, Tuesday-Saturday (We will be closed Mon 2/15), we will celebrate President's Day and play Name That President. Join the fun and win the prize!

Chocolate Tasting Returns to the Library (Adults) • Saturday, Feb 13 • 1 p.m.

The Second Annual Chocolate Tasting will be held on Saturday, February 13, at 1 p.m. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk to be included in this delicious event which is open to adults and teenagers. Have you ever wondered if dark chocolate is better than milk chocolate? Do the \$4 bars really taste better than the \$1 bars? Is dark chocolate as decadent as they say? Come on February 13, to find out. In the Jennings Community Room we'll be sampling the best we could find of various bars of Godiva, Lindt, Vanini, World Market and Ghirardelli. We'll move from luscious dark to silky milk as we discover the heart and soul of one of the world's favorite guilty pleasures. Come enjoy an afternoon with the best chocolate has to offer and maybe discover something new to share with your sweetie on Valentine's Day. Don't miss it. Saturday, February 13, at 1 p.m.

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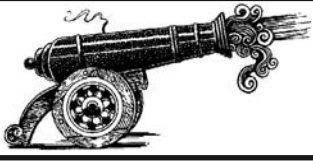
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THE CANNON BLAST

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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.

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

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.

Winter Reading Program Is Back! (January 19–February 12)

Adams Memorial Library is bringing back the Winter Reading Program for teens and adults. Beginning January 19 continuing through February 12, you can read and enter to win exciting prizes. This year the program is being conducted according to how many PAGES you read rather than how many books. Track the pages you read, mark your reading slip, and after reading 1000 pages, turn in your slip to be entered into the Friday prize drawings. You don't have to finish a book to enter. If you're into reading thousand page tomes or two hundred page romances, you can enter as soon as you've read enough pages. What could be easier? Come in to either Adams Memorial or Auburntown Library. Sign up. Start reading. Every reading slip will be entered for the Grand Prize which will be drawn at the end of the program on February 12. Reading slips will be available January 19.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Hunter Education Course March 7,8,10,11,12

Hunter Education Course set for March 7,8,10,11,12. Classes held at Monday through Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Cannon County Senior Citizens Center. Preregister at register-ed.com Call Mark Vance with any questions at 615-203-4688.

Flags for Sale

The American Legion Post 279 in Woodbury is selling flags and accessories. The monies raised from the sale of these flags goes 100% back to our Community, our Youth and our Veterans, in Cannon County. This is an on-going project. We have available an assortment of all sizes and all types of flags - United States Flags, State Flags, Military Service Flags; and all sizes of flag poles.

The United States Flag 3'x 5' nylon is \$25 (best price anywhere). This is our most popular flag. The United States Flag 4'x 6' is .50 each or \$5 a dozen for special occasions. The military services/branches flags are \$30 each. For that special display. We can get you any State Flag, different size flags and different size flag poles, (small house flag poles to large business flag poles.) WE ALSO HAVE INDOOR FLAG SETS. FLAGS FOR ALL OCASSIONS. If you need to make a special order, call and we have a catalogue available to make your selections.

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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)

Alzheimer's Association Wednesday, February 10

The Alzheimer's Association will be at the Cannon County Senior Center at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 10 providing education on Alzheimer's/dementia, the 10 Warning Signs, Caregiver Stress, etc...

"Wedding Dresses Through the Decades" Through 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.

Looking for a fun trip during Spring Break?

Join the West Side Travel Group as they travel to Washington D.C. During Cherry Blossom Time. March 28 -- April 1. "The West Side Travel Group" will be touring sites in Washington D.C. See the sites of DC with a guided tour through the Capital Building and Arlington Cemetery. Travel by comfortable Coach Bus. Included in the cost will be hotel fee with free hot breakfast, coach bus transportation, one dinner meal and admission cost to attractions and sights. The cost will be approximately \$375.00 more or less depending on the number of people traveling on this trip. Tour Director Kathy Simon has over 20 years experience in directing and organizing tour group. West Side Travel Group is located in Woodbury. Get your name on the list. Contact Kathy Simon Tour Director at 615-904-5303

Valentines Day Weekend February 13-14

Saturday and Sunday February 13th-14th- Valentines Day Weekend. Come enjoy a romantic dinner and evening for two in a gorgeous atmosphere at Stillhouse Restaurant. Please make your reservations ASAP as seating will be limited due to demand. On February 13th there will be a performance by pianist Heather Moulder to accompany our Valentines day dinner Saturday night.

Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, February 19

Slick Nickel will appear at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Cole Washburn

Saturday, February 20

Saturday February 20th- Come enjoy the musical talent of Cole Washburn from 6-8pm at Stillhouse Restaurant.

TN Doubles Championship

Saturday, February 27

February 27th (during the day)- The Short Mountain Disc Jam and Little Short Mountain Farm will be hosting the Tennessee State Doubles Championship for Disc Golf! Come enjoy a beautiful day on the farm and learn how to play disc golf during this wild and fun competition.

February 14 is Valentine's Day

Treat someone to a special meal and a night out Saturday, February 13 from 3 to 7 p.m. Clearfork United Methodist Church, 1721 Big Hill Road, Gassaway. Catfish or chicken tenders, choice of pinto beans, white beans or green beans, hush puppies, cold slaw or veggie salad, french fries, homemade desert and drink.

Winterfest at the Old Feed Store Antique Mall Saturday, February 27 - 28

Feature an antique's appraiser on Satuday, discounts and special sales all week-end plus The Gathering Place Café will be open for lunch on Saturday. Contact 615-563-2108 for further information.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

Cannon County will not be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste event this year. You are welcome to take any household waste to a neighboring county.

Included on the list are leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste (HHW). Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.

Upcoming events include:

Coffee County, April 9, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Solid Waste Department, 2180 Murfreesboro Highway, Manchester. Call Wannella Ingleburger (931) 723-5139.

Warren County, April 30, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Three Star Mall, 1410 Sparta Street, McMinnville. Call Dennis Baird (931) 473-2381

DeKalb County, May 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., DeKalb County Farmers CO-OP, 725 W Broad St., Smithville. Call Tim Stribling (615) 597-5175.

What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

February 8-March 4—Part I of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) will be given.
Contact your school for more details.

February 9th— CCHS basketball games with Livingston at Livingston, 6 p.m.

February 9th— School Board meeting workshop at the Central Office, 6:30 p.m.

February 11th— New Teachers training, 3 p.m., Central Office

February 11th— CCHS basketball games with Dekalb Co. at CCHS, 6 p.m.

February 11th— School Board meeting, Woodbury Grammar Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

February 12th— CCHS basketball games with Page at CCHS, 6 p.m. This will be senior night.

February 15th— President's Day— No school for students or teachers

February 16th— Progress Reports go home.

February 16th— TSBA Day on the Hill for School Board members

February 17th— Read to Be Ready literacy kick-off

February 24th— WBRY Spotlight— Woodbury Grammar is the school of focus.

March 1st— Election Day— No school for students or teachers

March 3rd-4th-5th— B-team Tournament at Auburn School

Trading Post Chat

BY SAVANNAH CUNNICK



SNOW DAYS GONE WILD

I believe that EVERY DAY should be Valentine's Day!! Not so much for the flowers, candy and greeting cards but when we pause from our busy day to tell our mate and family that we LOVE them! We need to try our best to please them and make their lives happy ones! Life is shorter than you think...make it a happy memory and keep working on your goal to BE HAPPY with yourself and with the way you treat others. It's a simple plan and most rewarding!

I must interject a little personal information and tell all of you that the most wonderful Valentine's gift I have ever received was the birth of my youngest son, Billy born at 1:30 AM right on February 14th. He is and has always been a very special little boy to me. Now, he is a grown man living his own life his own way. It's hard to believe how quickly our children grow up and leave home but, deep down, I still see that sweet little boy all over again when we visit. (Sigh...)

Uncle Festus and Cousin Clarence (the soggy bottom duo of the family) never do very well in the Valentine gift department.

Aunt Martha has been more than patient waiting for them to get it right. This year they swore to me that they would take her to a fancy place for dinner and bring her a lovely bouquet of roses for her dining room table. I will let you know what happens. Me, of little faith in the soggy bottom boys, can't wait to see what happens.

In the meantime, I wish all of you a very Happy Valentine's Day and hope it is a most happy event.

Do you ever start looking for that special card for that someone special and by golly, there it is. Now, who wrote this thing? you ask...how in the world did they know what has happened in my life and how I feel about this special person?

Then of course, there are those cards that make you uncontrollably hoot with laughter just picturing that perfect person that card and message match up to. Honestly, I have laughed soooo hard and loud in the greeting card aisle over those humorous ones that people turn and look at me like I have lost all of my marbles. And the funniest thing of all, is when that certain hysterical card ends up in MY hands from that designated person you so thought if was perfect for. (You have to get used to

me ... I laugh a lot!)

Hey, by the way, how many of you keep getting those unwanted telemarketing phone calls? You can fix that! Just call: # 888-382-1222 from each phone that you wish to register on the DO NOT CALL Registry. Telemarketers have 31 days to remove you from their calling lists. Your number will remain on this list for 5 years and then you need to renew it. Worked for me.

If you are into buying ONLY Organic meat, beware of the misleading label of all: the Natural Label. It does NOT mean a food is organic or has no GMOs. You must ignore the Natural claims. Instead look for the Organic seal. It means that 95 percent of the ingredients are certified organic-- produced without genetically modified ingredients.

I was fooled by the Natural Claim thinking that it meant Organic...now I know better...and if YOU didn't already...you do now!

BEWARE of the GLUTEN Myths. Unless you are one of the 7 percent of Americans who have a reaction to gluten, there is no reason to avoid it. In fact, gluten may be good for you, by helping blood pressure and inflammation. Gluten-free foods often have more fat, more sugar and are more expensive than other foods. How interesting!

If any of you are planning on celebrating President's Day on February 15, go ahead...I'm still terrified just who if ANY of these candidates are going to seriously fit the bill.

Donald Trump (CHUMP) is presently ahead in popular opinion. If he is elected, I WILL say that it will be entertaining, but the danger with that guy is that he flies off the handle too much and you really can't do that when you are president and representing our country. The rest of the candidates are doing a good job telling everyone what they want to hear.

(What else it new?...) Hillary just needs to sit down and stay there. Enough of the Clintons! And Bernie is just a funky old man who is WAY TOO chummy with Hilary.

Sue Stencil called me the other day. She had several things for the Starving Artist Collection. She asked me to let all of you know that the Animal Rescue Mission is going very well. So far, 107 dogs and 11 puppies have been

placed in new homes! Not just here but throughout the United States. Now, they are working on finding folks who can help shelter and find homes for the CAT population. There's a lot of those little critters out there that would love a warm loving home.

JD and I have successfully adopted 11 cats and one dog. I have to draw the line and say: That's it for now, Folks! If you can't adopt or foster any animals at this time, then maybe you can contribute pet food and supplies. Cages are also needed. The Mission also offers reasonable reduced costs for spay or neutering at your veterinarian. You can reach Sue at: #615-563-2874 for further information.

Cousin Clarence recently decided to go into buying sight- unseen storage units. You just bid and then they open the unit. They scored pretty well on the first one.

But with the second one there was only a single cardboard box left right in the middle of the unit. Everyone at the auction scoffed at them, until Aunt Martha opened it up and found a tiny jewelry box holding a gorgeous diamond ring. Three carats later - who's scoffing now? Which goes to prove that it's not always the size of the package but what's inside that matters! Ya' can't always judge a book by it's cover...just like with people...give everyone a chance. And whether it turns out or not that your efforts were worth it at least you can walk away knowing you tried.

Aunt Patsy is a tiny little thing, maybe 90 pounds, but she recently made a BIG impact on her community and gained monumental respect! As she was crossing the street down town, a weird motorcyclist rode past her and snatched her handbag off her shoulder. Little did HE know, her purse was clipped to her belt around her waist.

SNAP...like a rubber band...Patsy suddenly found herself perched directly behind the motorcycle bandit. So, there she was, sharing the same seat with the purse snatcher of the day! Well, from what I understand, Mr. Motorcycle Man is still in the hospital, missing every hair on his head, badly bruised and still waiting for his helmet to be surgically removed. As they say: SMALL BUT MIGHTY and those self-defense lessons seemed to have paid off as well. HAIL PATSY!!!

The Short Mountain Trading Post is still closed until mid-March. Those are the plans anyway...let's see how many more surprises we will get with this crazy weather pattern. Hey...make up your mind out there you unstable weather pattern...None the less, we are proceeding full steam with new merchandise and additional vendors.

Looking forward to seeing all of you folks soon!!

Hey...I'm signing off for now...but remember to be happy...loving...careful...and dance like nobody is watching! (Oh Heck...Dance anyway !!)

Hugs, Savannah



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A case study published in the Annals of Vertebral Subluxation Research on August 3, 2015, documented the case of a 60-year-old man suffering with hypertension and anxiety being helped with chiropractic. Anxiety can lead to other disorders including muscle tension, fatigue, restlessness, irritability, and difficulty concentrating.

The authors begin by noting that anxiety disorders affect approximately 40 million Americans 18 years or older. This equates to 18% of the U.S. population. The typical medical approach to these disorders is medication. Unfortunately, many of these medications have serious side effects and can become addictive. Additionally, treating anxiety with medications does not correct the problem as medication treatment must be continued indefinitely.

In this case history, a 60-year-old retired man came to the chiropractor with the chief complaints of anxiety, high blood pressure, and neck pain. The man reported that his neck pain was an aching, dull type pain. He also reported that when he stood up from a seated position, he would lose his balance. His

from the desk of Dr. Trea Wessel

medical doctor told him 15 years prior that the balance issue was due to his blood pressure problem. His MD also diagnosed his anxiety condition and placed him on two medications which he had been taking for 20 years prior to seeking chiropractic care.

A chiropractic examination was performed



which included a postural analysis, palpation of the spine, bilateral weight scale analysis, range of motion, and leg length checks. Based on the examination and history, the chiropractic diagnosis was multiple vertebral subluxations.

Care began consisting of specific chiropractic adjustments

aimed at correcting the detected subluxations. The authors noted the rationale for the care by stating, "Research has shown that vertebral subluxations, spinal manipulative therapy and cranial adjusting have an effect on autonomic functions, such as heart rate, blood pressure, pupillary diameter and

skin temperature." They continued, "Care was provided based on this definition of subluxation and its role on the body." After six months of chiropractic care, a reassessment was performed. The reassessment showed that prior to chiropractic care, the man's blood pressure

was 170/110 mm-Hg. After six months of chiropractic care, the patient's blood pressure had improved and stabilized to 128/80 mm-Hg. To help with his anxiety, the patient also started stress management skills and counseling. With both chiropractic and this approach, the study records that his medical doctor was able to take him off all prescription medications for both anxiety and hypertension. The man also reported that his neck pain, energy level, and ability to function had improved.

In their conclusion the authors wrote, "This case report demonstrates resolution and successful chiropractic treatment of an anxiety disorder and hypertension in a 60-year-old male. The review of literature shows positive effects of chiropractic care for the treatment of an anxiety disorder and hypertension, and provides supporting evidence for the use of chiropractic for these conditions.

"For more information on Chiropractic care contact:

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GATLINBURG GIVING AWAY WEEKEND GETAWAY



Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau is spreading the love this Valentine's Day with a special giveaway package to one lucky pair of lovebirds. To enter, participants can share a photo of themselves and their loved one on the Gatlinburg Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages using #GatlinburgFor2 and describe why they would love a trip to Gatlinburg. The winner will receive a two-night stay to Gatlinburg Falls, a romantic dinner at The Melting Pot and an activity pass for most Gatlinburg attractions, valued at over \$3,000.

Gatlinburg has always been known as a premiere destination for romantic getaways. In fact, with more than 20 locations to tie the knot, Gatlinburg is the top wedding destination in the South. The city boasts a full wedding

service industry with a variety of indoor and outdoor wedding locations, bridal shops, caterers, florists and other services available to couples planning a destination wedding or vow renewal.

In addition, in 2015 TripAdvisor named Gatlinburg as one of the "Top 16 Romantic Destinations with Vacation Rentals." Gatlinburg was recognized along with other top worldwide destinations like Chicago, New Orleans, Las Vegas and many others.

Entries for #GatlinburgFor2 can be submitted through February 13. The winner will be announced on Gatlinburg's social media pages Valentine's Day 2016

COFFEE...

morning with The Courier and several members of American Legion Post 279.

"It was in the year of the Gulf War, and I was thinking of all the military guys overseas and their families back home," she said. "I knew the concerns of war-time. The safety of a loved one, the holidays missed, the loneliness, the face and sound of a familiar voice no longer around. The children asking when was daddy coming home and myself wondering if he would be coming home alive.

"He spent two years in the Vietnam War. When he did return safe, I had a desire to someday honor him and others with a coffee shop named after my husband.

"Many years passed and places to rent were unaffordable. The time kept going by, and we became old but I still had the desire in my heart.

"In 2015 upon visiting Woodbury, I saw a building for rent, and yet I thought even if it was to work out financially, we're too old now, but I inquired about it, and the rent price was just right. Many said we were too old, but the desire drowned out negative voices.

"I wanted a place where my husband and other soldiers could gather for a cup of coffee and share in fellowship. It was not to be just for the military branches but for civilian soldiers. Soldiers of the cross of Jesus who could share their testimony of service to the great commander in chief.

"Now Bill's Coffee Shop

Bill's Coffee Shop
Serving breakfast 7:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday. Three selections on menu, each costs \$6 and covers food and beverage, payable by cash or check. The choices are: vegetable omelet (two eggs, onions, tomatoes, bell pepper and cheese) with sausage patty, biscuit, drink; two eggs, bacon or sausage, biscuit, drink; or two eggs, two pancakes, bacon or sausage, drink. The beverages include Starbucks 71 coffee, orange juice, Coke, tea or bottled water. 119 N. Cannon St. (615) 618-6832.

has been birthed, a place of R&R to rest and recuperate in all areas of life through the encouragement of others," said Peg.

Bill, 79, said, "This is something she always wanted to do. It's a good challenge. I serve and mingle around and make coffee."

Peg and Bill live in Christiana, and rise at 5 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to make the 24-mile drive to Woodbury where they serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Peg keeps a New Testament on top of a table in the shop.

"I read it when I come in and pray for the people that we can bless in a coffee shop with a different atmosphere. It's a God thing," she shares.

As for how they found Woodbury, she recalled, "I come up here to go to the antique shops, and I came to the antique store on the corner. When I drove up [North Cannon Street], my eye caught the sign on front of this building. It said 'for rent.' I checked into it."

After doing some painting, repair and decorating, the couple opened for business in October.

"I love it. I love my husband. I wanted to honor soldiers. I love fixing food,

meeting people and hearing the stories. I love the community. That's the reason I came to the antique stores. The people are so friendly," she said.

"Eventually, I do believe the Lord is going move us to a bigger place for the benefit of Woodbury community. It is about giving more than taking. We don't make no money here."

From 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Peg and Bill will serve a Valentine's Day banquet. It begins at 5 with appetizers and punch. At 6 p.m. guests will enjoy a T-bone steak, baked potato, salad, Texas toast, beverage and dessert (Ovie Hollis's famous red velvet cake). There will also be live music, furnished by the Rackley's daughter Pamela, who plays the keyboards and sings easy-listening and gospel songs. Cost for the meal is \$12. Reservations are necessary.

Last Thursday morning several members of American Legion Post 279 sat around the table at Bill's Coffee Shop enjoying Peg's cooking and hot java (Starbucks 71). The group included Penny Daniels (Air Force), who is the veterans' service officer for Cannon County; Britt Knox (Army); Mackensie Blu (Navy); Charlie Harrell (Air Force), who is also American Legion commander; and Jim Stone (Army).



KEN BECK photos

As Air Force veteran Bill Rackley (standing) pays attention, his wife Peg shares heartfelt sentiments about her long-time dream to open a coffee shop to honor her husband and military veterans. Several members of American Legion Post 279, who meet here for breakfast on Thursdays, listen appreciatively.

gion commander; and Jim Stone (Army).

"This is mostly social. Occasionally we talk about the Legion," said Harrell. "This keeps us together and on track. Other people join us here who are not members."

"I had the buffet line, and it's crackerjack, especially the omelet and biscuits," Stone noted.

On a shelf in one corner of the café, four mugs bear emblems representing the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Army. A small banner reads: Freedom isn't free. All gave some. Some gave all.

There are a couple of photos on the wall that show Bill back in the day when he kept planes in shape for Uncle Sam's pilots. One picture catches a moment when Bill, a guitar player, met his guitar hero,

the late, great Chet Atkins.

As for the vittles, Peg describes them as being "food like Mama's favorites." She learned to cook from her mom, and her hot biscuits are amazing, having the appearance of cornbread muffins.

With butter and your choice of pineapple, boysenberry or peach jelly, the biscuits are big winners.

Faith Cooke of Woodbury had the homemade sausage on her plate and declared, "This so good and thick. It'll make you slap your granny, it's that good."

Her friend Carolyn Demombreum of Lascassas, added, "Their omelet, it's to die for."

The kind words and smiles on the faces of her customers give Peg contentment. Opening a small café is a big challenge, but

she is glad she persevered and made Bill's Coffee Shop go from a desire into reality.

"Never give up on a dream, a desire, even though years have passed," she said. "For when you least expect it, God will show up strong in bringing about a good work for his glory."

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KEN BECK photo Bill Rackley serves omelets, sausage patties and biscuits to Faith Cooke of Woodbury, right, and Carolyn Demombreum of Lascassas. The photo on the wall shows Rackley, an aircraft maintenance superintendent, directing a supersonic airplane at Edwards Air Force Base in 1976.

'Whittlemania' Charity benefits veterans

"Whittlemania! Catch it, don't fight the feeling," is the official slogan of an annual fund-raiser benefitting military veterans and families throughout the region.

If you want to help support military families, while wounded and ill veterans are being treated at the York VA and Nashville VA medical facilities, here is an opportunity to do so.

A \$10 ticket to re-deem meals beginning Monday, February 15 and running through Monday, March 14 at the popular Demos Restaurant and Peter D's Restaurant in Murfreesboro are now available at Whittlemania-media sponsors Cannon Courier and WGNS Radio.

Due to the grace of the Demos Restaurant Family and employees, the entire \$10 is a direct contribution

to the Tennessee Fisher House located on the York VA campus, where veterans and families can stay at no cost for as long as is needed while the veterans are being treated at either VA hospital.

"Every cent of the \$10 goes to Tennessee Fisher House operational funds due to the community support of the Demos Family, plus employees," credited Courier Publisher Ron Fryar, a newspaper executive who helped create the annual Whittlemania charitable concept dating back to the 1990s. "That \$10 ticket entitles folks not only to a \$10 meal value at Peter D's, but also a \$10 meal at Demos redeemable from February 15 through March 14 at the restaurants in Murfreesboro.

"We're also proud the annual Whittlemania

fund-raiser is named after longtime Courier columnist/radio personality/author/speaker Dan Whittle," Publisher Fryar added. "The Tennessee Fisher House accommodates up to 12 military families at any given time. Some families would be wiped out financially, if they had to pay for long-term hotel/motel/restaurant costs while their veterans are being medically treated."

Tickets remain available at the Cannon Courier office just off Courthouse Square in Woodbury, and at WGNS Radio beside the Murfreesboro Police Department on Church Street near the Rutherford County Courthouse Square.

Dedicated and opened in 2014, the Tennessee Fisher House has assisted veterans and families from throughout the U.S., and all

Middle Tennessee counties, including Cannon, Rutherford, Warren, Bedford, Cumberland and Coffee counties.

Whittle and well-known Tennessee National Guard (retired) Lt. Col. Hooper Penuel, of Lascassas, helped spearhead a regional fund-raising campaign earlier this decade that generated more than \$1.5 million as Tennessee's part of the overall \$6.5 million Tennessee Fisher House facility.

If more information is needed, Whittle can be reached at 615-785-6403 or Tennessee Fisher House Foundation President Phil Barnett can be contacted at 615-785-0799.

Whittle's email is danwhittle@comcast.net. Barnett's email is barnettjp@msn.com.

DRUG...

Highpoint 9-mm pistol was discovered next to a bottle of hydrocodone with Brown's name on it.

An additional \$380 in cash and a cell phone were taken following a search of Brown's person.

Brown was transported to the Sheriff's Office where, after questioning, he was charged with maintaining a dwelling and possession of Schedule II drugs with intent to sell. A hearing was set for April 5 in General Sessions Court.

INSPECTOR...

growth coming out of this," Hunter said.

The inspection program should eventually have a positive impact on Cannon County's ISO fire ratings.

"This will help, but not immediately," said Tim Bell, Cannon County Rescue Squad.

"You could buy all the fire trucks in the world and not have codes and it wouldn't lower it," Bell said.

The plan always online permitting on the state of Tennessee's website or in person at the Cannon County Clerk's office in the Courthouse.

Planer will be getting with Clerk Bobby Smith and staff for training on the program.

The clerk's office would retain the \$15 process fee. The rest of the funds go to the state.

"We just have 20 new houses a year so it's not going to take a lot of time," added Commissioner Barker.

The inspections will be conducted by state trained inspectors. There will be a 24-hour turnaround on foundation inspections and a three-day turnaround on others, including electrical and plumbing.

"If the code doesn't require it, you don't do it," Planer explained.

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The 'TOP 10' Are In! Congratulations Too....

Auburntown News

By ANNA PATRICK

So sorry to report that Robert Fletcher was rushed back to the hospital Thursday morning via ambulance. At the time of this writing, he was coming home then got a call from his doctor for further tests. Prayers for him and Tina.

Tollie Cantrell's mom, Lucille Cantrell, is now free of pain and worries as she earned her freedom from this world Sunday the 31st.

Baptist Men's Day at Prosperity Baptist Church was held Sunday the 31st after having been postponed from the week before due to the weather. The men filled the choir and 4 gave their testimonies. Joe Turner sang his with

"Until Then". Dave Buterbaugh, Justin Hale and Dennis Plattenburg told of their experiences of salvation and life changes.

The top 10 and eighth-grade superlatives of Auburn Grammar have been earned and selected respectively.

Topping the list and becoming the Valedictorian with a grade average of 98.26 is Dylan Avera. Coming in just a mere .19 points behind him is LuLu Maier making her the Salutatorian. Rounding out the 10 are Adrianna Reed with 96.875, Mary Beth Patterson 98.155, Daysha Murry 94.875, Madison Gaither 94.258, Katie Hancock 93.246,

Destiny Wood 93.048, Alyssa Avera 92.681 and Luke Jakes 91.896. Good work. Congratulations. are Ricky Blair and Daysha Murry. Most Likely to Succeed are Dyland Avera and LuLu Maier. Braydon

and Mar Beth Patterson. Best All Around are Braydon Fulkerson and Alyssa Avera. Dylan Avera and Ashton Gilley are the Most Accommodating. Joshua Stansbury an Destiny Wood keep the class (and teachers) giggling with their Class Wit. Most Popular are Ricky Blair and Katie Hancock. Braxton Gilley and Michelle Summer are the Most Improved and Most Athletic are Luke Jakes and Madison Gaither.

The Knights wound up their 2015-2016 basketball season with a loss Monday night to the Short Mt Bears in the County Tournament. This was after coming off of a tough but victorious game at Eastside the Thursday night before.

The Lady Knight entered the tournament in 2nd place and went up against the Woodbury Lady Cubs Thursday night.

Whew! At the end of the first quarter it appeared that the Lady Knights would be playing in the consolation game Saturday. The Lady Cubs

came to win. However, the Lady Knights held on and put the Lady Cubs in the Consolation.

Having birthdays this week are Tollie Cantrell and Janie Witty on the 10th. The 11th Susan Turney celebrates the same day DeAnna Reed hits her 48th year. Angeleena George turns 14 on the 13th. Celebrating Valentine's Day with a birthday are Patrick Thomas, Joe Kraft and Samuel Morris. It's a birthday for B.J. Bobo and Brittni Fauls on the 15th and this ends this week's list. Happy birthday you all.

It was February 12, 1965 when Stan and Jan Dobson became Mr. and Mrs. That the same day but in 1977 when Mark and Karen Stinnett made their vows. Fast forward to 1994 the same day when Mark and April Melton wed. Happy anniversary to all 3 couples.

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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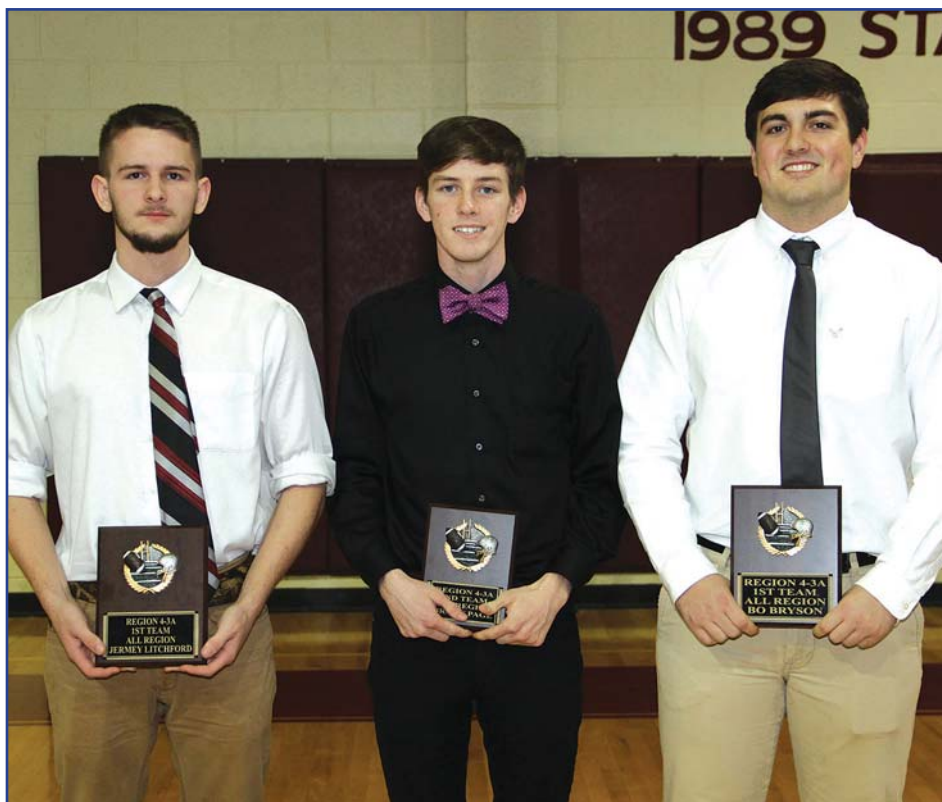
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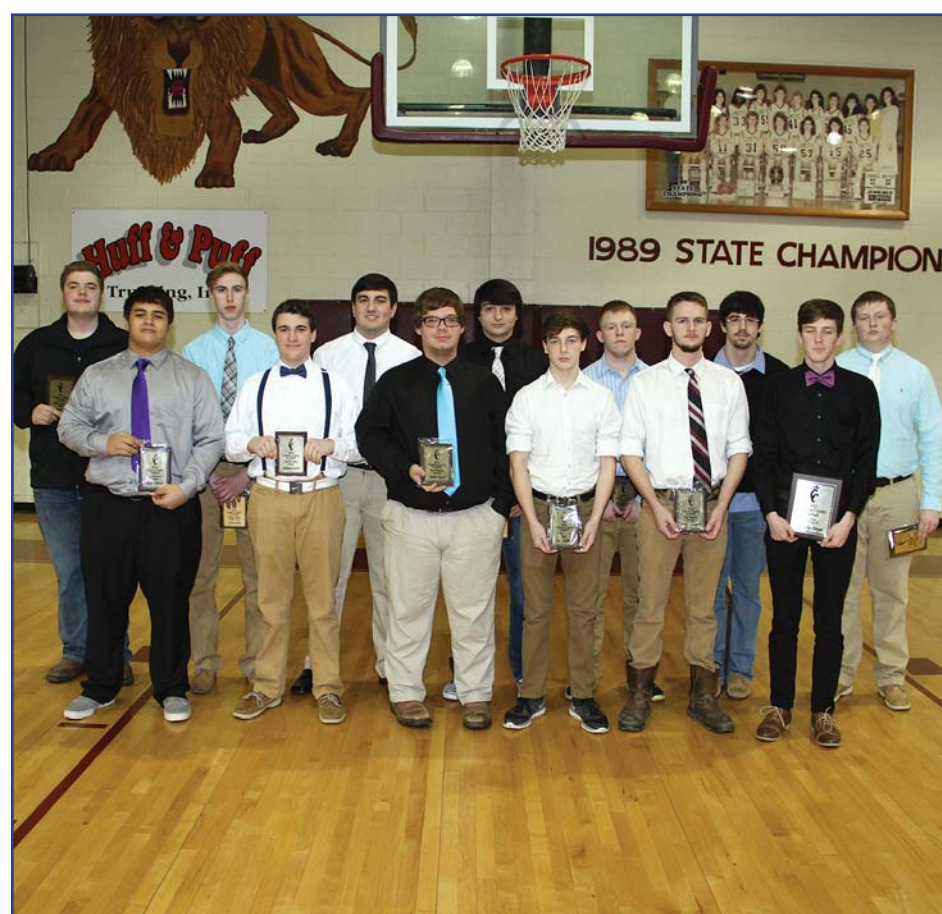


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Football banquet award winners Front row L-R Maiki Fonoti, Dalton Morris, Austin Bogle, Cort Litchford, Jeremy Litchford, Brady Page Back row L-R Garrett Cook, Tyler Gilley, Bo Bryson, Eldon Resko, Austin Brock, Cortland Ryan, Cole Hill.



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Cannon fires district loss record with win over Dragons

KEITH READY
The Cannon Courier

The York Institute Dragons have only lost three times on their home floor the entire 2015-2016 season. All three losses were to AAA ball teams, two of which are highly ranked teams in the state. Tuesday night February 2nd, they weren't expecting the result they got when the Cannon County Lions came to Jamestown and handed them their fourth loss 61-48.

The Lions were due a District 8-AA win, they suffered through 0-10 at that point. They were also due a win period as they hadn't won a game since December 28th and had loss 9 straight coming into the game. The Lions opened up the game aggressively, Briar Jakes scored the first five points of the contest driving for a layup after the opening tip, and hitting a deep three pointer on the next possession to set the tone.

Cannon County ended the quarter still in control 17-11. The Lions built the lead in the second quarter as Trey Fann came off the bench to score 5 points, Jakes continued his scoring assault on the York defenders with 4 more ending the first half with 11 total points while Cannon built a ten point lead 37-27 at halftime. York's big man senior Colton Blevins a 6-8 post player signed to play at Tennessee Tech started to take over in the third quarter. Blevins led York to a comeback scoring 9 of his teams high 20 points to close the gap to 2 at one point. Cannon was able to survive the run and built a seven point lead to end the third back in a comfortable margin 49-42. The Lions continued in the fourth to protect the lead, Anton Knox's defense limited Blevins to only two points in the final period both of which came at the free throw line. Knox finished with a double double of 11 points and 10 rebounds as Cannon locked up the huge win by going 8-13 from the charity stripe in the final minutes of the game.

"We won this game based on the willingness to execute the game plan" Head Coach Matt Rigsby said. "We told them in the locker room before the game offensively we can get XYZ against York, but you have to execute what we want to do. I am extremely proud of our guys for getting the job done."

In addition to Knox's 11 points two other Lions finished in double figures for the Lions. Briar Jakes scored 17, Austin Martin had 15.

Box Score

**Cannon County 61
York 48**
Cannon County 61:
Jakes-17, Martin-15, Knox-11, Duggin-6, Parrish-5, Fann-5, Miles-2
York 48: Blevins-22, Moody-13, Baldwin-4, York-4, Peavyhouse-3, Johnson-2, Patton-1
Team stats
Cannon County: FG: 22-50, 3PT:6-16 FT: 12-19
York: FG: 18-43, 3PT: 3-13, FT:11-13

With the weather forecast full of severe storm warnings, the game time for the Cannon County York series Tuesday night was moved up an hour. The Dragonettes used that hour to mount a big lead over the Lionettes in a 55-47 win.

"We moved the game to 5:00 and we didn't start playing until the normal time of 6," head coach Jonathan Odom commented. "They are very hard to beat on their home floor regardless of what time we start and we tried to change the routine of a long road trip up a little bit by stopping half way to Jamestown and letting the girls get something to eat. The two hour drive might have hurt us a little as well."

York built a 12 point lead at half and maintained that lead at the end of the third quarter. Cannon then responded with a run as Autumn King scored 8 of her 13 points in the final quarter and Maleah Scott added 7 but the Lionettes fell short by the 8 point margin.



"Our post play is what kept us in the game and even the post players coming off the bench providing quality minutes help us but the big lead York got out to start the game we couldn't overcome."

Scott lead all scorers with 21 points.

Box Score

**York 55
Cannon 47**
York 55: H. Smith-22, L. Smith-9, Ipock-8, Sewell-8, Copeland-4, Sandman-2, King-2
Cannon 47: Scott-21, King-13, Knox-11, Gaither-2
Team Stats
York: FG: 19-43, 3PT: 2-10 FT: 15-20
Cannon: FG: 15-44, 3PT: 1-10 FT: 12-18

The Cannon County Lionettes in the first quarter went back and forth with the highly ranked Upperman Lady Bees forcing lead changes 7 times. But a two point Lionette lead can turn into a nine point Upperman advantage within the blink of an eye just like it did Friday night when the Lady Bees closed out the

first quarter 19-10. Upperman's smothering aggressive full court defense provides the team with transition baskets and Upperman took full advantage opening up a 15 point lead by halftime. The Lady Bees who hold a 25-2 overall record and 12-0 in District play continued to build the lead to 23 points in the third quarter before winning by 30, 67-37. With the win Upperman clinched the regular season's top spot and will be the number one seed in the upcoming District 8-AA basketball tournament.

The Lionettes however were able to use the game to get a few players some minutes as Kelli Davis continues to recover from her hand injury. Post Player Haylee Mooneyham did not suit up for the game as she hurt her ankle which kept her out. Autumn King did not play in the second half as she was hurt. Olivia Walkup was the leading scorer for Cannon with 10 points

Box Score:
**Upperman 67
Cannon County 37**



RONNY BURKS photos
Maleah Scott (10) putting in two of her points over the Upperman defender. Above, Austin Brock (3) with man to man defensive pressure in what proved to be a tough loss for Cannon County.

Upperman 67:
Greenwood-20, Medley-14, Levy-9, Harris-9, Maynard-8, Hurst-6, Eldridge-4, Dyer-2
Cannon County 37:
Walkup-10, King-8, Scott-8, Knox-3, Haley-3, Lawson-3, Walker-2

Team Stats:
Upperman: FG: 27-62 3Pt: 9-27, FT: 10-20
Cannon County: FG: 15-28 3PT:2-2 FT: 5-6

In the previous meeting this season between the Upperman Bees and the Cannon County Lions in Baxter, the Bees escaped with a 2 point win on a last second shot. Baxter's big post man Josh Endicott, a 6-8 junior, was limited to 14 points.

Coach Matt Rigsby expected a different story before the game when he stated "Upperman took us too lightly the last time, we expect them to be well prepared for this game."

Upperman was just that. The Bees got out to a seven point lead to start the game and Endicott took it from there. The post player got several easy layups and went 10-14 in the game including two thunderous

slam dunks as Upperman used the momentum and won 78-53.

Cannon answered the first quarter run as Briar Jakes hit two three point buckets in a row. Upperman out rebounded the Lions and only Cannon several one shot opportunities in the game as the Bees built a 23 point halftime lead. Cannon would get the lead under 20 several times in the second half but Upperman would answer each small run the Lions made. Austin Martin and Briar Jakes were the only Lions in double figures while Upperman would place four of the starting five in double figure scoring.

Box Score:
**Upperman 78
Cannon County 53**

Upperman 78: Endicott-22, Guffey-19, McWilliams-15, Shrum-12, Ely-6, Cushing-4
Cannon County 53:
Jakes-12, Martin-10, Duggin-8, Fann-7, Miles-6, Parrish-3, Bryson-3
Team Stats:
Upperman: FG: 31-56 3PT: 4-17 FT: 11-18
Cannon County FG: 17-40 3PT: 8-13 FT:10-18

Cannon County High School's Livia Walker signs a soccer scholarship with Tennessee Wesleyan Front row, from left to right, Rhonda Sims (assistant soccer coach), Macie Walker, Livia Walker, Naomi Clark (Head Coach Tennessee Wesleyan), Dorinda Walker (soccer coach CCHS) Back row left to right Mike Jones (principal CCHS), Kyler Walker, Trent Walker, Matt Rigsby, athletic director CCHS and Kay Barker (assistant principal CCHS).



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Ready for K classes coming



The Tennessee Department of Education has grouped school districts across the state into regional CORE centers. Cannon County belongs to the Upper Cumberland Core Region, and local school officials work closely with CORE team members in efforts to improve teaching and learning in our district. One area of focus for this group is the development of early literacy skills. Cannon County, along with other districts in this region, have adopted the goal that 90% of our students will be reading on grade level by the end of third grade. To support this effort, the Upper Cumberland Core Region has become a member of the Children's Reading Foundation. The vision of the Children's Reading Foundation is for every child to learn to read early and well, thereby reaching his or her full potential in school and in life. One step in reaching this vision is for the school systems to encourage and educate families about the role they play as the first educators of their child. In this effort, counties across our district will be offering READY! For Kindergarten Classes. Parents who attend these classes will gain an understanding of what school readiness actually means and what activities they can do at home to help their child be prepared for school. Ready! For K classes are designed for parents of children ages 2-4. Be looking in the near future for more information about Cannon County's Ready! For K Classes. These classes are made available by a \$3,000 grant from the Upper Cumberland Core Center.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Register's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee .

BOBBY SMITH
COUNTY CLERK

Janet Kay Dutton, Gary David Burdick, Helen Veta Rogers, Co- Executors of the Estate of Rose Mary Burdick, deceased.

John Naylor, Chairman
911 Board of Directors

bounded on the Southwest by the lands of Young; and bounded on the Southeast by Hollow Springs Road, containing one (1) acre more or less.

This property is subject to all exceptions shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 1-176B , Register's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee .

LARRY K TOLBERT
ATTORNEY

NATHAN S NICHOLS
CLERK & MASTER

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

W H E R E A S , default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated July 13, 2012, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded July 19, 2012, in Book No. 139, at Page 835, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Cannon County, Tennessee, executed by Stephen Kyle Vinson, conveying certain property therein described to Watauga Title as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First National Mortgage Services, LLC, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 780 Hollow Springs Road, Woodbury, TN 37190

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

Stephen Kyle Vinson

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. W&A No. 310629

DATED January 28, 2016

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Said Deed of Trust recites title as unencumbered , except as noted herein, but sale will be made as Trustee only , without covenant of seizing or warranties of title, and title will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid restrictions, liens, covenants or easements, if any, of record on said property .

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Nannie Bell Mears
Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 2016, letters of administration or letters of testamentary in respect of the estate of Nannie Bell Mears, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Kenneth Watson Davenport

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of February, 2016, letters of administration or letters of testamentary in respect of the estate of Kenneth Watson Davenport, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This 1st day of February, 2016.

Theresa Davenport Batey, Executrix of the Estate of Kenneth Watson Davenport, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS
CLERK & MASTER

JOHNATHON C
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Cannon County 911 Board of Directors
The Board of Directors of the Cannon County 911 Emergency Communications District will meet at 6:30 pm, February 25, in the onference Room of the Stones River Hospital in Woodbury, Tennessee, or such other location as may be posted at the Courthouse, where and which time the Board will consider any matter that may be properly presented. The public is invited to all meetings.

Lying and being on the northwest side of Hollow Springs Road, being triangular in shape and bounded on the Northeast by lands of Freeze;

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DATED: This the 29th day of January, 2016.

MATTHEW D. COWAN

To Be Run on :
Feb . 11th , Feb . 18th , Feb 25th

This 26th day of January, 2016.

Robert Lee Mathis, Administrator of the Estate of Nannie Bell Mears, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS
CLERK & MASTER

MATTHEW COWAN
ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of April Dawn Cameron

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of January, 2016, letters of administration in respect of the estate of April Dawn Cmeron, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Rose Mary Burdick

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of January, 2016, letters of administration or letters of testamentary in respect of the estate of Rose Mary Burdick, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This 19th day of January, 2016.

This 26th day of January, 2016.

Scott Dale Cameron & Connie Vaughn Yant, Co-Administrator of the Estate of April Dawn Cameron, deceased.

DEFAULT having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided for in a Deed of Trust dated t h e 24TH day of September , 2009, executed by TERRY HAYNES and wife, JENNY HAYNES to SUSAN MELTON, Trustee, of record in Trust Deed Book 121, Page 814, Register 's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee , to secure the indebtedness therein described, ROBERT STEWART and wife, BETTY STEWART being the holder of said indebtedness, having demanded payment which is past due and unpaid and said payment having not been made; THEREFORE , I, MATTHEW D. COWAN , having been directed so to do by the holder of said indebtedness and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by said Substitute Trustee Deed recorded in Record Book 164 , Page 803, Register 's Office, Cannon County , Tenness.ee; and, ON March 4 TH, 2 016, at 10 :00 o 'clock A . M . , at the MA IN ENTRANCE on the south side of the Courthouse at Woodbury, Tennessee, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash free from the equity of redemption, homestead , and dower and all other exemptions which are expressly waived , the following described property located in the Fifth (5 th) Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee, to-wit :

TRACT NO . TW0(2)in accordance with a survey and plat prepared thereof on August 16, 199-9, by Thomas D . Cook, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor No. 365. The plat is recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 1-176B, Reg ister's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee .

For source G f title to said realty reference is made to Warranty Deed from Robert Stewart and wife, Betty Stewart to Terry Haynes, dated September 24 , 2009 and recorded on September 24, 2009 in Record Book 121, Page 812,

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, material, equipment and services for **Two Bridge Replacements in Cannon County, Tennessee will be received until 10:00 AM Local Time, February 23, 2016 at the Office of Mr Wayne Hancock, Road Superintendent, 900 Old McMinnville Road, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. bids being mailed for this work should be addressed to Mr. Wayne hancock, Road Superintendent, P.O. Box 260, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190.

Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained from **Professional Engineering Serivces, 189 Mose Drive, Suite 102, Sparta, Tennessee, 38583, upon payment of \$200.00 per set (non-refundable).** Bids shall be submitted on the separate copy of the PROPOSAL supplied for this purpose. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents must be purchased from PES prior to the bid opening for a bid to be considered qualified.

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*Cannon County Highway Department
Mr. Wayne Hancock, Road Superintendent*

The Woodbury Planning Commission will meet in regular session Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Woodbury City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.
James H. Barrett, Chairman

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Tractor Supply Company Announces "Grants for Growing"



Tractor Supply Company is excited to announce the national launch of the "Grants for Growing" program, which allows opportunities for local FFA chapters to make their communities a better place to live. The deadline for local FFA chapters to sign up for this competitive grant process is February 15. The in-store event to raise funds by allowing Tractor Supply shoppers to donate \$1 at checkout will run February 19-28.

In partnership with the National FFA Foundation, the "Grants for Growing" program raises funds for local FFA chapter initiatives and awards minimum \$500 competitive grants to participating chapters. While \$500 is the minimum grant amount that

will be awarded to selected chapters, there is no cap on the amount of funding that a chapter can choose to request for its project.

If selected, chapters can use the funds in a number of ways to benefit their community including buying vegetation, trees, seed, chickens, feed, mulch or tools to help start or expand an FFA project that will continue for years to come.

Chapter advisors are required to complete the grant application, and eligibility will be based on the evaluation of how the money will be used, volunteer hours, and promotional activities during the fundraising period. The "Grants for Growing" application can be found

at <https://www.FFA.org/grantsforgrowing/application>.

After positive feedback from preselected communities in 2015, the program is now being offered on a national level. All of the funds raised will remain within the state where they were raised.

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CRIME & COURTS

Sober Mystery Man Fails to Come to Rescue

Cannon County Sheriff Department

A "mystery man" named Nathan failed to come to the rescue and a Murfreesboro man ended up charged with DUI on Halls Hill Pike.

Deputy Chris Bell was dispatched to an address on Halls Hill Pike to investigate a report of a single-car accident. Bell discovered a McKenzie Bryant, 27, of Murfreesboro who said the vehicle in question, a 2002 VW Jetta, was his, but he denied driving it.

"He stated that a friend of his by the name of 'Nathan' who was driving the vehicle and that 'Nathan' had left the scene to go get a tow-truck," Bell reported.

Bell asked Bryant if "Nathan" had left the scene because he was drinking. Bryant admitted drinking but "Nathan" was sober. Bryant initially refused medical care.

The story grew more complicated when a witness, who initially

reported the accident, came forward and said when she walked upon the scene of the crash Bryant was seated in the driver's seat. He then got out of the car and fell on the ground. The witness did not see anyone else at the car.

Bell cuffed Bryant and placed him in the rear seat of the patrol car. At that point, Bryant decided he was injured and wanted to go to the hospital.

While in route to Stones River Hospital, Bell was flagged down by a Cannon County EMS unit. The EMS technicians offered to evaluate Bryant's condition on the spot, but Bell said "Unless he had a life-threatening condition" he would transport him to the hospital.

"While transporting Mr. Bryant to the hospital he began acting verbally belligerent and claiming that I had denied medical attention when I initially asked him upon first coming into contact with

him," Bell reported.

Bryant was charged with DUI and a hearing was set for General Sessions Court.

Disorderly Conduct

John Christopher Shackleford, 56, of Bradyville faces multiple charges in connection with a domestic dispute during which Shackleford was trying to throw a female's property out into the yard.

Deputies Thomas and Agee responded to the call only to be met at the front door by Shackleford and a large, adult German Shepard dog. Ultimately, Shackleford was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Shoplifting

Christopher Dean Davis, 41, of Parker Drive in Bradyville, was charged with shoplifting a gallon of

bleach from Dollar General, 3632 Jim Cummings Highway.

Driving on a Revoked Jeremy Dean Sissom, 34, of Center Hill Road was charged with driving on revoked, fourth offense.

Burglary

Sgt. Mike Williams investigated a burglary on Jim Cummings Highway. Taken were three firearms including a Savage 30-30 rifle, an SKS 7.62 mm rifle and a RG Rohm .22 magnum revolver.

Warrants Served

Patrick Dewayne Clark, violation of probation.

James Elbert Richard Nelson, violation of probation.

Stephanie Michelle Mooneyham, violation of probation

Mark Wayne Roberts, capias.

Woodbury Police Department

Aggravated Assault

Bryce Jacob Taylor was charged with aggravated assault by the use of a wooden baseball bat. Making the arrest was Patrolman Brent Brock. A hearing is set for February 9 in General Sessions Court.

Driving on a Revoked

Mandi Jo Matthews was charged with driving on a revoked license, second offense, by Patrolman Tommy Miller. A hearing is set for March 8 in General Sessions Court.

Abraham Smotherman was charged with driving on a revoked license by Patrolman Jimmy Hayes. A hearing is set for March 8 in General Sessions Court.

Jeremy Dean Sissom was charged with driving on a revoked license by Chief

Lowell Womack. A hearing was set for February 8 in General Sessions Court.

Johnny Lee Duncan was charged with driving on a revoked license, DUI and possession of a controlled substance by Patrolman Jimmy Hayes. A hearing is set for March 8 in General Sessions Court.

Driving on a Suspended

Kathleen H. Smotherman was charged with driving on a suspended license by Patrolman Jimmy Hayes. A hearing is set for March 8 in General Sessions Court.

Samuel Chad Graham was charged with driving on a suspended license and with violating the seatbelt law by Patrolman John House. A hearing is set for March 8 in General Sessions Court.



Operation Clean Up nets 6 arrests, 27 citations

The Tennessee Department of Correction conducted an intensive search in the parking lot of its Murfreesboro Community Supervision Office on February 2. This effort, named Operation Clean Up, resulted in the search of more than 340 vehicles.

It also netted six arrests on charges including probation violation and violation of the sex offender registry, and the issuance of 27 citations on charges including driving on a suspended/revoked license and possession of

drug paraphernalia. Operation Clean Up demonstrates TDOC's ongoing commitment to Tennessee communities by ensuring offenders on Community Supervision are compliant and held accountable for their actions.

TDOC's Probation Parole Officers, Strike Force and K-9 Units let this massive undertaking. In addition, the Department would also like to thank the Murfreesboro Police Department for their collaboration in this effort.

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Please submit resume and cover letter to DTCHR@dtccom.net no later than February 19, 2016.

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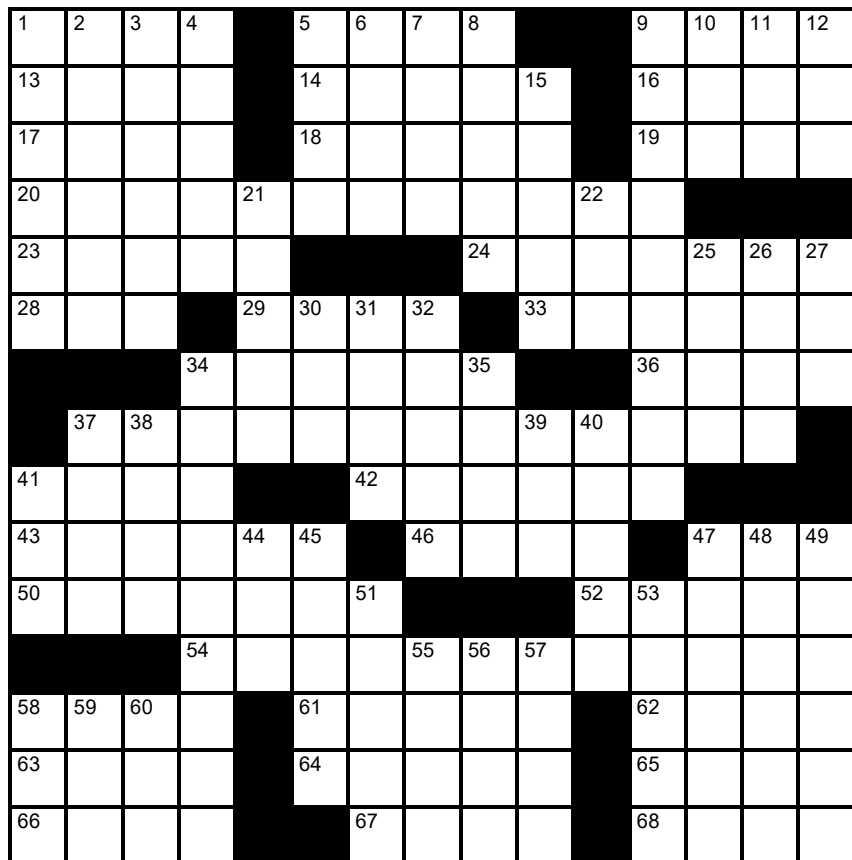
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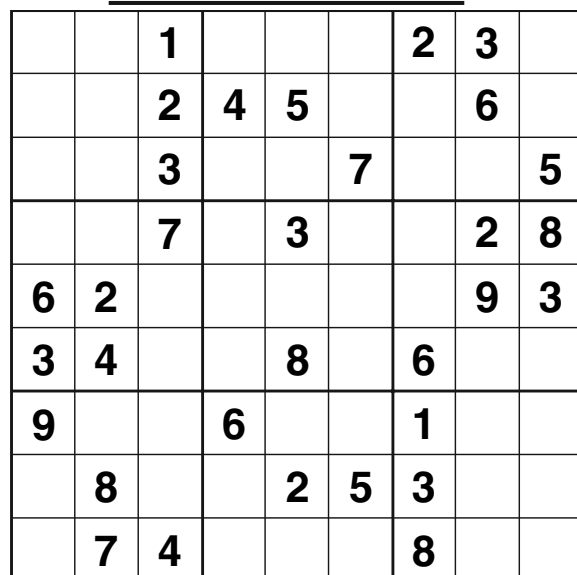
"Unexpectedly"

- Across**
- 1 Fighting
 - 5 Highland toppers
 - 9 Entreated
 - 13 Bit attachment
 - 14 Skating jumps
 - 16 Canal sites
 - 17 A little lower?
 - 18 "Walk Away ___" (1966 hit)
 - 19 Jump on the ice
 - 20 Unexpectedly
 - 23 Baseball Hall of Famer Bobby
 - 24 "The Lord of the Rings" villain
 - 28 Extreme
 - 29 Pos. and neg.
 - 33 Christmas in Italia
 - 34 Rude one
 - 36 Linear
 - 37 Unexpectedly
 - 41 "If I ___ Hammer"
 - 42 "Relax"
 - 43 Get even for
 - 46 Spin
 - 47 Nincompoop
 - 50 Forward progress
 - 52 Cove
 - 54 Unexpectedly
 - 58 Old Testament twin
 - 61 Block house?
 - 62 Ringlet
 - 63 Mannerly sort
 - 64 Entanglement
 - 65 Ore carrier
 - 66 Wild ___
 - 67 Guardianship
 - 68 Kill, in a way
- Down**
- 1 Game keeper?
 - 2 Kevin formerly of "S.N.L."
 - 3 Worked the land
 - 4 Have it ___



- 5 Twelve Oaks neighbor
- 6 Sacks
- 7 Waiter's handout
- 8 Musers' vehicles
- 9 Wok coater
- 10 Loose
- 11 Before, to poets
- 12 Cable alternative
- 15 Driver's choice
- 21 Head
- 22 Procter & Gamble brand
- 25 "Buddenbrooks" novelist
- 26 Shake ___ (hurry)
- 27 Animated Flanders
- 30 Prospector's need
- 31 "No ___!"
- 32 Ratty place
- 34 Superior talents
- 35 Marathon
- 37 Surfing need
- 38 Noodle concoction?
- 39 Beluga yield
- 40 "Really!"
- 41 "Told ya!"
- 44 D.C. campus
- 45 "Weird" Al tune
- 47 Magnetism
- 48 Artist using dots
- 49 Mariner's patron
- 51 Of a Hindu discipline
- 53 "The Voice" channel
- 55 Dog biter
- 56 ___ de force
- 57 Rhode Island's motto
- 58 It may be stroked
- 59 Expanse
- 60 Symbol of industry

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Medium

Savvy Senior

Calculate your retirement number

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you help me calculate about how much my wife and I need to save for retirement? We are both in our late-fifties and want to see where we stand.

Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,

Calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to save for a comfortable retirement is actually pretty easy, and doesn't take long to do. It's a simple, three-step process that includes estimating your future living expenses, tallying up your retirement income and calculating the difference. There are even a host of online calculators that can help you with this too.

Living Expenses

The first step is the most difficult - estimating your living expenses when you retire. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current living expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work-related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the amount you're socking away for retirement. You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in the occasional big budget items like a new roof, furnace or car.

Tally Income

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you and/or your wife contribute to Social Security, go to ssa.gov/myaccount to get your personalized statement that estimates what your retirement benefits will be at age 62, full retirement age and when you turn 70.

In addition to Social Security, if you or your wife has a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And, figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, etc.

Calculate the Difference

The final step is to do the calculations. Subtract your annual living expenses from your annual retirement income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

So, let's say for example you need around \$55,000 a year to meet your living expenses and pay taxes, and you and your wife expect to receive \$30,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$25,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year (\$55,000 - \$30,000 = \$25,000).

Then, depending on what age you want to retire, you need to multiply your shortfall by at least 25 if you want to retire at 60, 20 to retire at 65, and 17 to retire at 70 - or in this case that would equate to \$625,000, \$500,000 and \$425,000, respectively.

Why 25, 20 and 17? Because that would allow you to pull 4 percent a year from your savings, which is a safe withdrawal strategy that in most cases will let your money last as long as you do.

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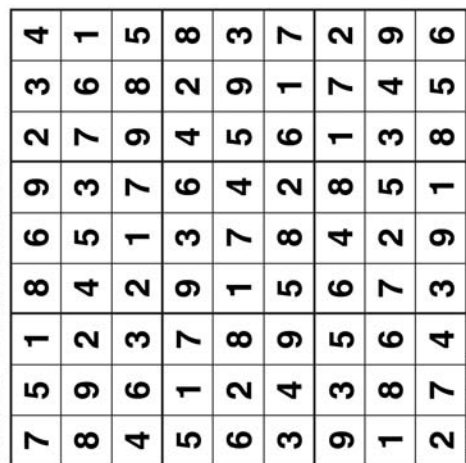
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