

Feed the hungry as you help balance nature

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Coach Daniel lands dream job at CCHS

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Schools hit ‘average’ on grades

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

The Cannon County Schools System received satisfactory grades on the recent 2012 Tennessee Report Card data released by the Department of Education but Director of Schools Barbara Parker says acceptable leaves room for improvement.

Cannon County earned grades of C or better in seven areas, including As or Bs in four categories.

"I know average might not be what we want but a 'C' means

you are doing exactly what the State wants you to do," Director of Schools Barbara Parker said. "We are not where we need to be, but we are steadily making progress. We are a system that is improving slowly but steadily. I am proud of the progress we are making, but we need to be progressing at a faster pace."

Cannon County Schools met achievement goals set by the State in the following areas: third-grade math, seventh-grade math, third-grade reading/language arts, third-through-eighth grade

aggregate math, third-through-eighth grade aggregate reading/language arts and Algebra I.

The system earned A's for eighth-grade and 11th-grade writing and B's in social studies and fifth-grade writing.

Cannon County Schools put a great emphasis on math and those efforts were revealed in testing. For value added or growth, Cannon County's status in third-through-eighth grade math rose from a C to an A.

"I am very pleased with the progress shown in third-to-eighth

grade math," Parker said. "TLJ Consultants were in the classrooms observing teachers and making suggestions about instructional techniques. We had grade levels meet to form pacing guides and bench mark assessments that were given frequently to evaluate student progress. We sent teachers to Common Core math training and to other workshops."

Parker said a similar emphasis will be placed on reading/language arts, as well as Algebra I and II, Biology and English in

regard to high school subjects. Cannon County Schools continue to perform well in writing, earning an A for 11th grade writing and eighth-grade writing; however, the system produced a grade of C in grades 3-8 reading/language arts. CCHS did not meet its goal in English II.

"We have consultants from High Schools That Work coming to CCHS working with teachers on formative assessment lessons in math," Parker said. "They are beginning to work on literacy See SCHOOLS, page 9

‘Believe’

Chance trip puts dedicated dad on major holiday mission

MICHELLE WILLARD
Courier Correspondent

A chance trip to Macy's Department store set one area father on a mission.

A few years ago, Steve Morton's son Tyler was the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Middle Tennessee's child of the month for December. So they traveled to the Cool Springs department store and witnessed the Macy's "Believe" campaign.

The store invites kids to believe by dropping off a letter for Santa at a local Macy's Santa Mail letterbox. For each letter dropped off in a Santa Mail letterbox through Christmas Eve, Macy's will donate \$1 to Make-A-Wish, up to \$1 million, to help grant wishes for children who have life-threatening diseases. And Macy's

pledged to donate \$2 for every letter dropped in the letterbox on a specific day.

"We went to Macy's, and I saw all the letters. I thought I could do this," Steve Morton said.

Morton was determined to help both children with life-threatening diseases and Make-A-Wish of Middle Tennessee because of his son's connection to both.

In 2006 when Tyler Morton was 10 years old, he diagnosed with recurrent respiratory papillomatosis (RRP), which is a rare medical condition that causes tumors to grow on his vocal cords.

This rare condition only affects 4.5 out of every 100,000 children and could prove fatal if the growths aren't removed because See BELIEVE, page 9



MICHELLE WILLARD photo

Tyler Morton and his dad, Steve Morton, have been dashing around Middle Tennessee collecting letters for Santa's mailbox at Macy's.

Annie May Cox honored

Student paper salutes late Westside teacher/coach

The late Annie May Cox, award winning teacher from Westside School, is one of six Tennessee women featured in a weekly newspaper that goes to students across the state.

Annie May, who died in 2009, was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and taught School in Cannon County for more than 60 years.

In addition to teaching Mrs. Cox was perhaps best known as a basketball coach at Westside where she had a positive

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influence on thousands of children

Mrs. Cox was featured in Tennessee Studies Weekly, a newspaper for young students of history. She was one of three teachers listed in "Great Tennessee Women."

Her portrait was surrounded by three better known Tennesseans, Sarah Ophelia Cannon (Minnie Pearl), Dolly Parton and Patsy Cline.

"Folks may not know her name all over the world, but Annie May Cox is the

kind of person who makes Tennessee a great place to grow up and learn," the article said.

It also cited her many accomplishments including winning the Cannon County Teacher of the Year award twice, along with being named Tennessee Teacher of the Year as well as Cannon County Coach of the Year.

Also included in the newspaper article was Virginia Reed Leedy, who coached boys basketball at Rutledge High School in Grainger County. Mrs. Leedy is also in the

Tennessee Teacher Hall of Fame.

A third teacher, Geneva King, of Nashville was featured as well. Best known as debate coach, Ms. King was honored as Metropolitan Nashville Teacher of the Year.

Particular notice was given to Dolly Parton in the article for her Imagination Library, which is designed to send a free book to every child under age 5.

It started in Tennessee, but now Imagination Library sends books to 700 communities in the U.S.

Ready for Holiday tour?

Having trouble getting into the Holiday Spirit?

Woodbury Lions Club has the solution for you in the form of its annual Christmas Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m.

On the tour are:

* "The Corners," in Readyville, built in 1829 by Charles Ready and presently owned and occupied by Bob and Karen Ford.

* Brevard House in Edgefield, built in 1900 by W. F. Brevard now owned and occupied by Bill Smith, Mr. Brevard's grandson.

* McKnight House in Auburntown owned and occupied by Josh and Amanda Davis.

* Lynn and Dottie Baskin's home on Hoover Road near Parsley's Market.

* Gary and Jackie Prater's home at 108 Auburntown Road, Woodbury.

* Joe and Teressa Tate's log cabin and restored country store in downtown Readyville.

* First United Methodist Church, High Street, Woodbury, where an array of beautiful and unusual See HOLIDAY, page 9



MIKE WEST photo

The new Highway 70 (McMinnville Highway) bridge near Cannon County High School will be dedicated at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 with a ceremony. Henceforth, the bridge will be called "Cannon County Veterans Memorial Bridge." State and local official are expected to be on hand.

Water Dept. scores 99% on state sanitary survey

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

Woodbury's Water System has passed a state sanitary survey with a nearly perfect score of 99 percent.

"This report shows we are supplying good, quality water," said Mayor Harold Patrick. "When you hit 99 percent you can't do much better."

The study earned high marks from Johnny K. Walker, manager of the state's Division of Water

Supply's Cookeville field office.

"Your continued effort in providing water of exceptional quality to your customers is very much appreciated," Walker said in a letter of Mayor Patrick.

"I want to commend Andy Jacobs and the crew at the water plant for their great job," the mayor said.

Jacobs, certified operator at the water plant, was pleased with the results.

"We felt that we did a good job maintaining water

quality for our customers and that was proved by the state," Jacobs said.

The inspection process is not an easy one, Jacobs said. State water supply workers come in and set up their equipment and do constant checks on the quality of water.

The state runs tests for four or five days and downloads lots of information they take back and test, he said.

"The last two or three See WATER page 9

CANNON BLAST
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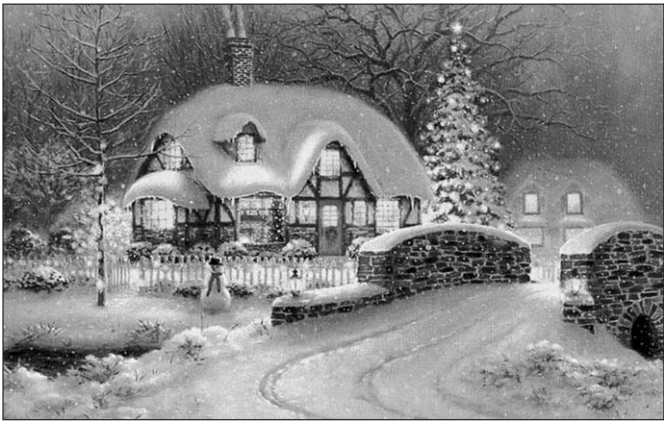


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Elsie Marguerite (Eaton) Hill

Elsie Marguerite (Eaton) Hill, the daughter of Charles L. and Hattie Lee (Catron) Eaton, was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C. on April 9th, 1953 and passed away at her mother's home in Readyville, Tennessee on November 20th, 2012 at the age of 59, following a seven month battle with cancer.

A resident of Bell Buckle, Tennessee, Sister Elsie was taken under the care of her mother for the last seven months of her life. Elsie was a member of Plainview Baptist Church, a loving and exceptionally dedicated wife, daughter, sister and aunt. Known for her distinct love and care for animals,



Elsie served as a Certified Master Dog Groomer in both Tampa, Florida and Murfreesboro, Tennessee; receiving calls from clients all the way up to and following her death. Elsie was also an active member of the American Kennel Club (AKC), the Cat Fanciers Association (CFA), and the Dairy Goat Association. In addition to her cats, goats and Bantam chickens, she also owned several show dogs in which she took special care and pride.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, William "Red" Arthur Hill of Bell Buckle, Tennessee; her mother, Hattie Lee (Catron) Eaton; her sister, Chlora R. Strelow of Homosassa, Florida; her two brothers, Mark David Eaton of Readyville, Tennessee and Charles R. Eaton of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; two nieces, Sarah C. Strelow and Amanda D. Newman; and nephew, Jared Eaton.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Lawrence Eaton.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at 2 PM in the Smith Funeral Home chapel. Brother David Faulkner officiated.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in memory of Elsie. Telephone Donations are accepted 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST, Monday to Thursday by calling 1-800-624-8591 or by mail to: Memorial and Honor Gifts; Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes; P.O. Box 2206; Brentwood, TN 37024-2206.

Smith Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. (615)563-5337 www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net

Cannon Courier, November 28, 2012, Woodbury, Tennessee

Lions Club Home Tour this weekend

For nearly 20 years the Woodbury Lions Club has organized the Christmas Home Tour. This traditional Yule season event will be on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 4 until 8 p.m. "The Corners," historic house in Readyville, built in 1829 by Charles Read

and presently owned and occupied by Bob and Karen Ford, heads the list of six homes open for visitors this year, according to Bill Smith, who has chaired the event from its beginning. Other places open for the tour this year will be Brevard House in

Edgefield, built in 1900 by W. F. Brevard now owned and occupied by Bill Smith, Mr. Brevard's grandson, the McKnight House in Auburtnown owned and occupied by Josh and Amanda Davis, Lynn and Dottie Baskin's home on Hoover Road near Parsley's Market, Gary and Jackie Prater's home at 108 Auburtnown Road, Woodbury, and Joe and Teresa Tate's log cabin and restored country store in downtown Readyville.

Other locations on the list of places to visit are: First United Methodist Church, High Street, Woodbury, where an array of beautiful and unusual nativity scenes will be on display, Junior Brandon's log cabin on Burt Road, featuring ham and biscuits (last year they gave out over 300 ham and biscuits) and Readyville Mill where owner Tom Brady and gang will welcome all visitors.

Tickets for the visits are available from any Lions

Club member. The price is \$7. All proceeds will go into the club's sight conversation fund. These funds make it possible for the Lions Club to screen the eyes of children and provide eye health care treatment for those who have no other means to receive the treatment. Last year seven pre-school age Cannon County children were found to have vision problems that could have resulted in permanent visual impairment had they not been treated in a timely way. Seven hundred and forty-one Cannon County students were also screened last year with 129 being referred to eye doctor for examination.

The visits will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Those planning on making the visits should first go to the Lions Memorial Building in Woodbury to get directions to the homes. Tickets for the tour will also be available at the Lions Club building.

Three Empty Chairs

My Mother always wrote to the paper saying we all gathered at the home of Donald and Rose Mary Corley and listed the friends and family who came. I never realized how much this meant to me until this year.

It is with great sadness yet great Thanksgiving that I place the notice today that we gathered Thanksgiving at our home without my Mother and my Father and my Uncle Willie. They are greatly missed yet each one of us are so thankful to have had each of them in our lives and so fortunate to have had all the wonderful years that we had.

We love and miss them daily but feel blessed for the privilege of calling them family and friends.

From the family and friends of

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Vance,
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Wayne
Nichols and
Willie Lack



UT Dean's List Summer 2012

To qualify for the dean's list, an undergraduate student must earn a term grade point average of 3.80-4.00 (summa cum laude), 3.65-3.79 (magna cum laude), or 3.50-3.64 (cum laude). Students must complete at least 12 credit hours, not counting work taken on a satisfactory/no-credit basis to be eligible. Samantha B. Curtis,

Woodbury, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Jason A. Hill, Readyville, Engineering, Magna Cum Laude; Laiken A. Rundall, Readyville, University, Magna Cum Laude; Corey J. Young, Woodbury, Engineering, Summa Cum Laude

Thanks Charlie and Lee

Join us Friday, November 30
to say "Good-bye"

Please join us for refreshments on Friday, November 30th
between 1:00 & 5:00 as we honor Charlie Gunter & Lee Evans
for their years of dedicated service to The Old Feed Store.

Both Charlie & Lee are retiring and looking forward to giving attention and focus to some of the more simple joys of life like fishing, camping, traveling, spending time with grandchildren and family, and ministering to those in need.



Lee Evans & Charlie Gunter

Charlie and Lee have both been dedicated employees of The Old Feed Store and have been very instrumental in not only serving our customers, but in helping grow the Feed Room portion of our business. They have helped us lay a strong foundation for meeting our Feed customers' needs through delivering top notch service and offering quality feed and garden products.

In addition to all they have done to support our business, Charlie and Lee are our family. When we bought The Old Feed Store back in March of 2005, we not only bought all the stick and mortar of a building and the financials of a business, we found ourselves with a whole new world of extended family. That family includes our customers, our antique dealers and our employees. It's that family aspect of our business that is the most difficult part of saying good bye to these two guys. They've not only been somewhat of a fixture in the Feed Room, they are a fixture in our hearts. We are forever grateful and changed for the better by having them in our lives.

There is no doubt we will miss Charlie and Lee and all the personality and tremendous work ethic they have brought to The Old Feed Store. As a result of the strong foundation they have laid, we are confident our Feed Room will continue to offer the same great service and quality products in the months and years to come. If you can't come out on Friday, please swing by the Feed Room this week and show a little love to the two hardest working "Feed Guys" in the business. While you're at it, get to know our two new "Feed Guys", Nick Martin and Josh Todd. While they certainly have big shoes to fill, Charlie and Lee have trained them well. In addition, they bring their own strong background and knowledge of pet and livestock nutritional needs.

Even though Charlie and Lee are retiring, we're confident with all the new time on their hands, you'll be able to find them occasionally perched on a feed bag in the Feed Room, catching up on the latest news, and lending a helping hand or offering great advice. Charlie and Lee, we love you guys, we thank you for your service and your friendship, and we wish you all of God's best blessings in this exciting new portion of your life journey.



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Sunday, December 2nd
between the hours of 2:00

p.m. and 5:00 p.m. There will
be a display of over 400
nativities, angels, crosses and
many other items helping us
experience our Savior's birth.

If you are unable to join us on
Sunday afternoon, the
display will also be part of
the Lion's Club Christmas
Tour of Homes on the night
before from 4:00 p.m. until
8:00 p.m. Contact the Lion's
Club for tickets.





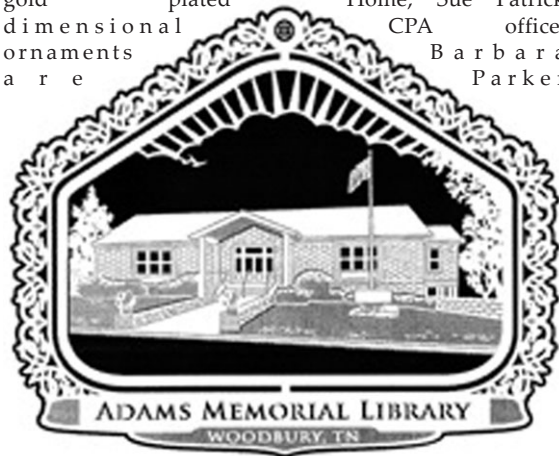
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Brother and sister reunited after 20 years

Vicki McCormick (81) lives in Woodbury. Odie Lipham (95) is a World War II Vetran and lives in Alabama. The two siblings talked daily on the phone. However, they had not seen each other face to face in over 20 years, due in part to illness, age and transportaion issues. Mr. Lipham set out early the morning of November 1, with his friend, Herbert Ellis. Mr. Ellis drove Mr. Lipham to the home of Ms. McCormick were the two had long over due visit together. The two siblings were very happy to be reunited.

Lions Club Christmas ornaments now available

This year's annual Lions Club Christmas ornament is a replica of Adams Memorial Library. The 24k gold plated dimensional ornaments are available at \$8 each at the following places: Jennings Jewelers, First National Bank, Woodbury Funeral Home, Sue Patrick CPA office, Barbara Parker



Director of Schools office, and Lois Larimer. Others will be offering the ornaments as soon as distribution is complete. This should prove to be a very popular ornament since it shows the library building before the expansion/remodeling project started. There are over 5,000 registered library users who visited the building nearly 50,000 times last year. There are still a limited supply of the courthouse ornament as well as a few of the Readyville Mill, Good Samaritan Hospital and the CHS building ornaments.

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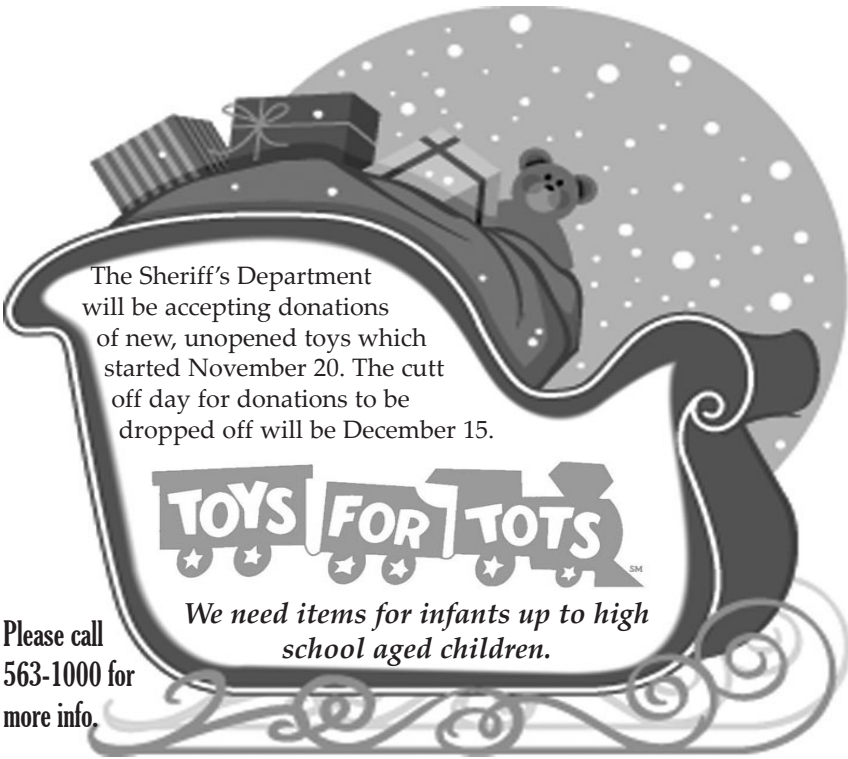
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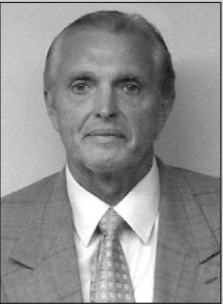
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Guest Columnist



Meat 'n' Potatoes
MIKE VINSON

Virginia Trimble Ritter: Courage, Dignity & Fairness

Many years ago, Frank Ritter, a close friend and former columnist with the The Tennessean,

told me the Marsha Trimble murder case was the most significant murder case in Nashville's history. How so, I asked.

"It forever robbed of us of our innocence," Frank astutely answered.

February 25, 1975, Marsha Trimble, 9-years-old, disappeared after walking out of her to house to go door-to-door to sell Girl Scout cookies. For a variety of speculative reasons, it was as though ALL of Nashville- family, friends, police, media, outsiders, etc.- became involved in the search for Marsha Trimble, and in a heartfelt, non-self-serving kind of way. I was 21-years-old at the time; however, I recall, also, being genuinely affected and interested.

Marsha's body was found 33 days after her disappearance, March 30, 1975, inside a neighbor's garage, located approximately 150 yards from the Trimble's home. Marsha had been raped and strangled to death.

Originally, Jeffrey Womack, 15-years-old at the time, was a prime suspect in Marsha's murder. Womack lived just a few doors down from the Trimble family in Nashville's middle-class, Green Hills' neighborhood. Over the course of the next 30-plus years, Jeffrey Womack would be followed, hounded, investigated, arrested for-and remain a major suspect in-the murder of Marsha Trimble.

However, summer 2008, a David County Jury (Nashville) indicted Jerome Barrett for the rape and murder of Marsha Trimble. Barrett, a 60-year-old, African-American man, had a lengthy-near serial-record for sexual assaults on both children and grown women. Barrett was convicted of the Marsha Trimble murder and will spend the rest of his life in prison.

The breakthrough for the case was the advancement in forensics - DNA in the year 2008, as compared to the relatively undeveloped same in 1975. Barrett's DNA was matched to DNA found on Marsha Trimble.

Via her boyfriend at the time, Frank Ritter, I met and became friends with Virginia Trimble, Marsh Trimble's mother, in early 2002. The first time was at the old Belle Meade Cafeteria, where Virginia, Frank, Jennifer (a lady friend), and I had lunch. I came away from that fateful meeting thinking, what a lovely human being . . . what courage, what character!

Before Virginia Trimble and Frank Ritter married in 2006, and moved to Kentucky, I would drop in and visit with them when I was in the Nashville area.

Virginia and I spoke at length about her daughter's death. What you must remember is this: During the time frame I was fortunate enough to be in Virginia Trimble's company, 2002 - 2006, the Marsha Trimble murder case was unsolved and remained open.

About those visits with Virginia Trimble during the time frame mentioned, she always exuded courage, dignity, and fairness at their highest tiers.

What impressed me the most, I suppose, is that even though Jeffrey Womack still was a suspect, Virginia, when talking to me, never one time used a hateful-spiteful tone when discussing him. Rather, it was obvious to me that Virginia was fair and broad-minded enough-even then-to consider the possibility that someone other than Womack killed her daughter.

Recently, Channel 4 News featured a special titled, "Indelible," hosted by award-winning Channel 4 anchorwoman Demetria Kalodimos. This most edifying special focused on Jeffrey Womack, and allowed him, for the first time, to tell his hellish story to the public. For those who haven't seen "Indelible," I highly recommend that you make an effort to watch it. (NOTE: I'm sure there will be many reruns in the future.)

While watching "Indelible," I saw footage of Virginia back in 1975, when the case first became major news. While investigators and prosecutors were fixated on Womack as the perpetrator, Virginia, when interviewed live, maintained a posture that the culprit could possibly be someone else.

And for that combination of courage, dignity, and fairness, Virginia Trimble Ritter, I both "thank" and admire you.

Courier Columnist

Celebrity spelling bee buzzed with excitement

Words are powerful.

Words can build character, slur you to a slouch, bring tears down both legs in gut-combustion laughter, take down tyrants and/or make national leaders.

America's greatness started from founders with vast word capabilities while crafting our Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

The words they used guaranteeing individual freedoms, including "freedom of religion" and "freedom of the press," have had the staying power to create the most powerful and blessed nation in world history.

Some of America's most powerful spoken words have come from pulpits...such as "a dancing foot cannot be attached to a praying knee..." That's awesome verbiage straight out of an ancient foot-washing Baptist sermon in the remote mountains of North Carolina. "I have a dream," ring eternal from the lips of the late Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King.

I owe a writing career to boyhood farm neighbor A.J. Neel, a self-taught learned man who introduced me to library books with this prophetic instruction: "Words can take you around the world, Danny Boy."

I partially learned to read before formal school days from Bible picture books and looking at 'girly pictures' in Sears-Roebuck catalogues.

How else could I explain to first grade teacher Billie Margaret Greer how I knew to spell "brassiere." Ahem!!

Americanized English can be tricky, particularly in spoken vernacular, such as "their" and "there" not to mention "stares" and "stairs"!!

Editors of my stories down through the decades have approved both spellings of "loathe" and "loath"...words that nearly took me out of the recent Celebrity Spelling Bee, a fun fund-raiser for Rutherford County's successful "Read To Succeed" non-profit group that promotes literacy.

Drama built in the packed Patterson Park auditorium as I pondered, and finally tacked an "e" on loathe to barely stay in the competition ahead of that dastardly disqualifying bell.

It was great fun, but pressure-packed too, for I was up against some of the smartest people my community has to offer, such as Smyrna veterinarian Dr. LeAnne Duffey.

For the record, veterinarian is one of the most misspelled words in newspapering. Smyrna seems to be mispronounced more than misspelled.

Fans of literacy cheered with laughter when veterinarian Dr. Duffey was asked to spell "fleas."

Spelling Bee entrants, including myself,

all moaned in shared pain when a medical man contestant failed to spell "diagnosis" straight out of the chute.

When I successfully spelled "sidewalk" to pass the second round of competition, I gave a shout out to WGNS Radio talk show personality Truman Jones out in the audience, for I had heard him wagering with pal Hooper Penuel before the competition that "Whittle won't make it past second round."

Contestant Dr. Mary Moss impressed the audience and competitors when she successfully spelled "speculum" while contestant Mitchell Mote nailed the spelling of "manure" with obvious familiarity.

My personal deodorant had a chemical meltdown when a simple six-letter word, "fedora," nearly proved my undoing in the fifth round.

That's when I looked at my pretty cheer-leading wife, Patricia, and bragged "I'm still up here" in front of the more than 300 literacy supporters out in the audience.

Finally, it was between me and contestant Don Clayton in the spell-off round. Thirteen very smart people had failed words ranging from "exaggerate" to "philosophize" to narrow it down to two still standing.

When Clayton spelled "surrealist" correctly, I knew he was a word man. He'd also spelled "feign" and did not hesitate when spelling "tentativeness."

In the playoff round, I handled "hospice" and "epilepsy" but it was a word beginning with "m" that took me under: "Dan Whittle, your word is 'mezzanine,'" instructed master of ceremonies Bart Walker, chief voice of WGNS Radio.

I began slowly, trying to visualize the word...going uh oh!!!! worried in my mind before blurting out with no confidence: "M-E-Z-A-N-I-N-E."

That's when the judges' disqualifying bell went "ding dong" as in "wrong"!!

Nothing, but "cholera" stood between Don 'Cool' Clayton and 2012 Spelling Bee travelling trophy held since 2011 by friend Kristen Demos.

Being a competitor after I missed on my word, I attempted to put a Whittle hex on 'Cool' Clayton, but to my dismay: he spelled "C-H-O-O-L-E-R-A" loud and clear!!

Being an executive with Ingram Books, of La Vergne, Clayton proved himself a worthy word man.

Hats off to the volunteer folks who donate their talents, time and finances to help others learn to "Read To Succeed!"



Whittle's Words
Of Wisdom
DAN WHITTLE

To the Editor

The American Flag represents every American and every state

I wanted to voice my disappointment in the fact that the Cannon County area elementary schools are not flying our American flag. This is an ongoing matter as I have checked over several weeks. I called the school board on this matter. I was advised that it is up to the Principal's discretion. Being a VietNam Veteran and a Marine, I feel that this is unpatriotic and un-American. Is it not enough that schools have removed the Pledge of Allegiance as to not offend anyone's religion?

The American flag however is representative of EVERY American and EVERY state. It has been carried by soldiers who have fought for the

freedoms of this country since the Revolutionary War. It represents the unity of this country and the privileges that have been bled for all of us to be called American. To fly the American flag should not be up to the Principal's discretion although he/she should want to pay homage to those who served for this country. I would like to salute the high school for continuing to honor our troops.

I fought for my country with this flag, I honor my country with this flag, and when I pass, this flag shall be draped over me.

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A Concerned Marine

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It isn't too easy to think about next year

Financial considerations for 2013



A Word Of Advice

SHAWN SHORT

We are now in plain view of the "fiscal cliff". After the election, Congress may or may not end up keeping income and estate tax rates at their recent levels. Next year may bring some notable financial developments, and it isn't too soon for households to think about them.

You may want to prioritize tax reduction. If the Bush-era tax cuts sunset, everyone will see higher taxes. The federal income tax brackets (10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%) that we have known for the last nine years would be replaced by five higher ones (15%, 28%, 31%, 36%, 39.6%) come 2013.1

High earners may want to watch their incomes. If your earned income for 2013 tops \$200,000 - or exceeds \$250,000, in the case of a couple - you may face two Medicare surtaxes. While the Medicare payroll tax on earned incomes above these levels is set to rise to 2.35% from the current 1.45%, the second surtax may prove to be the real annoyance: there is scheduled to be a 3.8% charge on net investment income for individuals and couples whose modified adjusted gross incomes surpass these levels.1,2

Some fine points about this second surtax must be mentioned. It would actually be levied on the lesser of two amounts - either your net investment income or excess MAGI above the \$200,000/\$250,000 levels. Most investment income derived from material participation in a business activity would be

exempt from the 3.8% surtax, along with tax-exempt interest income, tax-exempt gains realized from selling your home, retirement plan distributions and income that would already be subject to self-employed Social Security tax.2

The bottom line is that a bonus, an IRA distribution, or a sizable capital gain may push your earned income above these thresholds - and it will be wise to consider the impact that would have.

You may have less take-home pay next year. Social Security taxes for paycheck employees are slated to return to the 6.2% level in 2013. They've been at 4.2% since the start of 2011. If you earn \$75,000 during 2013, you will take home about \$1,500 less of it than you would have in 2012. If you earn \$50,000, we're talking \$1,000 less.3

Any 2013 Social Security COLA may be minor. In 2012, the cost of living adjustment to Social Security benefits was 3.6%. Before that, Social Security recipients went three years without a COLA. As inflation is mild, whatever COLA is announced this fall in tandem with Medicare premium changes may not amount to much.1

Next year, medical expense deductions may shrink. If you are thinking about delaying a procedure or surgery until 2013, remember that the itemized deduction threshold for unreimbursed medical expenses is set to increase from 7.5% to 10% of adjusted gross income in 2013. Even if that happens, however, the threshold will remain at 7.5% through 2016 for taxpayers age 65 and older.1

You may be able to find a better Medicare Advantage plan for 2013. The Affordable Care Act has altered the landscape for these plans (and their prescription drug coverage). Using Medicare's Plan Finder (click on the "Find health & drug plans" link at Medicare.gov), you may

discover similar or better coverage at lower premiums. The enrollment period for 2013 coverage runs from October 15 to December 7.1

Those without work may find a safety net gone. Extended jobless benefits may disappear for the long-term unemployed at the start of 2013. Will Congress extend them once again? Possibly - but that isn't a given.

The estate & gift tax exemptions may shrink significantly. The (unified) lifetime federal gift and estate tax exemption is currently set at \$5.12 million - and it will drop to \$1 million in 2013 if Congress stands pat. Federal gift tax and estate tax rates are also slated to max out at 55% in 2013, as opposed to 35% in 2012. Right now, an unused portion of a \$5.12 million lifetime exemption is portable to a surviving spouse; in 2013, that portability is supposed to disappear.4

Many analysts and economists think that Congress will eventually abide by President Obama's wishes and take things back to 2009 instead of 2001 - that is, a \$3.5 million estate tax exemption, a \$1 million lifetime gift tax exemption, and a 45% maximum estate and gift tax rate.4

Prepare for year-end drama ... and for 2013. The last two months of 2012 will surely bring political theatre to Capitol Hill. As it unfolds, you may want to look ahead to next year and consider the impact that these potential changes could have on your financial life.

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Thank You Veterans

Veterans were recently recognized at Crane Interiors. They received a certificate of appreciation and a day off to be used at their leisure before the end of the year. Left to right: Manual Chapa, Jeremy Moulder, Valorie Kadowaki, Stephen Porch, William Kellerman.

Growers have December 15 deadline for crop acreage report

DeKalb/Cannon County Farm Service Agency reminds growers of wheat, barley, oats, and other fall planted/seeded crops that Dec. 15 is the deadline to make your annual crop acreage report. Previously, crop insurance and the Farm Service Agency had different crop reporting deadlines for these crops. However, beginning with crop year 2012, the December 15 deadline has been established for uniformity between the two agencies.

Producers who have planted their fall seeded crops should report acreage as

include land or acreage not planted due to management decisions, land that had a previous or subsequent crop planted that does not meet double-cropping definitions, land where pasture or other forage crops are in place during the time that planting generally occurs, land that was affected by chemical or herbicide residue, land where the producer was unable to find a market for the crop, and other various reasons determined by the County FSA Committee. Producers must complete form CCC-576, Notice of Loss and Application for Payment Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program. Producers must file a notice of prevented planting within 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the crop.

Participation in the following USDA programs requires annual reporting of crops and land use: Marketing Assistance Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, DCP, CRP (Conservation Reserve Program), Noninsured Assistance Program, SURE, ACRE, and the Livestock Feed Program. Participation in these programs requires a report of all cropland on a farm even though it may not be used for annually-tilled row crops. Idle land and pasture must also be reported.

For additional information, producers can call the FSA office at (615) 597-8225, Ext. 2 or visit the DeKalb/Cannon County Farm Service Agency service center located at 647 Bright Hill Road, Smithville, TN during regular business hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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soon as planting is completed to ensure crops are timely reported for crop insurance program purposes and to maintain program eligibility for FSA programs.

Producers who have been prevented from planting, because of a natural disaster, should also consider filing acreage reports and Notice of Prevented Planting. Prevented Planting does not

READ ALL ABOUT IT

PETTUS READ, Guest Columnist



Feed the hungry as you help

A very common sight these days along Tennessee's rural roadways is the sudden image of flickering bright white tails of deer as they spring across farm fences and the almost chorus line formation of large numbers of wild turkeys stopping traffic to cross roads as if they were in a parade. These sights are something that wildlife enthusiasts view as beauty and Tennessee's farmers and property owners see as problems.

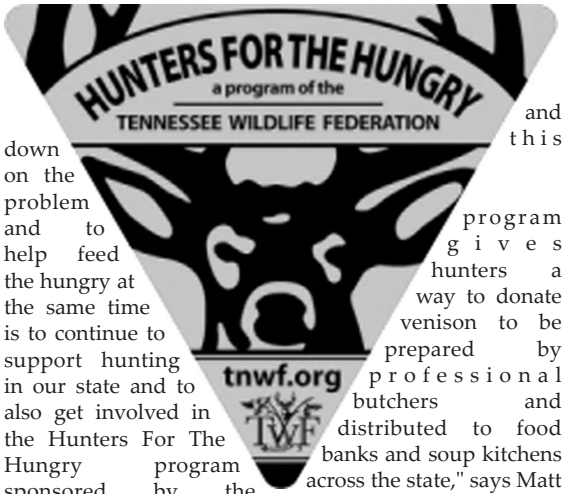
Having been born and raised on a farm in Middle Tennessee, the sight of a deer or turkey is still somewhat of a novelty to me. I never saw a deer in the cornfield until the late 1980s and a turkey walking across the garden has only materialized in the last few years.

On top of that, if you add the abundance of coyotes that howl outside my backdoor each night and the possibility of some person under the cover of darkness in our area trying to get wild pigs to populate our quite wooded knob, I had just as soon return to the 1960s when the only animals we worried about eating our crops were the raccoons.

Deer are still found to be the major cause of field crop losses; coyotes for livestock and poultry losses; and deer, turkeys and other wildlife for losses of vegetables, fruits and nuts.

It has been found that in the area of field crops, deer were reported to do 58 percent of the damage, with turkeys doing 6 percent and other wildlife accounting for 22 percent. Coyotes were responsible for 57 percent of the damage to livestock and poultry, with deer being the main wild animal damaging vegetables, fruits and nuts.

How can we reduce these losses? One way to help cut



down on the problem and to help feed the hungry at the same time is to continue to support hunting in our state and to also get involved in the Hunters For The Hungry program sponsored by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation.

Through this program, hunters and meat processors fight hunger by providing properly prepared venison to food banks and soup kitchens across the state.

The 2011 season marked an important milestone for the program: the donation totals over the life of the program have now generated more than three million meals to hungry families across the state through donated venison.

TWF began operating the program in 1999, and the impact has grown steadily ever since. It's a reliable source of protein that many food banks and soup kitchens otherwise wouldn't have, and venison is rich in vitamins and minerals with one third of the fat of beef. One deer can provide an average of 160 meals.

Last year the group provided more than 502,716 meals to hungry Tennesseans and brought in nearly 125,679 pounds of professionally processed donated venison. It is estimated that there are approximately 750,000 hunters statewide and with more participation in this program, even more hungry people can be fed within our state.

"The white-tailed deer is a healthy, renewable resource that has to be managed,

and this program gives hunters a way to donate venison to be prepared by professional butchers and distributed to food banks and soup kitchens across the state," says Matt Simcox, the Federation's statewide Hunters for the Hungry coordinator.

"Tennessee hunting and fishing licenses expire at the end of February, and we hope people will take advantage of the opportunity to give a dollar to Hunters for the Hungry when renewing those licenses. One dollar can provide four meals to hungry Tennesseans." The fastest way to donate is through the TWF's website at www.tnwf.org <<http://e2.m a/click/9it1b/h5rlu/dqx0o>>.

Wildlife contributes to the beauty of Tennessee and Tennessee's farmers contribute over 75 percent of the habitat for our wildlife. It is important that we keep a reasonable balance between wildlife numbers and public acceptance of those numbers.

If it cost 25 cents a day to feed a deer, then Tennessee's landowners are spending \$75.5 million per year just to feed the current deer population. And that is a very conservative estimate, which does not include all of the other wildlife that also must eat.

--Pettus L. Read is editor of Tennessee Home & Farm magazine and Tennessee Farm Bureau News. He may be contacted by e-mail at pread@tbf.com

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AMATEUR RADIO EXAM

The DeKalb/Cannon County Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring an Amateur Radio Exam Session on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 - 1 p.m. (Walk-ins are allowed) at the Cannon County High School - Room #115, 1 Lion Drive, Woodbury. Contact Jerry E. Elkins - N4LZY at (615) 563-8888 if anyone has any questions.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO MEET

A meeting of the DeKalb/Cannon County Amateur Radio Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the DeKalb County Complex, 722 South Congress Blvd., Smithville, TN 37166. All local amateur radio operators and those interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Amateur radio operators also called "hams" communicate with other operators in the local area, statewide, nationally, and even worldwide. Hams also aid during times of emergencies with vital communication links. The DeKalb/Cannon County Amateur Radio Club is an affiliated club of the American Radio Relay League. Call 615-597-9563 for more information.

COLLECTING TOYS, FOOD FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED

For the ninth consecutive year, Cash Express, located at 103 E. Main St., is collecting toys, canned food and coats for the underprivileged. Cash Express is teaming with the Cannon County SAVE program to distribute these items.

Anyone wishing to donate items can drop them off at Cash Express, 103 E. Main, or D&J's Pizza, 805 W. Main St., Osbourne's Piggy Wiggly, 834 W. Main St., First Bank, 101 W. Main St. or Mid Cumberland Head Start, 630 Lehman St.

Used coats will be cleaned by Cash Express.

SOLES4SOULS

Start cleaning out your closets!!! November 2012 will be the 2nd annual "Soles4Souls" shoe drive. Soles 4 Souls collects new and used shoes and gives to those in need all over the world. They have donated over 15 million pairs of shoes to people in need.

Last year, Cannon County donated over 600 pairs of shoes and we hope to exceed that number this year. All county schools and the courthouse will have a drop off box during the entire month of November. Please make sure your shoes are bound together by the shoelaces or rubber bands.

Contact Diane Hickman at the County Executive's office with any questions at 563-2320.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS FUNDRAISER

Woodbury Church of God, 745 Doolittle Road, is planning a Christmas sale with proceeds going to the church's food program.

Ornaments, collectibles, Hallmark figurines, Christmas trees and other holiday supplies will be available at the church from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1.

2012 RESCUE FUND DRIVE

The 2012 Countywide Rescue Fund Drive is now under way.

Some of the squad's tools are approaching 30 years of service and are in need of replacement. For as little as 10 cents per day (\$35) you can make a difference.

Donate on line at www.CannonCountyRescue.com or mail your donation to Cannon County Rescue Squad, 618 Lehman Street, Woodbury, TN 37190. For or more information, contact Capt. Michael Underhill, 615-904-5002 or Tim Bell, unit director, 615-894-2730.

LION'S CLUB PECAN SALE NOW UNDERWAY

The Woodbury Lions Club has started its annual Pecan Sale. Available this year are pecan halves, walnuts, fruit and nut mix and cashews.

All are available at Jennings Jewelers, Vance Bros. car lot, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Cutting Edge Salon, Bobby Smith's office, Cannon County Senior Center, Dr. Trea Wessel's office, First Bank, Paul Reed's Furniture, First National Bank, Regions Bank, Woodbury Funeral Home, Woodbury Nursing Center, Woodson's Pharmacy and from any Lions Club member.

WOODBURY METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the church as a worshipping Methodist community in Woodbury. The church concludes a year long celebration with a complimentary Open House for the community on **Sunday, December 2nd between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** There will be a display of over 400 nativities, angels, crosses and many other items helping us experience our Savior's birth.

If you are unable to join us on Sunday afternoon, the display will also be part of the Lion's Club Christmas Tour of Homes on the night before from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Contact the Lion's Club for tickets.

SOCIAL SECURITY HOURS CHANGE

Effective Nov. 19, the Murfreesboro Social Security office will reduce its hours by 30 minutes each workday. The office will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cannon County services are covered by the Murfreesboro office.

On Nov. 23, the day after Thanksgiving, the office will be closed to the public, but employees there will work to reduce backlogged workloads.

Most Social Security services do not require an office visit. Many services, including applying for retirement, disability or Medicare benefits, signing up for direct deposit or informing of a change of address, are available online at www.socialsecurity.gov or by phone at 1-800-722-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can call the TTY number at 1-800-325-0778.

MEET REPRESENTATIVE PODY

Representative Mark Pody will be meeting every third Friday at the Cannon County Senior Center from 1:00p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Anyone that needs to talk to him is welcomed.

CHILD CARE HELP AVAILABLE FOURTH WEDNESDAY

Are you raising a grandchild or a relative child? For more information on assistance and support, please call Vicki Beck at the Upper Cumberland Development District toll free at 1-877-275-8233.

Adult relative support group meeting will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The meetings are scheduled for the Woodbury Church of Christ at 100 East Water Street.

Cannon's jobless rate continues to improve

Cannon County's jobless rate continued to drop during October, preliminary figures show.

For October, Cannon had an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent, which was one tenth of a percent better than September's rate of 6.9 percent. The total was considerably better than October of 2011, when the rate was 7.7 percent.

When it comes to actual numbers, out of Cannon's labor force of 6,620 persons, 6,170 were employed and 450 were jobless during October.

Statistics for Cannon are included in the Nashville-Murfreesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area. Williamson County (Franklin) had the lowest rate in Tennessee with 5.2 percent jobless. Rutherford County's rate was 6.1 percent and Wilson County's was 6.3 percent.

Tennessee's jobless rate was 8.2 percent for the month. While improved, the unemployment rate still lagged compared to the national average of 7.9 percent.

State Parks announce winter rates

Tennessee State Parks will offer special winter rates for 360 villas and cabins, along with six state park inns from Nov. 15 through March 15.

With a state park within an hour's drive of just about anywhere in Tennessee, families and groups seeking unique recreation opportunities and high-quality accommodations can find the perfect getaway – all at an exceptional value and a bit closer to home.

With a Tennessee State Parks special winter discount, park visitors can stay at one of Tennessee's six state park inns for \$54.95 a night (excluding tax). The inn discount may be used seven days a week and applies to both individuals and groups. A 50 percent discount also is being offered for villas and cabins with a two-night minimum stay. The cabin discount is valid Sunday through Thursday only and some holiday weeks are not included. Discounts are based on availability and certain other restrictions may apply.

There is no coupon necessary for this special rate and patrons simply need to ask for the "Special Winter Promotion" when making a reservation. When making online reservations please ensure the available code for the special winter rate or cabin discount is applied. While reservations are not required, they are highly recommended to ensure availability.

Special winter rates are not valid with other discounts. For more information about the special promotion, please call the Tennessee State Parks information line at (615) 532-0001 or toll free at 1-888-867-2757. For additional information or to make online reservations, please visit the Tennessee State Parks website at www.tnstateparks.com.

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Federal benefits to switch to direct deposit

With just four months remaining until the March 1, 2013, transition to all-electronic federal benefit payments, officials with the U.S. Department of the Treasury said more than 100,000 residents in Tennessee have yet to transition from paper checks to direct deposit.

According to Treasury Department officials, Tennessee seniors and other federal benefit recipients are still receiving nearly 118,000 paper checks each month and have yet to switch to direct deposit or the Direct Express Debit MasterCard card.

"If you or a loved one have not yet made the switch, please take note of this new law and sign up for electronic payments today," said David Lebryk, commissioner of the

Financial Management Service, a bureau of the Treasury Department.

The Financial Management Service issued a rule mandating direct deposit payments two years ago. Beginning next year, all federal benefit recipients must have a direct deposit account to receive funds or Treasury Department backed Direct Express card.

With the deadline quickly approaching, Treasury Department officials are ramping up their efforts to get Tennessee recipients to begin the transitioning process.

"Our call center agents are available to answer questions and assist seniors and others with the switch to direct deposit or the Direct Express card," Lebryk said.

Book Review

BY: ELRENA PARTON

Happy 100th Day! By Susan Milord and illustrated by Mary Newell DePalma (Scholastic Press) \$16.99, Fiction, ages 4-8, hard cover, 40 pages.

Children in school celebrate the 100th Day of the school year. They can then look forward to the end of the school year coming. *Happy 100th Day!* by Susan Milord takes children from the first day back to school after summer break through the 100th day. The teacher's name is Miss Currier. The main student character is Graham. Graham doesn't like going to school and

equally doesn't like reading. In fact, he is a very poor reader although, his teacher makes sure he gets the extra help he needs. His 100th day project is to read 100 books. Will Graham achieve reading 100 books in 100 days? After several days, Graham also realizes the 100th day will be the same as his birthday. Graham wonders if he will get a birthday party at school like the other students.

Scholastic and Elrena Parton have donated a copy of *Happy 100th Day* to the Cannon County Library System.

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Auburntown News

BY ANNA PATRICK

It was a surprise visitor for Ruth and Marvin Davenport when friend, Jim Fuller of Murfreesboro, pulled in Saturday. They spent the afternoon catching up on old times.

A Sesame Street birthday party complete with Elmo, Ernie, Cookie Monster and Oscar the Crouch cupcakes for Kullon Patrick's very first birthday. The "real" crouch was on hand for the occasion. A "guesstimate" of 30 enjoyed helping Kullon enjoy his first. The event was hosted by Dad, Kyle, and Mom, Shannon, at his home in Murfreesboro.

Prosperity Baptist Church enjoyed Sunday Morning Worship with sister Prosperity Missionary Baptist. This was followed by a delicious Thanksgiving meal provided by PMB.

Fourteen Jr. Betas and 8 adults left out right after church Sunday for the State Beta Convention held at Opryland Hotel, Nashville. McKenzie Turney did a great job in the speech competition placing 2nd. Congratulations McKenzie. The high school skit placed 4th out of 14. Local members are Alayna Reed, Johnny Kennedy, Caroline Gunter and Rachel Dorris. Great job.

Lots of families gathered around the Thanksgiving table. Ruth and Marvin Davenport enjoyed a delicious meal and visit with Mitchell, Veronica and Kelsey Davenport of Birmingham, AL, Curtis and Kathy Davenport, Teresa Baines and James Paul Davenport.

Robbie Owen cooked up a feast for Jim and Donna Sherrell, Michelle James and Brian James.

Martye Harris of Northboork, IL is home enjoying a Thanksgiving visit with family and friends. Gene and Wilma Harris were the hosts for Thanksgiving for her plus Nick, Leah, Allie, Maya and Elijah Wilson of LaVergne, Josh, Rebekah, Maggie and Levi Tate of Woodbury and Jerry and Beverly Bryan.

Gathered around the table at Tim and DeAnna Reed's were daughters, Janna, Alayna, and Adrianna. Other "turkeys" joining in were Andrea Khalil from illa Park, IL, Ray, Anita, Dustin and Daxton Patrick, Woodbury, Kyle, Shannon and Kullon Patrick of Murfreesboro, Elaine Reed, Sam, Bethany and Rylon Morrison of Morrison and of course, P-pa and me.

From the picture on facebook, it looks like Ernie Davis enjoyed a big meal! Seems he was in a food coma!

Tonight (Tuesday), the Lady Knights and Knights are hosting the DeKalb West Lady Tigers and Tigers. Games begin at 4:30 with B-teams with the "main" teams starting at 6:00. Don't forget to enjoy the concession stand while watching these talented young athletes.

Monday night, December 10th is the last game before Christmas break. That night they are traveling to Short Mt. to "ward off" the Bears!

Pray each one of you had a great Thanksgiving and above all else was (and is) thankful for all things.

It's birthday time and celebrating the 28th is Jason Francis. On the 29th David Dodd and his sister, Melissa Milligan put on another year. Finishing up the month of November are Chris Zimmer, Dan Wilkerson, Joseph McFerrin and Ryan Fletcher. On the first day of December, Fred Schaefer and Dale Mayo get to celebrate. Jacob Bobo, Daniel Neeley and Russell Fults all have their celebrations on the 3rd. Randy Lee Toombs finishes up the week when he turns a half century old on the 4th. Happy birthday to all of you.

No anniversaries.

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.

Opportunities in 4-H are available

Get on Target with 4-H: In response to overwhelming demand, Cannon County will be offering (for the first time in recent history) an archery workshop. The workshop will be held Tuesday and Thursday, December 4th and 6th, at the Cannon County Expo Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The first of the two nights will focus on targeting, safety, and letting the youth begin shooting. The second session will consist more of a practice session to allow youth to become more familiar with archery.

The hope of the workshop is to provide a "kicking off" point for an Archery group here in the county, if you are interested in becoming a coach or volunteer, please let us know at the Extension Office, and we will get the ball rolling.

Cost for the workshop is \$20.00, to sign up, please come by the Extension Office and register by Thursday, November 29th.

County Public Speaking Contest: The response to the local (or classroom) 4-H Public Speaking contest during the November 4-H club meetings has been wonderful. Our County Public Speaking Contest has been scheduled for Thursday, December 13th at Woodbury Grammar School with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the contest beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to improve your public speaking ability. All 4-Hers who participated in the local (or classroom) contest are invited to attend and all participants will receive an award.

Homeschool 4-H: The Cannon County 4-H program prides itself on providing quality educational programs and activities for all Cannon County youth. Currently, we are on the lookout for any youth that may be homeschooled, so they too can share in the great program that is 4-H. If you are currently homeschooled, but would like to participate in 4-H; please give the Extension Office a call at 563-2554 and we will let you know of the next meeting and any other upcoming activities.

4-H Camp: Although our thoughts are of the upcoming Holiday Season, it is never too late to begin making those summer plans. Our dates for the 2013 4-H camping season have been released: Junior 4-H camp, which is for our 4th through 6th graders, will be held June 17th through 21st, and our Junior High 4-H camp, which is for our 7th and 8th graders, will be held May 27th through 31st. Both camps will be held at the Clyde York 4-H Center. For more information please visit : clydeyork4hcenter.org.

State 4-H Congress: For our 9th and 10th graders, it is time to think about State 4-H Congress. State 4-H Congress is a wonderful opportunity where delegates take the role of our elected officials as they learn all about how laws are made and passed here in Tennessee. 4-H Congress will be held March 24-27 at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown for more information please go to: utextension.utk.edu/4H.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on
Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Cannon County Courthouse in
Woodbury, Tennessee.

The purpose of said meeting is to discuss the possibility of applying for a Community Development Block Grant through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The hearing is open to the public and active participation is highly encouraged.

No person in the United States should, on the grounds of race, religion, color or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Assistance. If special need accommodations are required, you may contact the County Executive's Office at 615-563-2320.

Mike Gannon
County Executive

Newspaper
honors ‘Great
Tennessee
women’

The late Annie May Cox is up front in the center of a list of six Tennessee women featured in Tennessee Studies Weekly, a newspaper aimed at students across the state. Pictured in addition to Mrs. Cox are, from left, Sarah Ophelia Cannon (Minnie Pearl), Nashville teacher Geneva King, Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline and teacher/coach Virginia Reed Leedy.

(From Tennessee Studies Weekly)



Consumers should be aware of cyber theft this holiday season

NASHVILLE --- The start of the holiday season not only brings excitement to many people, it also brings concern about identity theft to millions of consumers who kick off the holiday shopping season with Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales.

December is Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month and, according to the Federal Trade Commission, it is also the time of year when most identity crime occurs. The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Identity Crimes Unit warns consumers to beware of identity thieves who victimize holiday shoppers. The unit urges holiday shoppers to take precautions to protect their identity during the busy holiday season. "During the holiday

shopping season, citizens are making more transactions and spending more money than any other time of the year. Identity thieves are looking for easy targets, and there are many more opportunities for them to steal your identity and ruin your credit," said Captain Stacy Williams of the Identity Crimes Unit. The Identity Crimes Unit offers these tips to help keep holiday shoppers safe: · When paying by credit card, don't allow clerks to put your receipts in your bag. Instead, carry receipts in your wallet where they are safer and less likely to fall out of bags. · Watch cashiers, waiters, and bartenders, ensuring that they don't "skim" or save your card number for later use. · When paying by check. Never allow merchants to write your social security

“Identity thieves are looking for easy targets, and there are many more opportunities for them to steal your identity and ruin your credit.”
Capt. Stacy Williams

number on the check. · Use a gel ink pen—preferably black—to write checks. The ink will permeate the fibers and make it difficult for the check to be cleaned and reused. · When shopping online, be careful of wireless internet connections. Only use those that require a security key or certificate. · Shop on secure, reputable websites by

looking for addresses that start with "https" and include a small padlock icon. · Never offer personal information, especially your social security number, to online stores. · Leave suspicious web-sites immediately. · Read customer reviews before ordering products. · Use a credit card and not a debit card, which makes it harder for you to

get funds back and gives thieves access to funds in your bank account. · Avoid carrying a social security card, birth certificate, passport, bank information or paychecks when hitting the stores. You could easily lose them and identity thieves find these particularly helpful. · Check your bank statements, credit card bills, and credit reports often, helping to quickly catch any efforts to use your identity. Identity fraud, the actual misuse of stolen identity information, is an increasing problem in the United States. According to a report by Javelin Strategy and Research, more than 11.6 million Americans were victims of identity fraud in 2011, an increase of 13 percent over 2010. Last year, for the 12th year in a row, identity theft

topped the list of consumer complaints to the Federal Trade Commission. Of the more than 1.8 million complaints filed with the FTC in 2011, 15 percent were related to identity theft. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security Identity Crimes Unit was formed earlier this year to combat the increase in identity theft and related crimes in Tennessee. The unit is comprised of employees from three divisions of the department: Tennessee Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security, and Driver Services Division. If you have been the victim of an identity crime, you can get information and help by downloading a resource kit for identity theft victims from <http://www.tn.gov/safety/ICU.shtml>

SCHOOLS---

with English teachers, and also cross-curricular assignments for all teachers to work with students on literacy. We have purchased a benchmark assessment tool that will be used to monitor student progress at the high school." The only other area where the system failed to reach its goal was graduation rate; however, it is a tricky category. The graduation rate is

based on the previous year under NCLB so the data for the 2012 Report Card is 83.5 percent in 2011. CCHS' graduation rate in 2012 was 89 percent and will be reflected in the 2012 Report Card so the system already has demonstrated gain. The attendance rate at CCHS is 94.6. The state goal is 93 percent. "CCHS teachers and administration have focused on graduation rate for a number of years," Parker said. "In 2009, the

graduation rate was 72.7. In 2012, the graduation rate is 89, almost reaching the state target of 90 percent. It is a given fact that we can't teach a student if he/she is not attending school, so attendance definitely correlates to good performance on tests." Having reached state goals in most areas, Cannon County Schools will seek to build on past gains and realize additional growth in 2013.

WATER---

inspections have been good." Woodbury is fortunate to have spring water as the source of its water. "You can come up to the water plant and see the bottom of Stones River. Its

spring fed," he said. Woodbury is fortunate when it comes to its water supply. "We don't have any water that runs into the county. It all runs out," Jacobs said. The east fork of Stones River begins with springs on Short Mountain and

runs through Woodbury. Similarly, springs on the other side of the mountain feed McMinnville's water supply. Due to the purity of the water supply, very little has to be done to get it to state approved quality, he said

HOLIDAY---

nativity scenes will be on display. * Junior Brandon's log cabin on Burt Road, featuring ham and biscuits (last year they gave out

over 300 ham and biscuits). * Readyville Mill where owner Tom Brady and gang will welcome all visitors. Tickets for the visits are available from any Lions Club member. The price is \$7. Those planning on

making the home tour should first go to the Lions Memorial Building in Woodbury to get directions to the homes. Tickets for the tour will also be available at the Lions Club building.

BELIEVE---

they can block Tyler's airway. Tyler's tumors grow so fast, he has to have them removed every three months. "He has anywhere between a 20-70 percent blockage everytime," Steve explained, adding Tyler has had 22 surgeries in the past six years at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. Not knowing if Tyler will ever recover fully from RRP, he applied for a wish and Make-A-Wish granted it. Steve credited the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Middle Tennessee for giving his son and the entire family something to anticipate other than another trip to Vanderbilt when it granted Tyler's wish for a Caribbean cruise. "It was really a blessing for us because it gave him and us something to look forward to other than another surgery," Steve said. Tyler explained he thought about it for months and researched wish ideas on the Internet before

picking a cruise. "I knew I was only going to get one, so I wanted to do the right thing," Tyler said. He said the cruise was his best idea, because he wanted to choose something his whole family could enjoy together. Plus, he got to swim with the dolphins on his birthday. "And I got pretty much unlimited money in the arcade. That was pretty cool," Tyler said. His dad's decision to the Believe campaign is also pretty cool. Last year alone, Steve collected 15,000 letters from around Middle Tennessee, which raised \$30,000 for Make-A-Wish of Middle Tennessee. The foundation serves 38 counties in the midstate and grants between 90-100 wishes every year. With each wish costing \$7,000 on average, Steve's dedication helped four sick kids have their wishes granted. "This is one of (Make-A-Wishes') biggest fundraisers," he said. "All that money comes straight back to Middle Tennessee kids." His goal this year is to

collect 20,000 letters to Santa by going to schools, churches and just about any event he can to drum up support. "I went to a wrestling match in Columbia and got 50 letters that night," the determined dad said. Anyone one or group that is interested in contributing letters can call Morton at 615-513-6027 or e-mail him at steve.morton08@comcast.net. He will pick up any letters by Dec. 10 and turn them in to Macy's department store on the \$2 day. He noted the letters do not have to be in envelopes. He said his determination comes from having a sick child, which puts life into perspective. "I've lived in Middle Tennessee all my life and never been to the children's hospital before. It's life changing," Steve said, adding he wants to help sick children and their families like Make-A-Wish helped his. "We've been through a lot. But we try to stay positive, because it could be a lot worse," Steve said about the family's experience with Tyler's disease.



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Spelunkers stand before falls deep within the cave.



Lost Creek Falls flows out of a cave and disappears underground.

CCHS Outdoor club took advantage of the Thanksgiving break to spelunk at Lost Creek Cave in White County.

The Lost Creek Falls area was just bequeathed to Fall Creek Falls by the estate of James Rylander. The features in this area are so stunning Disney filmed scenes for The Jungle Book movie there in 1994.

Spelunkers from the CCHS Outdoor club traveled deep into the cave where a 30' underground waterfall cascades from above and disappears back underground.

Spelunkers included Daxton Patrick, Doug King, Jason Taggart, Cole Kaney, Umar Rasul, Hannah Faulkner, Elva Magana, Chloe Fann and Marc Larson.

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The Cannon County Historical Society contributed \$35,000 to the Adams Memorial Library Expansion project at a recent meeting. Shown from left. Joe D. Davenport, president of the society, Austin Jennings, president of the Adams Memorial Association and Bill Smith, treasurer of the society. The society has contributed another \$5,000 as a result of profits from the reprint of Brown's History of Cannon County. A few additional copies of this book are still available at \$75 each.

Election Commission Meeting

Scheduled for
Monday, December 10, 2012
5:30 P.M.
held at the Cannon County Courthouse
Main Street, Woodbury, TN

AGENDA

- 1.) Approve minutes from previous meetings.
- 2.) New Voter Registrations, inspect/process.
- 3.) Move to rescind actions taken by Commission at the July 2, 2012 Meeting regarding the termination of AOE Stan Dobson.
- 4.) Discuss and adopt if a consensus is reached, our Mission Statement that was tabled at previous meeting.
- 5.) Discuss and act upon adding Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to our Monthly Meetings.
- 6.) Discuss and act upon resuming Commission Monthly Meetings at the Election Office.
- 7.) Discuss and act upon any matters that may properly come before Commission.
- 8.) Motion to Adjourn

Matt Studd, Chairman
Cannon County Election Commission
2t-Nov. 28, Dec. 5

United Way elects board of directors

United Ways of Tennessee (UWTN), the association of 38 United Ways in the state, has elected its board of directors for 2013, including several new additions and key officers.

Pat Murphy, Plant Manager for General Mills in Murfreesboro, was elected to serve as a board member. "We are very pleased to have Pat Murphy as a new at-large board member," said Bryce Haugsdahl, UWTN Board Chair 2010-2012. "He is not only a Tocqueville donor, but also a long-term advocate for the United Way system. General Mills has been recognized nationally by United Way, and Pat's leadership has been invaluable both within his plant and on the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties' board."

Murphy has served as the Plant Manager in Murfreesboro for seven and a half years, and has been with General Mills for a total of 24 years. He has volunteered with several United Way operations throughout his career, including service as the Board Chair for United Way of Grayson County in Texas. Locally, Murphy has served on the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties' (UWRCC) board since 2008, including leadership roles such as Campaign Chair and Board Chair.

Murphy's election to the UWTN board follows the conclusion of service from Don Witherspoon, also affiliated with the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties as a Tocqueville Society member and former UWRCC board member. Don and his wife, Hanna, have a UWRCC award named in their honor, the Witherspoon Society Award, which is bestowed upon those who have exemplified United Way's high ideals of commitment to community through giving, advocating, and volunteering.

"We are saddened to see Don's term come to an end of the United Way of Tennessee board," said Brian Hercules, President and CEO of UWRCC. "Don and his wife, Hanna, have invested an incredible amount of time, energy and resources into United Way and their spirit of giving and community at such a level is extremely rare."

Hercules went on to say "I am confident that Pat Murphy will continue to represent United Way's values and mission in the utmost positive manner. We are honored to have him continue his involvement with United Way in this leadership role."

Other newly elected positions to the UWTN board include: Lester Lattany, President and CEO of United Way of Washington County, as 2013 Board Chair; Dawn Holley, Executive Director of United Way of Bedford County, as Board Chair-Elect; and Eddie Lee Herndon, President and CEO of United Way of West Tennessee, as Chair of Governance and Nominations. Jimmy Stone from Oak Ridge National Lab was elected to serve as at-large executive committee member and Matt Ryerson, President and CEO of Bradley County, was also elected as a board member.

Other UWTN Board members continuing their terms include: Gary Bowman, Treasurer; Judy Fenton, Secretary; Penny Aviotti, Eric Dewey, Eva Dillard, Commissioner Raquel Hatter, Ben Landers, CeeGee McCord, and Linda O'Neal. Other UWTN board members who will have completed their terms at the end of 2012 include: Mary Freeman, Brian Hercules, Rick Morrow, and Wendy Peay.

SPORTS

Daniel lands 'dream job'

CCHS alum named to head football program

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

TJ Daniel dreamed of the day he would have an opportunity to lead his alma mater's football team.

Daniel's dream became a reality when he was named Cannon County's new football coach Tuesday (Nov. 20), according to CCHS Athletics Director Michael Dodgen.

Daniel, a 2004 CCHS graduate, inherits a program that has lost 20 straight and 29 of 30 over the past three seasons.

"I am ready for the challenge," Daniel said. "This is my dream job. I believe in the kids at Cannon County, and I believe in our community. I believe we can build a competitive program. If you coach you always dream of the chance to coach where you played and in your hometown. I'm excited about the opportunity, and I'm ready to get started."

Daniel will be the program's third head



DANIEL

coach in three seasons and fourth in six when the Lions open the 2013 campaign. Daniel replaces Brent Bush, who resigned following the 2012 season.

Daniel served as offensive coordinator on Bush's staff and has been a Lions' assistant football coach the previous three seasons. His knowledge of the program and players weighed heavily in the decision, according to CCHS Principal Tim Knox.

"(Daniel) already has a familiarity with the players and our program, as well as its needs," Knox said. "He had greater responsibilities on Coach Bush's staff and did a good job of handling those. Our players have been through a lot of change the last couple of seasons. We need

continuity moving forward. T.J. offers continuity and he wants to be here leading this football. He has a great deal of pride for Cannon County."

Daniel was one of three finalists for the football head coaching vacancy in March. Dodgen said Daniel already had been through an interview process, served as an assistant under two previous head coaches and already held a faculty position. All of those considerations, amongst others, led to Daniel being named head coach without opening the position for a search.

"(Daniel) has been here through some tough times and he's never wanted to leave or give up," Dodgen said. "He has had the

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High Five

CCHS basketball teams open 2012-13 season with perfect 5-0 starts

Henley's hot hand leads Lions

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

Cannon County's best stretch of team defense in the early season ignited the Lions' 59-53 win against Shelbyville in the Mitch Wilson State Farm Thanksgiving Classic at Robert A. Harris Gymnasium Friday (Nov. 23).

Of, course, clutch offensive plays and pressure free throws also highlighted the Lions' third win against a Class AAA foe in four games. Cannon County improved to 4-0.

Cory Henley led Cannon County with 16 points, followed by Ethan Bryson's 12 points and four rebounds. Tommy Mitchell added nine points for the undefeated Lions.

"We've played teams that have different styles early and we have adjusted well in most situations," Cannon County Head Coach Matt Rigsby said. "We are still learning how to win but it's good to get positive results while you are learning."

Cannon County was 5-of-6 from the free-throw line in the final 68 seconds but it was defense that keyed victory.

Shelbyville had pulled to within 43-42 with 6:41 remaining.

Cannon County tightened an already strong defensive effort down the stretch. The Lions held Shelbyville scoreless for 5:31 and without a field goal for 5:44 to slowly and methodically pull away.

Defensive rebounding was critical during this stretch as it was generally one-and-out for Shelbyville, which shot 33 percent (18-of-54) against the Lions' match-up zone. Cannon County won the

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Sophomore Garrett McReynolds rises over the defense as he knocks down a long jump shot against Shelbyville in the Mitch Wilson Thanksgiving Classic.

TONY STINNETT photo

Lionettes turn back Shelbyville

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

Shelbyville does not strike fear in its opponents like days of old.

Cannon County proved as much when it vaulted to a 8-0 lead against the Golden Eaglettes during the Mitch Wilson Thanksgiving Classic at CCHS Friday (Nov. 23).

Shelbyville is still Shelbyville, and the Lionettes were reminded of as much as they clawed their way to a 44-41 win against one of Class AAA's most storied programs.

"A team with the tradition Shelbyville has is not going to quit," Cannon County Head Coach Michael Dodgen said. "That tradition was put in a long time ago by (current MTSU women's basketball coach Rick Insell). We jumped out 8-0 and it was really easy for us. I think we got in this mentality that we didn't have to keep playing hard."

As a result, Cannon County (4-0) let Shelbyville hang around but the Lionettes still found a way to win in the end.

Junior Abbey Sissom led Cannon County with 13 points. She also collected four rebounds, swiped three steals and shared three assists. Abbey Jakes followed with nine points on the strength of three 3-pointers. Jakes also had a solid all-around game with three assists, two rebounds and two steals.

The Lionettes continue to get solid contributions off of their deep bench. Madison Walkup and Rebekah Faulkner continued their consistent play with 14 points on 60 percent shooting between

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Jordan Hollis, left, drives around a Shelbyville defender to set the offense in motion.

TONY STINNETT photo

Teams cap Classic with victories

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

Cannon County's basketball teams capped off a busy week by winning three games in six days to remain perfect on the early season.

The Lionettes (5-0) made easy work of Portland, winning 78-30, in their second game of the Mitch Wilson State Farm Thanksgiving Classic at CCHS.

The Lions (5-0) also had little trouble disposing of Grundy County, 70-47, in their second game of the Mitch Wilson State Farm Thanksgiving Classic Saturday (Nov. 24).

Abbey Sissom continued her fast start to the season. She led a balanced scoring attack with 17 points.

Upcoming:

Cannon County begins District 8-AA play with two league games.

Friday
Upperman at Cannon Co. 6 pm.

Tuesday
Cannon Co. at Central Magnet 6 p.m. (Boys games begin 15 minutes following completion of the girls game).

Rebekah Faulker scored 14 points and continued her solid play. Madison Walkup, Jordan Hollis, Kristen Hale and Erin McReynolds scored eight each and Abby Jakes tallied seven.

The Lionettes jumped out to a 21-3 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

The Lions had to work just a bit

harder because they didn't come out with a great deal of energy.

Cory Henley led the Lions with 21 points, including four 3-pointers, and Ethan Bryson finished with 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Tanner Larson scored eight points on 4-of-6 shooting and collected seven rebounds. Larson and Bryson combined for 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Jarrett Melton finished with six points, three steals and two assists. Garrett McReynolds finished with four points and five rebounds. Josh Ruehlen supplied four points and dished out three assists.

The Lions only led 8-6 after one quarter but Henley scored 10 straight during a 10-0 second-quarter run.



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TONY STINNETT photo
Junior Madison Walkup has provided a spark for the Lionettes.

Sissom foils Coffee’s plan

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

Paying added attention to Abbey Sissom isn't working out too well for opposing teams early in the 2012-13 basketball season.

Those well-devised schemes are creating opportunities for others and Sissom somehow still manages to impact the game.

Coffee County was the latest victim. Sissom scored a game-high 23 points on 7-of-15 shooting, including four 3-pointers, to lead the Lionettes (3-0) to a 58-42 win against the Lady Red Raiders. Sissom also had three assists and two steals.

"Coffee County did something that had not been done yet, which was face deny (Sissom)," Cannon County Head Coach Michael Dodgen said. "She will see that a lot. She just keeps doing her thing and finds ways to be a factor in the game."

Abby Jakes was the only other Lionette in double figures with 10. The 5-foot-4 guard also had five rebounds - all offensive. Jordan Hollis

finished with eight points, three assists and three steals. Forward Rebekah Faulkner continued to be a steady contributor off of the bench with seven points. Ashley Basham made her presence known in the paint with nine rebounds and three blocks.

"This was a good win for us," Sissom said. "It is important that we get challenged early because it helps get us ready for our tough district schedule and Coffee County was a challenge. They are more physical and they are patient in their offense."

Cannon County continued to do a good job on the boards. Post players Basham, Faulkner, Emily Pemberton and Arianna Kailiponi have been solid in the early going and the Lionette guards also do a formidable job in the rebounding category. The Lionettes pulled 13 offensive rebounds against Coffee County.

The game started as though it would be anything but a challenge as Cannon County vaulted to a 21-6 lead after the first quarter. Coffee County wouldn't stay down.

The Lady Red Raiders were 3-of-7 from the field and connected on seven free throws in the second quarter.

The Lionettes hit a lull in the frame with just nine points and Coffee County had clawed back to within striking distance by halftime.

A tough game was anticipated.

"Of all the non-district teams we play Coffee County is the one I dread the most," Dodgen said. "They are very well coached. If you get in a game where they dictate the pace you are in trouble. We got up early and they had to adjust a little bit and play a different style."

Cannon County led 30-19 at the half. Sissom was 5-of-9 from the field, including three 3-pointers in the first half. She scored seven of the team's nine points in the second quarter.

Coffee County climbed to within 10, 36-26, in the third quarter, but Basham collected an offensive carom and put it back and Sissom scored six straight to push the lead to 42-26.

Cannon County was never really threatened down the stretch.

Henley sparks Lions to victory

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

Cory Henley's defensive contributions are somewhat overshadowed by his offensive flair but it was a combination of both that helped Cannon County improve to 3-0 with a 50-41 win against Coffee County at Robert A. Harris Gymnasium Monday (Nov. 19).

Henley led the Lions with 19 points and was the only Lion to reach double figures. It was his defense; however, that turned the game. Henley, who had five steals, collected one of his three fourth-quarter steals off a Jarrett Melton deflection and went coast-to-coast for a layup that provided a 35-33 lead the Lions wouldn't relinquish.

Henley then stuck a dagger, delivering his only 3-pointer of the night following a Coffee County turnover to stretch the lead to 38-33 with 3:48 remaining. He came up with another steal that led to points on the following possession.

"This was a good team win," Henley said.

"Everybody took care of the ball and we shared the ball. Our defense is a strong point and we all take pride in our defense. That's a big key for our team and it showed (against Coffee County)."

Tanner Larson had another solid game with nine points and six rebounds. Tommy Mitchell added seven points and Jarrett Melton finished with six points and four assists.

"We didn't shoot the ball well but we were patient in the halfcourt setting," Cannon County Head Coach Matt Rigsby said. "Our guys are not accustomed to the halfcourt setting and Coffee County did a good job of what they wanted to do. We needed to face the halfcourt setting."

It was a dogfight throughout.

Cannon County got off to a good start and led 17-10 after the first quarter but the Lions were 2-of-9 from the field in the second quarter when they scored just five points and allowed the Red Raiders to

pull to within 22-20 at the half.

"We just weren't able to knock down some shots during that stretch," Henley said. "We were getting some good looks. It wasn't turnovers. We handled the ball well. We just didn't finish some shots."

Henley was not the only Lion to make big plays down the stretch. Ethan Bryson's offensive rebound and putback, Jacob Nave taking charge and Garrett McReynolds keeping a play alive with a diving effort for a loose ball are just a few. They all occurred in the final 2:29.

"We had several guys step up and make big plays," Rigsby said. "We knew scoring would be tough. This is like a district game for us and, overall, it was a pleasing effort early in the season. I thought we were pretty solid defensively. That continues to be a strong suit."

Henley was 8-of-8 from the free throw line, including six makes in the final 39 seconds, to seal the win.

Guru’s picks to win state championships

The weekend we've all anticipated has finally arrived. Here's a brief breakdown of the teams involved in Division I championship games this coming Friday and Saturday in Cookeville.

6A

Maryville – The Rebels made it quite clear why they wind up in so many state title games. They expect to be there. Despite a valiant effort by Siegel QB Brent Stockstill, the Rebels just wouldn't give up.

Whitehaven – Last year's loss to Maryville was a huge disappointment for the Tigers. But it has also motivated the team to play harder this year. This team is loaded with talent (at least three SEC commitments).

PREDICTED WINNER – Whitehaven.

5A

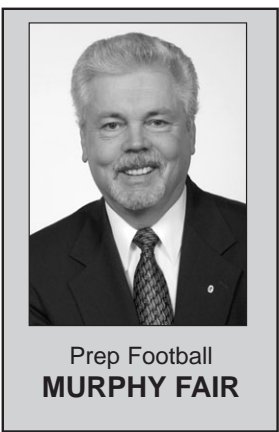
Columbia – First year Coach Howard Stone has the Lions back in the title game after a huge win over Powell, last year's runner-up. The Maury Countians will have their hands full trying to slow down Beech's Jalen Hurd who rushed for nearly 400 yards last week.

Beech – Considered by many as the nation's top junior, Beech RB Jalen Hurd can break a game wide open. A mid-season injury is in the past. He and a great offensive line will put on a show.

PREDICTED WINNER – Beech.

4A

Fulton – It's been five



years since the Falcons played for a state title in football. The Falcons looked awfully impressive against Giles County last week. Whether they have enough for Covington's strong ground attack remains to be seen.

Covington – Although the Chargers have never won a state title, they've been to the big game three times in the past. Covington certainly has the talent to win this year's game.

PREDICTED WINNER – Covington.

3A

C.A.K. – Two players on this team have already committed to play for UT's Vols next year. And QB Charlie High continues to rewrite the TSSAA record book with his gaudy passing numbers. Two straight wins over Alcoa in post-season play is enough to get my attention.

Milan – Milan has finished runner-up in three of the last four years. The Bulldogs lost to Mr. Hugh and Company last year and will again have a hard

time defending the Warriors again this year.

PREDICTED WINNER – C.A.K.

2A

Friendship Christian – The Commanders are moving to Division II next year and would like nothing better than to close out their Division I run with a second straight title. Junior QB A.J. Long is a difference maker.

Adamsville – Coach Brandon Gray is making this small West Tennessee community famous for something other than Buford Pusser and Ray Blanton. The team may be a year or two away from winning a title but has plenty of talent to score the upset.

PREDICTED WINNER – Adamsville.

1A

Gordonsville – The Tigers are hungry. It's been 28 years since they won their only football title. South Pitt and its speed are out of the picture. Destiny awaits the Big Blue.

Huntingdon – A solid Wing-T team, the Mustangs have lost to district foe West Carroll and 3A Milan. They avenged the West Carroll loss two weeks ago and are scoring with a vengeance.

PREDICTED WINNER – Gordonsville.

(Murphy Fair has published Tennessee High School Football for 25 years. His website, murphyfair.com, gives high school football fans further insight into the prep football scene).

DANIEL---

opportunity to coach and play under some different coaches so he has had a chance to gain knowledge and apply that. T.J. handled himself well in some trying times last season. He knows our players and this decision allows us to move ahead in winter workouts and spring football."

Daniel said the offseason program will be critical.

"We will get to work with our lifting program when we come back from the break in January," Daniel

said. "We need to get stronger this offseason. The spring workouts also will be important. We return several players but we lose some key players so we need to start identifying what we can do with the personnel we have."

Daniel said he will work on completing his coaching staff in the coming weeks in order to have everyone on the same page when the offseason starts.

"I hope the players are as excited as I am to get to work," Daniel said. "I am proud to have the

opportunity to work for them and to be their head coach."

Daniel played football at Cannon County from 2000-03. He played college football at UT-Martin and was a member of the Skyhawks' 2006 Ohio Valley Conference championship team. UT-Martin was 9-3 and made the school's only FCS Playoff Appearance in 2006.

The OVC title is also the program's only football championship.

LIONETTES—

them. Walkup, who would come up with key plays down the stretch, finished with nine points on 4-of-6 shooting. Faulkner added five points and pulled four rebounds. Jordan Hollis had another solid game. She handled the Golden Eaglette pressure well, scored four points and knocked down two pressure-packed free throws with 17 seconds remaining to stretch the lead to three.

"It's a win against a Class AAA school, but we just have to keep getting better," Dodgen said. "We have

been getting contributions off of the bench. We felt like depth would be a key for us this season and that has proven to be true early. Madison had another good game, and Faulkner has been strong in the paint."

The Lionettes had to make plays down the stretch to secure their third win against a Class AAA foe in four games.

Walkup came up big in the final five minutes with four points that held off Shelbyville rallies, and solid defense.

Things got interesting in the final minute.

Shelbyville closed the gap to 42-39 with 1:38

remaining. Two free throws followed a Lionette turnover to pull the Golden Eaglettes to within 42-41 with 40 seconds remaining, but Hollis stepped to the free-throw line for two pressure-packed charity tosses and drained both to push the Lionettes' advantage to 44-41.

Braden, under smothering defensive pressure from Walkup, was called for double dribbling with five seconds remaining and Cannon County ran out the clock for the win.

CCHS opens District 8-AA play against Upperman Friday at home at 6 p.m.

LIONS---

battle of the boards, 39-30.

"We take a lot of pride in our defense and rebounding," said Bryson, who was 6-of-8 from the field and scored on back-to-back field goals to start Cannon County's fourth-quarter run. "We make plays in our offense but our mindset is hard-nosed defense and rebounding. Overall, we have done OK to this point."

Cannon County struggled at the free-throw line as it was 15-of-27 but the Lions delivered eight of their successful tries during the fourth quarter. Henley connected on both ends of a one-one-one to give Cannon County a 45-42 lead with 6:05 remaining. It started a 9-0 run that concluded with Henley's short jumper that stretched the lead to 52-42 with 1:20 remaining.

Cannon County had to

come back from a three-point second-half deficit. Back-to-back baskets from Mitchell turned a 38-35 Shelbyville advantage into a 39-38 Lion lead it wouldn't relinquish with two minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The combination of Josh Ruehlen, Jacob Nave, Garrett McReynolds, Ethan Bryson and Zach Higgins sparked the Lions' comeback, particularly in the first half.

CHILI SUPPER



Join the CCHS Baseball team for Chili Supper (Nov. 30) at the CCHS Cafeteria. Homemade chili, crackers, corn chips, sour cream, shredded cheese, drink & dessert.

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CANNON LIFE

Avoid hidden dangers by buying age appropriate toys

As parents and relatives hit the stores this holiday season to acquire the hottest gadgets, gizmos and toys, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt is offering tips on buying age-appropriate items and avoiding hidden dangers.

Sarah Haverstick, Safe Children program manager at Children's Hospital, suggests that people consider a child's age and skill level when selecting toys.

"Every toy should have an age recommendation on the packaging, and it's important to follow these recommendations, especially for children under age 3," Haverstick said.

Safety precautions parents can take to avoid toy-related injuries:

Look for quality construction.

Follow safety guidelines when playing with new toys.

Check toys regularly for broken parts, chipped paint or sharp edges.

Make sure all crayons, markers or other art supplies are labeled non-toxic.

Ride-on toys often result in the highest number of toy related injuries. Make sure your child has the proper protective equipment. Always wear a helmet.

Haverstick says choking is one of the main causes of toy-related injuries and deaths. Toys with small parts should be kept away from young children, and parents should supervise while

children are playing.

Parents can test toys for choking hazards with a cardboard tube from a toilet paper roll, which is the same diameter as a child's windpipe. If an object fits inside the tube, then it's too small for a young child.

Additional choking hazard precautions:

Avoid marbles and balls with a diameter of less than 1.75 inches (4.4 centimeters).

Avoid toys with cords or strings longer than 7 inches.

Purchase Mylar balloons instead of latex, and never allow children to inflate or deflate balloons.

Below is a list of other items to avoid this shopping season:

Button Batteries - Found in remote controls, watches, key chains and musical greeting cards, these small, coin-sized batteries can become lodged in a child's esophagus and can cause significant problems within just a few hours after they are swallowed.

Magnets - For children under age 6, avoid building sets with small magnets. If swallowed, serious injuries or death could occur.

Projectile Toys - Projectile toys such as air rockets, darts and slingshots are for older children. Improper use of these toys can result in serious eye injuries.

Chargers and Adapters - Charging batteries should always be supervised by adults. Battery chargers and adapters can pose thermal burn hazards to children.

BB guns - BB guns should not be considered toys. Children require proper safety training for BB gun use.



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Jehoram
I Kings 22, II Kings 8, II Chronicles 21
Jehoram became king of Judah after Jehoshaphat died. When Jehoram established himself firmly over his father's kingdom, he put all his brothers to the sword along with some of the princes of Israel. During his reign, Edom rebelled against Judah and set up its own king. When Jehoram went to Zair the Edomites surrounded him and his chariot commanders, but he escaped by night. His army, however, fled back home. Libnah revolted at the same time as Edom, because Jehoram had forsaken the LORD. Elijah the prophet wrote Jehoram a letter telling him that the Lord said that he had not walked in the ways of his father Jehoshaphat or of Asa king of Judah but that he had walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and had led Judah and the people of Jerusalem to prostitute themselves, just as the house of Ahab did. He reminded Jehoram that he had also murdered his own brothers and now the LORD was about to strike Jehoram's people, his sons, his wives and everything that was his, with a heavy blow. The Lord also told Jehoram that he himself would be very ill with a lingering disease of the bowels, until the disease caused his bowels to come out. The LORD aroused the Philistines and the Arabs against Jehoram. No one regretted Jehoram's passing away.
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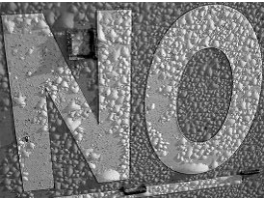
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Have a stress-free holiday



Holiday season is upon us and it is supposed to be a time of family, togetherness, and joy! It only takes a quick peek at the magazines on the grocery store shelves to make you feel overwhelmed and stressed over the holiday season. Tables lined with scrumptious looking foods,



mantles decorated with all the finest of things, tables set with set with matching linens, candles, and tableware all in fall or Christmas colors. Most of them even have name cards at each place setting!

Is this realistic for anyone? Perhaps it's realistic for Martha Stewart or Wonder Woman. The thing we must remember is that Martha Stewart is an enterprise and Wonder Woman is a cartoon!!!

As the average American



woman, the majority of us do not have the time, patience or resources to make our holiday table "picture perfect", and we set our expectations too high. As a result we feel less tolerance for family and are unable to enjoy the time we have together. It is nearly impossible to eliminate all holiday-related stress. This holiday season get ready by setting realistic expectations and realize you are entitled to reduce stress in your life. Things aren't going to be perfect, and its o.k.!! Here are some

suggestions on how to accomplish just that.

- **Exercise and eat right.** A healthy diet makes you less susceptible to stress and sickness.

- **Sleep.** Lack of sleep can lead to exhaustion and decrease your ability to manage stress. So you need at least 6 to 8 hours a night.

- **Laugh.** Do it EVERYDAY! Laughter increase relaxation and in turn can decrease stress. A good belly laugh also improves breathing and help digestion.

- **Set priorities.** Decide what is REALLY important and delegate the less important items.

- **Do ONE thing at a time.** Create a to-do list. Even if you are not a list-maker, please use this organizational tool during this one season. Chores, shopping and family visits are not the stressors -it's your anticipation of them that can seem overwhelming. Plan to tackle one or two things per day, you will accomplish more if you do one thing at a time and give it your full attention. Trying to multitask will only leave you with 5 things partially done.

- **Plan to cook when you have time - perhaps the weekends.** Make soups or casseroles to freeze for enjoyment on hectic days.

- **Learn to say NO.** Saying no during the holiday season isn't always easy,

able to hire an interior decorator, the chances of you making your house look like the North Pole in time for your holiday gathering are slim. Realize that not every present is going to look like it was gift-wrapped at a department store and not every meal is going to be gourmet. You can eliminate a lot of stress by lowering the expectations you have of yourself and others.

- **Ask for help.** Unless you're able to replicate yourself, you probably can't do it all without feeling like you're being pulled in too many directions. The best way to get relief is to ask for help. If you are hosting a dinner, don't hesitate to ask for others to bring side dishes or desserts. They will not think of you as a horrible person!

- **Let It Go.** Holidays often drum up a lot of family baggage and unnecessary drama. Accepting your family for who they are and how they act, and learning to let things go, will do a lot as far as reducing stress. Some things just don't change, and the best way to deal with these challenges is to accept them and move on, as difficult as that may be.

- **Plan your holiday spending.** One of the largest stressors during holiday season is the extra money that is being spent, or that you feel the need to spend. Do a thorough assessment of why you are giving gifts. Don't feel pressured to give gifts.

- **Spend some time with your children....young children.** If your children are grown, borrow the neighborhood children!! Thanksgiving and Christmas are a great time to bake cookies and children are so much fun to have as helpers in the kitchen. Experiencing the holidays through the eyes of a child reminds us of excitement and joyful anticipation.

Remember that the purpose of the holidays is not to spend a lot of money or to outdo last year's host - it's a time to gather with loved ones. Don't let the holidays or life become something you dread. Instead use these steps mentioned to prevent stress and depression that can descend during the holidays or anytime. With some planning and positive thinking you may find that you enjoy life a lot better than you ever thought was possible.

Last, but certainly not least, take time for yourself during the holidays. Everyone needs time to recharge their battery! Remember....you aren't an enterprise, and you aren't a cartoon! Create your own family traditions and focus on family time and fun!

- **Lower your expectations.** If you aren't



UT Extension Service

BY BRUCE STEELMAN

Tips on selecting a Christmas Tree

Christmas trees are a traditional part of the festive holiday season, and for many the fresh scent of a real tree invigorates the spirit of the season. The most popular Christmas trees grown in Tennessee are Virginia pine, eastern white pine, eastern red cedar, Fraser fir and Scotch pine. These and many other trees imported from other states will be available in all sorts of retail locations.

Tips for consumers on choosing and maintaining a real Christmas tree:

1. Measure the dimensions, including ceiling height, of the area where the tree will be placed before buying the tree. This will help you select the right size and shape of tree.
2. The easiest method to obtain a fresh tree is to cut one from a Tennessee Christmas tree grower. For a directory of Christmas tree growers, visit the Tennessee Department of Agriculture website: http://www.picktnproducts.org/Flowers_trees/
3. Trees in Christmas tree

lots may have been cut 4 to 6 weeks before they appear on the lot. Make sure to test the tree for freshness by placing a branch between the thumb and forefinger of your hand. Pull your hand toward you allowing the branch to slip through your fingers. The needles should bend but not break, and adhere to the branch, not fall off in your hand. A second test is to lift the tree a few inches off the ground and drop it on the stump end. Some interior brown needles should fall, but if green needles fall in abundance, find another tree.

4. To keep your tree fresh, cut one-half to 1 inch of the bottom of the trunk. Immediately place the stump end in water. Keep water in the tree stand at all times. A cut tree can absorb 2 or 3 quarts of water the first day indoors. If the base of the tree dries out, sap from the tree will form a seal that will not allow water absorption. Water additives to enhance the "freshness" of the tree are not recommended. Only

use clean water in your tree stand.

5. The tree should be placed in a cool area. Keep your tree away from fireplaces, heat registers, radiators, heaters and televisions. Inspect your Christmas tree lights for broken insulation or faulty sockets each year. Always unplug tree lights when you are away from home and before you go to bed.

The National Christmas Tree Association website is a wonderful source of additional information on Christmas trees: <http://www.realchristmastrees.org/dnn/default.aspx> If you are interested in a locally grown tree, drop by Wild Wood Christmas tree farm located at 286 La Paloma Road in Woodbury, Tennessee. David and Dawn Gray can be contacted at 615-464-2472 or by e-mail at wildwood2010@yahoo.com

For more information on selecting the perfect Christmas Tree, contact the Cannon County U.T. Extension Office at 563-2554.

TNStars helps save money for college

As the holiday shopping season kicks into full swing, many parents and grandparents are searching for gift ideas that are meaningful and make financial sense. With the overall cost of college expenses on the rise, the TNStars College Savings 529 Program is a great solution for many Tennesseans.

The TNStars program offers an easy way for a family to save for a loved one's future college expenses. The TNStars program, which already offers some of the lowest investment fees in the nation, is making it even more affordable to open an account. Between now and December 31, Tennesseans who open accounts with at least \$50 will each receive a one-time \$50 match from the state. In addition, Tennesseans who already have another college savings account will each receive \$100 when they roll over their entire account balance into the TNStars program.

In addition to being affordable and easy, giving a TNStars program gift this holiday season can also be fun. The TNStars program's web site offers a printable gift certificate that the gift giver can customize and present to their loved one. Plus, those who make gift enrollments before midnight on Dec. 10 will receive TNStars t-shirts in the mail. To learn more, visit www.tnstars.com/holidaygift.

"This is an opportunity for families to give something that doesn't break, doesn't require batteries, and will continue giving a priceless gift - the gift of education," said Treasurer David H. Lillard, Jr. "It is both a great gift and a wonderful investment in our future."

Tennessee launched the TNStars College Savings 529 Program in September. The program is administrated by the Tennessee Department of Treasury and offers competitive fees and appealing tax advantages when compared to other 529 programs nationwide. The plan is available to everyone and the investment returns on savings are tax free as long as they are used for approved education-related expenses. The money saved may be applied to higher education, including public or private colleges and universities inside or outside the state of Tennessee as well as any other educational entities eligible to receive federal student loan funds, such as Tennessee technology centers.

Benefits of TNStars include:

- " Low fees that will be on par with the top-rated plans in the nation;
- " 14 investment options, plus an age-based option, covering a wide array of investment strategies;

" Federal tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses;

" Availability to anyone regardless of income level. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends can open accounts on behalf of children;

" Contributions qualify for a \$13,000 annual federal gift tax exclusion.



exclusion. Also, a lump sum of \$65,000 may be contributed to the plan and treated as if it were made over a five-year period to completely avoid the federal gift tax; and

" Plan contributions aren't considered to be a part of an estate for federal tax purposes. Account owners still retain control of the accounts, but do not pay federal estate taxes on the value of the accounts. But if a gift is spread over five years and the account owner passes away within the five years, a portion of the gift will be included in the estate.

Participants have control over how they manage their investments with the TNStars College Savings 529 Program. The age-based option offers investments are more aggressive when children are young and then become more conservative as the children approach college age. TNStars also offers individual investment options, including domestic and international equities, balanced fund options, fixed income options and an FDIC-insured option. The underlying investments for the plan will be offered from more than one fund company.

Adams Memorial Library News

Here are some recently asked questions and their answers:

When will the building and remodeling be finished?

The contractor plans to be done about the first of the year. Things are pretty much continuing to happen according to the planned schedule.

When will the library move operations back upstairs?

As soon as the contractor completes the new circulation, tech lab, and entry way areas, we will move back upstairs. At first we will offer minimal services as we are doing right now, but as materials are retrieved from storage, we will reopen access to collections as they are reshelved.

Will there be a new main entrance?

Yes. You will enter the library through a new main entrance that faces the

fairgrounds.

Where's the overnight book return?

The book return is presently beside the door to the meeting room and available 24 hours per day. When the new parking lot and sidewalks are completed, it will be moved to its permanent location that allows "drive through" returns.

Are my taxes paying for this?

No. Funds for the addition and remodeling are provided through the fundraising efforts of the Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Adams Memorial Library Association. The Association owns the building and pays for its maintenance. The building is donated to Cannon County for use as a library free of charge.

Are you excited and anxious to move into the new building?

YOU BET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CANNON CRIME & COURTS

Cold hearted thieves hit family day before Thanksgiving

A \$100 reward is being offered to help recover \$10,000 worth of items stolen from a Locks Creek residence near Readyville.

Thieves broke into the home of Christopher and Morgan Stone on Thanksgiving Day between 11:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

They were able to get away with 12 guns from a gun cabinet, paint ball guns, ammo, Chris's knife collection, all of his Buck knives, gifts out from under the family's Christmas tree, cleaned out Morgan's jewelry box, \$250 cash, medications, took their 5-year-old son's dvd collection and the dvd player and even took the boy's shoes.

The thieves even took the bedding that was on Morgan's bed in addition to her wallet with debit cards and ID. Also stolen were some of Morgan's late brother's items which can never be replaced.

"We didnt have any insurance to add to that," Morgan said. "My heart is broken and I literally can't stop crying. I am offering \$150.00 REWARD for any property recovered that was stolen at our residence."

"Please if you have any info do the right thing and call," she urged, "at 615-691-1459 or the Cannon County Sheriffs office 615-563-4482."

Rescue Squad conducts emergency response training

Local emergency responders answer the call of help in Cannon County every day. Whether the call is for a fire, to assist EMS, or someone is in need of the Rescue Squad, local volunteers are ready to respond.

Each year volunteer responders in Cannon County take time out of there busy lives to take emergency service training, this training benefit citizens of Cannon County. On November 17th the Rescue Squad, Cannon County Fire Fighters, and Cannon County EMS personnel complete training in Vanessa K. Free (VKF) and

Emergency Operations Course (EVOC).

Tennessee was the first State in the Nation to require that emergency responders take a yearly driver's training program of this nature. In 2005 the Tennessee General Assembly unanimously passed legislation in both the House and Senate to require this training. The law, which took effect January 1, 2006, requires that every emergency service responder in Tennessee take an annual driver's training program. This law is known as the "Vanessa K. Free



Emergency Services Training Act."

The Cannon County Rescue Squad has four Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads State Certified VKF/EVOC and Vehicle Extrication Instructors. These instructors teach local emergency responders, as well as responders from surrounding counties, in various emergency response training programs. The instructors are Michael Underhill, Chuck Holt, Adam Hayes,

and Tim Bell.

Instructors from the Rescue Squad started teaching EVOC back in the late 1990s. These instructors have led the way for this type of training in Cannon County ever since. In 2012, the Rescue Squad taught 70 responders in Vehicle Extrication and VKF/EVOC for a total of 550 hours of instruction.

Local responders also take many hours of training at their local departments. Training benefits the

responder by allowing them to sharpen their skills in emergency techniques. Emergency vehicle operations, fire suppression, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, CPR, and many other areas of emergency response are just a few of the things that local volunteers train for each year. Cannon County is fortunate to have Fire Departments and a Rescue Squad that is staff by such a dedicated crew of local volunteers.

For more information on volunteering with your local fire department, contact Cannon County Fire Chief Michael Underhill at MUnderhill@CannonCountyRescue.com or by calling 615-904-5002.

For more information on volunteering with the Rescue Squad, contact Chief Operating Officer Tim Bell at TBell@CannonCountyRescue.com or by calling 615-849-2730.

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Ivy Bluff News

BY BONNIE STACY

Doug Mears passed away last week in West Palm Beach, Florida from a short illness. He was the son of the late Max Mears of Florida and Joan Arone of Murfreesboro.

Paul and Shelby Churchwell visited her sister Barbara and other relatives in McMinnville on Friday night. They enjoyed food, music and card playing.

Les Williams Sr. from Nicaragua is spending a few weeks here visiting with family and friends.

Sheree Floyd and her mother, Violet Smith were in Murfreesboro on Monday shopping and for a doctor's appointment.

Shirley Atnip recently visited Darlene Tucker.

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

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A greatful mind is a great mind.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Trustee, as contained in Deed of Trust from **TIM W. STEWART AND WIFE, DEBBIE STEWART**, to Wm. Stanton Massa, III, Trustee, dated April 21, 2005, of record in Record Book 72, Page 210, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee, which was assigned to Colonial Loan Association, Inc. by instrument dated April 21, 2005, and found of record in Record Book 72, Page 215, in the Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee, to which Deed of Trust reference is here made, **Notice is hereby given that the property described below will be sold by me at the front door of the Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash on December 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.** to effect satisfaction of principal, interest, attorney's fees, costs, expenses and other lawful charges due on a promissory note dated April 21, 2005, from Tim W. Stewart and Debbie Stewart to Union Planters Bank, N.A., and secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, which note was assigned to Colonial Loan Association, Inc.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Located, lying and being in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Lying and being on the North side of High Street; having a frontage of 76 feet on said Street, a backline or North boundary line of 76 feet, an East boundary line of 100 feet with DTC Communications (formerly Armstrong), and a West boundary line fronting on Cannon Street of 100 feet, and further identified as Map 39K, Group J, Parcel 6, Office of the County Tax Assessor. All measurements stated herein are to be considered more or less, and not precise.

For source of title to said really reference is made to Warranty Deed from Stanley L. Pope and wife, Carolyn J. Pope, to Tim W. Stewart, dated May 29, 2003, and recorded on April 7, 2005 in record Book 71, Page 523, Register's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee.

This property is subject to a boundary agreement as shown in Deed Book 87, Page 347, register's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee.

This property is subject to and includes any and all lawful easements, setback lines, restrictions, etc. of record and applying to the within described property and to the zoning regulations of the appropriate governmental body.

The street address of the property is believed to be 110 West High Street, Woodbury, Tennessee, but said address is not part of the legal description, and if a discrepancy exists, the legal description shall control. Tax ID No. 39K - A - 020.00 (formerly 39K - J - 06.00)

This description has been prepared solely from information furnished to the preparer, who makes no representation whatsoever other than it has been accurately transcribed from information provided.

Said Deed of Trust recites title as unencumbered, except as noted therein, but sale will be made as Trustee only, without covenants of seisin or warranties of title and will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid

restrictions, liens, covenants, easements, or title defects, if any, of record on said property. The sale may be free from equity of redemption, right of redemption, homestead, dower, and other rights or exemptions, if applicable pursuant to provisions in said Deed of Trust. The property is being sold in "AS IS" condition. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain possession of the property at his expense. There are no representations by the Trustee as to the validity or enforceability of any mechanic's liens or other liens, or of any suits to enforce same. In the event successful bidder defaults or otherwise fails to purchase the property, the Trustee and beneficiary reserve the right to award sale to the next highest bidder at their sole option. 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. If applicable, Notice of the Right to Foreclose was given in compliance with T.C.A. 35-5-117. Junior lien holders have been mailed a copy of this Notice. Other interested parties include: Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development - Energy Division; Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.; Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development - Energy Division; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC assignee of Onyx Acceptance Corporation.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated this November 8, 2012.

Wm. Stanton Massa, III
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1515
Morristown, TN 37816-1515
PH# (423) 317-8555

Publication Dates:
November 14, 2012,
November 21, 2012 and
November 28, 2012

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated July 22, 2010, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded August 6, 2010, at Book 127, Page 450 in Office of the Register of Deeds for Cannon County, Tennessee, executed by **CHRISTOPHER M. BARNES SHANNON R. BARNES CHRISTOPHER BARNES AND SHANNON BARNES**, conveying certain property therein described to Marc R. Lively as Trustee for Community First Bank & Trust; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee will, on **December 14, 2012 on or about 3:45 P.M., at the Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee**, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR CASH, free from the statutory right of

redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Cannon County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Land in the Sixth Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning on an iron pin in the East margin of Hollis Creek Road at the Southwest corner of a tract owned by the grantors (formerly Leon F. La Fever) running thence South 24 degrees 02 minutes West 301.1 feet to an iron pin at the intersection of Hollis Creek Road and Bryant Lane; thence South 65 degrees 46 minutes East 713.52 feet to an iron pin; thence North 24 degrees 2 minutes East 301.1 feet to an iron pin; thence North 65 degrees 46 minutes West 713.52 feet to a point of beginning, containing 5.0 acres more or less and shown as Tract Number 2 by survey of Thomas D. Cook, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor Number 365, dated October 15, 1981 and revised on February 24, 1984.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 107 William Bryant Drive, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190-5921

The HB 3588 letter was mailed to the borrower(s) pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 35-5-117. 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: Christopher M. Barnes; Shannon R. Barnes; Christopher Barnes; Shannon Barnes

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. 726 226791

DATED November 12, 2012

WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee
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FOR SALE
INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.MYFIR.COM and WWW.REALTYTRAC.COM
Insertion Dates: November 20, 2012, November 27, 2012, December 4, 2012

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated February 16, 2010, executed by **PAULA A. HENNING**, UNMARRIED, conveying certain real property therein described to FRANK ALVSTAD as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Cannon County, on February 19, 2010, as Instrument No. 35515, in Book 124, at Page

647; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Right to Foreclose ("Notice") was given in compliance with Tennessee law by the mailing a copy of the Notice to the parties at least sixty (60) days prior to the first publication of the Substitute Trustee's Sale.

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Reconstruct Company, N.A., having been appointed by as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed for record in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., as Substitute Trustee or its duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **December 12, 2012, 11:00 AM at the Cannon County courthouse door where the foreclosure sales are customarily held At the County Courthouse Square, Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, TN**, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Cannon County, Tennessee, to wit: SITUATED IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF CANNON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: LOT NUMBER 55 IN THE MASON SUBDIVISION, THE PLAT OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, REGISTER'S OFFICE, CANNON COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR MORE COMPLETE DETAILS AS TO LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT. PARCEL NUMBER: 039K-B-029.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 324 HAYES ST, WOODBURY, TN 37190. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Current Owner(s): Paula A. Hennings AKA Paula Henning

Other Interested Parties: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; 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. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded 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. All right and equity of redemption,

statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose. RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, N.A., Substitute Trustee 2380 Performance Dr, TX2-984-0407 Richardson, TX 75082 Tel: (800) 281-8219 Fax: (866) 681-5002 Registered Agent: CT Corporation System 800 South Gay Street, Suite 2021 Knoxville, TN 37929 Tel: (865) 342-3522 TS#: 11-0087490 FEI # 1006.147417
11/21/2012, 11/28/2012, 12/05/2012

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated August 15, 2001, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded February 7, 2002, at Book 24, Page 331 in Office of the Register of Deeds for Cannon County, Tennessee, executed by **RILLA SUE BOGLE AND EARL BOGLE**, conveying certain property therein described to Atlantic Assurance Company as Trustee for Centex Home Equity Company, LLC; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee will, on **December 14, 2012 on or about 3:45 P.M., at the Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee**, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR CASH, free from the statutory right of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Cannon County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Situated in the Sixth (6th) Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee.

Located, lying and being on both side of Pleasant Ridge Public Road and bounded on the North by lands of Floyd Campbell and Macon Davenport; bounded on the South by lands of Dorris Nichols, Sunny Hill Church of Christ and the Pleasant Ridge Public Road;

bounded on the East by lands of Dorris Nichols, Sunny Hill Church of Christ, and the Pleasant Ridge Public Road; and, bounded on the West by lands of Frank Moorehead, Sunny Hill Church of Christ, Dorris Nichols and the Pleasant Ridge Public Road.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 2712 Pleasant Ridge Road, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190

The HB 3588 letter was mailed to the borrower(s) pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 35-5-117. 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: Rilla Sue Bogle; Earl Bogle

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. 931 218903

DATED November 7, 2012

WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C., Successor Trustee
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FOR SALE
INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.MYFIR.COM and WWW.REALTYTRAC.COM
Insertion Dates: November 20, 2012, November 27, 2012, December 4, 2012

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of
BILLY RAY SMITH,
deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of November, 2012, letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Billy Ray Smith, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the County Probate Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons, both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This November 13, 2012.

Carol J. Corse
Executrix of the Estate of Billy Ray Smith, deceased

Bobby Smith, County Clerk
Joan G. Hill, Attorney
2t-Nov. 21, 28

Town of Woodbury Mayor and Aldermen to meet

The Town of Woodbury Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet in regular session

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

at 7:00 PM at Woodbury City Hall.

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2t-Nov. 28, Dec. 5

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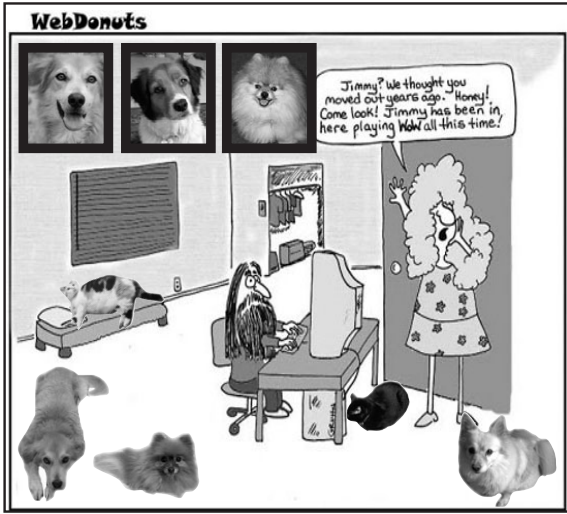
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TEASERS & TRIVIA



Ask Ken Beck

'Nashville' country singer was born in Boston

Dear Ken: What's the lowdown on Connie Britton, who plays country music singer Rayna James on "Nashville"? Britton, 45, was born in Boston but grew up with her twin sister Cynthia in Richmond, Va., where her father was a physicist and mom was a music teacher. She starred in the TV series "Friday Night Lights," "Spin City" and "American Horror Story" and was in the movies "Friday Night Lights" and "A Nightmare on Elm Street." Divorced, she has an adopted son named Eyob from Ethiopia. Of her role as the country star, Britton confesses, "My biggest fear has been the singing." She also admits she has been taking voice lessons, and there ain't no sin in that.

Dear Ken: I love watching actor Warren Oates in movies. He must be a Southerner. Where is he from and what are some of his best credits?

Oates was born and raised in the small community of Depoy in Muhlenberg County, Ky., where his father owned a general store. A character actor who appeared in lots of TV shows, he could hold his own with any thespian and also starred in such films as "Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia," "Two-Lane Blacktop," "Dillinger," "Barquero," "Cockfighter" and "Race With the Devil." He was also excellent in smaller roles in "The Wild Bunch," "Major Dundee" and "In the Heat of the Night." He even took on John Wayne's role of Rooster Cogburn for a TV pilot of "True Grit," and starred as Kristy McNichol's dad in the TV movie "My Old Man." Oates died in 1982 of a heart attack at age 53 and his remains were scattered at his Montana ranch.

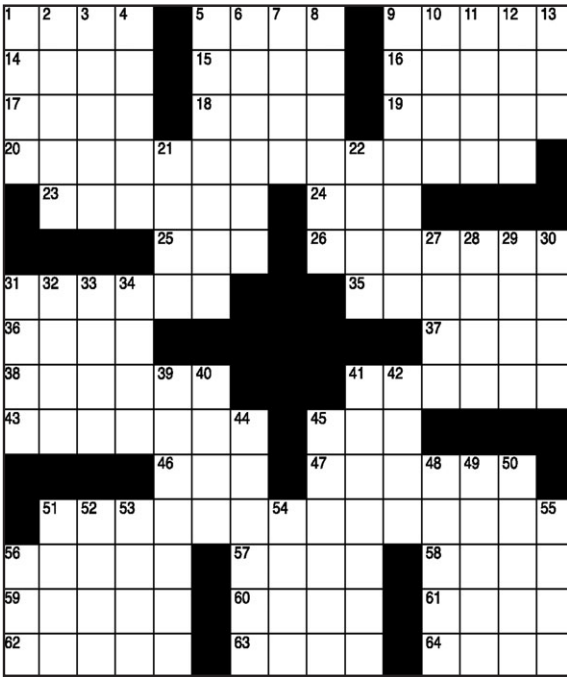
Dear Ken: What years did the TV series "Highway Patrol," starring Broderick Crawford, run on TV? How many episodes were there?

The 1955-1959 crime drama ran for four seasons and 156 episodes as Crawford portrayed gruff Dan Mathews. Crawford won a best actor Oscar for his role in the 1949 film "All the King's Men." He died in 1986 after a series of strokes at age 74.

Dear Ken: Whatever happened to singer Archie Bell of Archie Bell & the Drells, who had the hit "Tighten Up"?

Bell, 68, who was born in Henderson, Texas, formed the Drells while he was a high school student in Houston. He co-wrote "Tighten Up," which topped the pop charts in 1968. The tune was recorded with the T.S.U. Tornados, an instrumental soul band from Texas Southern University. Bell was drafted soon afterward and found out the song was a hit while he was recovering from an accident at a military hospital in Germany. Bell continues to perform on occasion and can still tighten up.

If you have a trivia question about actors, singers, movies, TV shows or pop culture, e-mail your query to Ken Beck at kbtg2@gmail.com

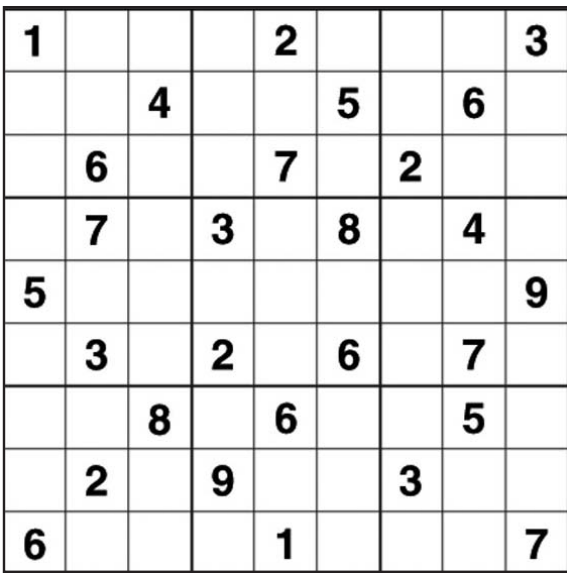


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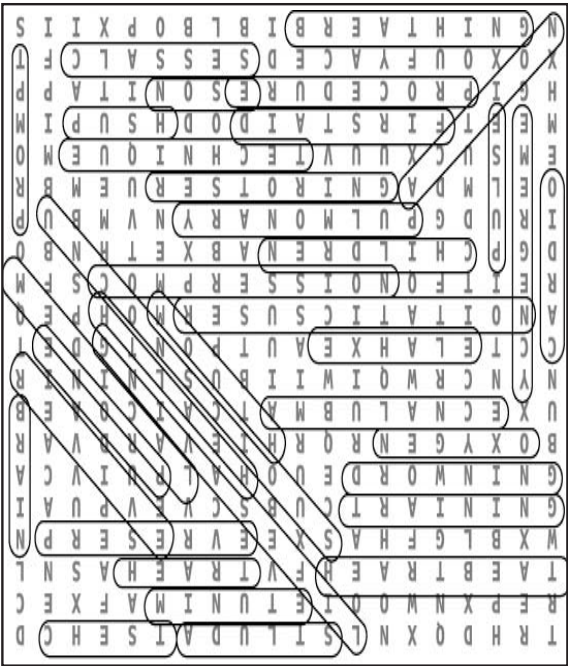
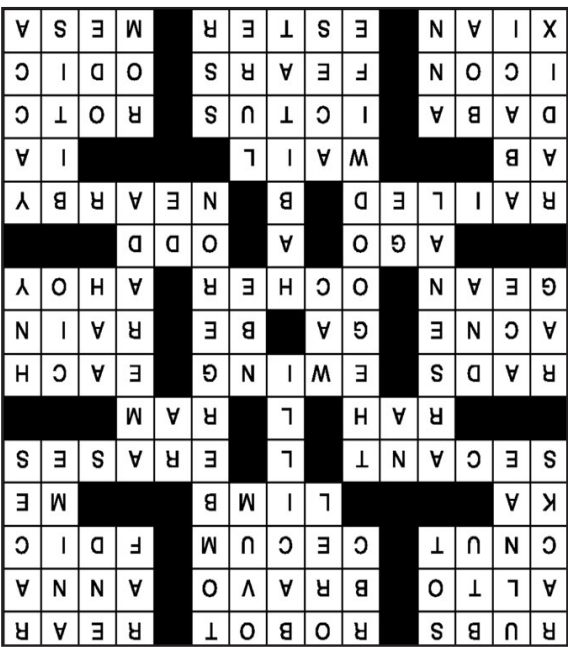
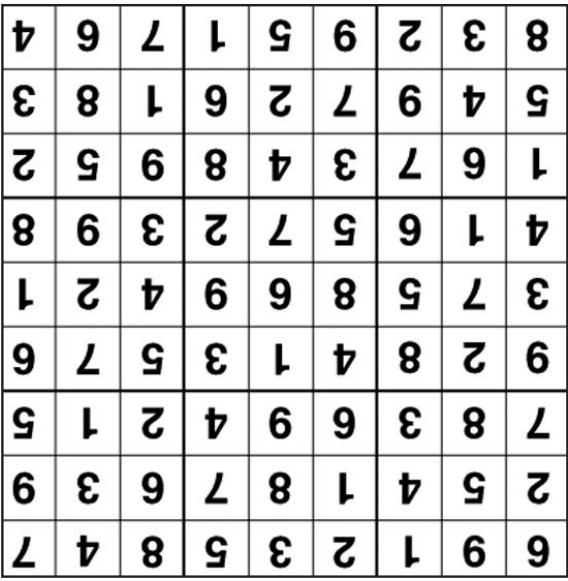
- Buttery salad lettuce
- Xtreme sport term "Shred the ____"
- Superior of an abbey
- R____y: prayer beads
- Unaccompanied & apart
- ____ and Diu, Indian
- Norway's capital
- Notice of someone's death
- High above
- 2012 London Games
- Optic covering
- Mrs. Nixon
- Turkish title of respect
- Eyelid hair
- Degraded
- Saudi peninsula
- Small fry
- Back talk
- Disposed to inflict pain
- Put in advance
- Landed properties
- Zedong
- Shellac resin
- Awaken from sleep
- Naval signalling system
- Ancient Semitic gods
- Fleur-de-lys
- Stomach of an animal
- Separates seating areas
- 100 = 1 Samoan tala
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- Jubilant delights
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- Coarse file

CLUES DOWN

- Negative cheers
- One periodical
- Mild and pleasant
- Cheatgrass or downy
- Rejoiced
- Person of no influence
- Plant source for indigo
- Key in again
- Compatibility device
- Indonesian jewelry island
- Big man on campus
- Stumblebums
- Explosive
- Dresden River
- Mexican Indian
- Emit coherent radiation
- Arab overgarments
- VI or six
- Thou ____ sinned
- French abbot
- Prevents entry
- Be next to
- Stalk of a moss capsule
- Books of maps
- Jump upward or forward
- Can't move
- Covers a building
- Division into factions
- Boat area
- Lesion
- Bonitos genus
- Good gosh!
- Cruise
- State of comfort
- Young woman (French)
- 100-year-old-cookie
- Exchange
- Shopping receptacle



Last week puzzle answers



Only 26 days until Christmas!

THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH

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C H Y N T Y R S T I U C S I B A O C N N
N A T G H C I D E R R U B B H U U C P E

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

kids' corner

HEALTH FACT:

ACCORDING TO RESEARCH BY THE CDC, WHICH AGE GROUP IS HAPPY MORE OF THE TIME:
20-24-YEAR-OLDS
65-70-YEAR-OLDS?

ANSWER: 65-70-YEAR-OLDS

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Brother
SPANISH: Hermano
ITALIAN: Fratello
FRENCH: Frère
GERMAN: Bruder

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Man in back balding 2. Flower pot a different color 3. Girl missing glasses 4. Woman at right wearing pink lipstick

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

NOV 27

- 1895: ALFRED NOBEL SIGNS HIS LAST WILL, WHICH CREATES THE NOBEL PRIZE.
- 1924: THE FIRST MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE IS HELD.
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New Word

relative

a person connected by blood or marriage

Did You Know?

IT IS IMPORTANT TO FIND FUN AND INTERESTING THINGS TO DO AS A FAMILY. THIS HELPS PROMOTE STRONGER BONDS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: INFANT FEET

Apples - Bake - Bales - Biscuits - Broccoli - Carving - Cheese - Cider - Corn - Crackers - Crowd - Delicious - Dinner - Eating - Entertain - Family - Gathering - Gourd - Gravy - Hay - Hostess - Meat - Oven - Potatoes - Pounds - Pumpkin Pie - Rice - Roast - Savory - Scarecrow - Soup - Stuffing - Sweet - Thanksgiving - Thursday - Turkey - Wreath - Yams

Christmas traditions date back to before Civil War

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

“Twas the night before Christmas” Those famous words, attributed to New Yorker Clement Clarke Moore, were just as popular during the Civil War period as they are today.

The poem, supposedly written for Moore’s children in 1822, was reprinted annually by American newspapers after first appearing anonymously in a Troy, N.Y. newspaper in 1823.

With its “jolly ole elf” depiction of Santa Claus, the poem did much to shape the image still treasured by youngsters today.

It was another New Yorker, Thomas Nast, who actually put a face on Santa with a series of illustrations he did for Frank Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper and Harper’s Weekly, the most popular publication of its day.

Nast, the son of a German immigrant, was a Radical Republican and strong abolitionist. By contrast, Moore was a slave owner despite his toney Manhattan address.

In 1861, Nast was assigned by his bosses at Harper’s Weekly to draw an illustration for “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” His Santa was drawn from Nast’s Bavarian roots and was among the first American commercial images of Santa. In 1863, Nast drew Santa crawling down a chimney.

But in fact, many of the aspects of today’s modern Christmas celebration were already ingrained by 1850.

Christmas cards, carols, holiday and festive winter dances, all date back to the late 1850s. Tabletop Christmas trees, decorated with ribbons, greenery and homemade ornaments were common. “Eggnogging,” one of the biggest American traditions, dated back to the Colonial days, supplanting the English tradition of wassailing.

An egg and cream-based drink, eggnog differed from wassail, which used fruit as a base for an alcoholic concoction.

Traditionally, eggnog was a powerful drink. George Washington’s recipe called for one quart of cream, one quart of milk, a dozen eggs, one pint of brandy, a half pint of rye, a quarter pint of rum and a quarter pint of sherry.

Elaborate holiday feasts were common in the days before the war and had more than a little bit to do with the writings of another author, Charles Dickens, who reinvented and popularized Christmas.

A typical menu from before the Civil War might feature:

Mock turtle soup; stewed rock-fish; roasted ham; roasted venison with currant-jelly; boiled turkey with oyster sauce; roast geese with apple sauce; French oyster pie; fricasseeed chickens; potatoes snow; parsnips; beets; winter-squash; cold-slaw-- Plum pudding; mince-pies; orange tarts; cream coconut pudding; Spanish blanc-mange; apple-jelly; vanilla ice-cream.

It was Dickens’s “A Christmas Carol,”

which put the holiday back on the map and put the “prize turkey” and plum pudding on the menu.

That famous plum pudding that Mrs. Cratchit crowns the Cratchit Christmas dinner with was not made of plums, but raisins.

The ‘copper’ used to boil the pudding was used the rest of the year for the Cratchit family laundry thus the Cratchit children help Tiny Tim to the wash-house ‘that he might hear the pudding singing in the copper’.

A Plum Pudding Recipe:

1 cup finely chopped beef suet, 2 cups fine bread crumbs, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup milk, 1 pint flour, 1 cup seedless raisins, 1 cup dried currants, 1 cup chopped almonds, 1/2 cup citron, sliced thin, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp cloves, 2 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp nutmeg, 4 well-beaten eggs, 1 tsp of baking soda dissolved in 1 tbsp warm water

Flour the fruit thoroughly.

In a large bowl, mix the eggs, sugar, spices, and salt in the milk.

Stir in the fruit, nuts, breadcrumbs, and suet. Then stir in the dissolved baking soda. Then add in the flour.

Boil or steam for 4 hours.

To flame pudding, warm 1/4 cup of brandy. Make a small depression in the top of the pudding and pour brandy over it. Light with a match.

Even among the well-to-do, Christmas gifts were small and often homemade. Good little boys and girls were content to receive small toys, candy and fruit in their stockings.

On the front lines, Union troops often fared better than Confederates, but in the early days of the war, soldiers enjoyed feasting.

“Christmas Eve, and I am on duty as officer of the day, but I am not on duty tomorrow. As much as I desire to see you all, I would not leave my company alone ... I give my company a Christmas dinner tomorrow, consisting of turkey, oysters, pies, apples, etc.; no liquors,” wrote Captain Robert Goldthwaite Carter of the 22nd Massachusetts on Dec. 24, 1861.

Things were a bit less entertaining for Confederate Private Robert A. Moore.

“This is Christmas & and very dull Christmas it has been to me. Had an eggnog to-night but did not enjoy it much as we had no ladies to share it with us,” Moore wrote on Dec. 25, 1861.

In Virginia, Lucy Rebecca Buck wrote in her diary on Dec. 25, 1861:

“I cannot but feel a little sad this morning for my thoughts continually revert to those dear absent brothers who were wont to share our Christmas cheer and gladden the hours of this festive season for us. Poor boys! I wonder if they think of the blazing hearthstone at old Bel Air (the family home) and wish for a place in the home-circle. I think of it all and sicken when I think.”



Sallie Brock Putnam spent her Christmas of 1861 at home in Richmond sewing caps, stockings and scarves for the soldiers.

Soldiers and their friends and family back home were more war-weary the following Christmas.

“This is Christmas, and my mind wanders back to that home made lonesome by my absence, while far away from the peace and quietude of civil life to undergo the hardships of the camp, and may be the battle field. I think of the many lives that are endangered, and hope that the time will soon come when peace, with its innumerable blessings, shall once more restore our country to happiness and prosperity,” penned Corp. J.C.Williams of the 14th Vermont.

By Christmas of 1863, the Union naval blockade made the situation for Southerners even more dire. Youngsters were told Old St. Nick had gone to war or that he couldn’t get past the blockade.

Christmas of 1864 found both North and

South longing for peace.

“Peace on Earth, Good will to men should prevail. We certainly would preserve the peace if they would go home and let us alone...” wrote Johnny Green of the 4th Kentucky.

“The one worn-out railroad running to the far South could not bring us half enough necessary supplies: and even if it could have transported Christmas boxes of good things, the people at home were too depleted to send them,” wrote Confederate Gen. John Bell Gordon.

In Georgia, some of Gen. William T. Sherman’s troops put tree-branch antlers on their horses and played Santa for starving families.

Then Sherman sent his famous Christmas telegram to President Abraham Lincoln:

“I beg to present you as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah, with 100 and 50 guns and plenty of ammunition, also about 25,000 bales of cotton.”

The war was nearly over.

Most wonderful time of year arrives in Tennessee

The 2012 holiday season in Tennessee promises holiday-themed fun for all ages. Mark your calendars for the following statewide events and find additional happenings in your region. Please visit www.tnvacation.com and click on Events for a complete listing of events happening statewide.

Speedway in Lights at Bristol Motor Speedway offers millions of holiday lights and hundreds of displays lining the route, and visitors get to drive on the legendary “World’s Fastest Half-Mile.”

Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Sevierville are shining bright with holiday decor and lights, now through Feb. 28. 23rd Smoky Mountain Winterfest is a holiday tradition for many visitors who return year after year. Also not to be missed is Dollywood’s Smoky Mountain Christmas, with more than four million lights.

Ruby Falls in Chattanooga celebrates the season with Ruby Red Christmas, each Friday and Saturday night during December.

The 29th year of Gaylord Opryland’s “Country Christmas” brings the 2012 edition of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes to Nashville. NEW this year is Lorrie Morgan’s Enchanted Christmas Dinner & Show and Explore ICE!, featuring DreamWorks’ Shrek the Halls.

In Memphis, experience Christmas at Graceland. See



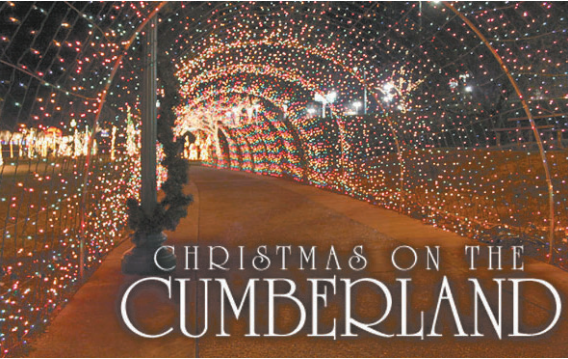
traditional lights and decorations including hundreds of blue lights along the driveway, a life-size Nativity scene, Santa and his sleigh and much more originally displayed by Elvis.

These events are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to holiday happenings in Tennessee. From holiday parades and festivals to shopping extravaganzas and holiday shows, there is something for everyone in Tennessee!

Below are additional holiday happenings in Middle Tennessee:

Through Jan. 5

Christmas on the Cumberland - Clarksville - Marvel at over a million lights along the Cumberland River



beginning at 6 p.m. at McGregor Park. Activities include visits with Santa, card making and cookie decorating. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.christmasonthecumberland.com.

Nov. 30 through Dec. 16

“A Christmas Carol” - Dickson - The Renaissance Players presents Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” at 7 p.m. at The Renaissance Center’s Anne Deason Performance Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults. For more information, visit www.rcenter.org.



Dec. 1

58th Annual Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade - Lawrence - Observe the tree lighting on the Public Square at 5 p.m. Watch the Christmas parade as festive floats begin at Coleman Memorial United Methodist Church and end at First Street. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.selectlawrence.com.

“It was a Civil War Christmas” - Smyrna - The Sam Davis Home will host a Christmas living history event, showing the family Christmas traditions during the Civil War. Tickets are \$5. For more information, visit www.samdavishome.org/events.php.

Christmas Parade - Lewisburg - The theme for this year’s Christmas Parade is “Christmas Melodies.” For more information, visit www.lewisburgtn.com.

Christmas Tree Decorating Party - Petersburg - Decorate the community Christmas tree and enjoy crafts, snacks, Christmas music and much more from 1 to 5 p.m. at the

town hall. For more information, visit www.townofpetersburg.org.

Oaklands Candlelight Tour of Homes - Murfreesboro - See historic homes decorated for the holiday season from 4 to 8 p.m. by the Oaklands Historic House Museum. The tour will feature historic private homes and the Oaklands Mansion. For more information, visit www.oaklandsmuseum.org.



Dec. 8 - 9

Dickens of a Christmas - Franklin - Travel back in time 150 years to a simpler time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street. Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, arts and crafts and costumed characters from Dickens’ famous Christmas tale. There is also a town sing at the community Christmas tree at 4 p.m. Dec. 9. For more information, visit www.historicfranklin.com.

Dec. 9

Annual Mountain Homecoming Christmas Parade - Van Buren - This year’s theme is “Celebrating Christmas Through Song.” The parade begins at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds and ends at the high school ball field. For more information, call 931-235-7524.

Dec. 15

Foster Family Holiday Party - Dickson - A celebration to show appreciation to foster parents and their children will take place from 1until 9 p.m. at the Renaissance Center. For more information, e-mail Regina Cathey at Regina.Cathey@rcenter.org or call 615-740-6602.

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