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Council OKs liquor sales

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

Members of the Town of Woodbury Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to approve an ordinance to establish liquor store regulations during its regular monthly meeting at City Hall Tuesday (Jan. 8).

The motion passed on second and final reading and clears the way for liquor stores to operate within the Town of Woodbury.

No one spoke for or against regulations during a public hearing on the matter.

Citizens passed a referendum to allow package liquor stores in Woodbury during the November General Election.

"This is not to establish package liquor sales because that already has been established," Mayor Harold Patrick said. "This establishes regulations, which we did last meeting and it passed on

first reading."

Aldermen also authorized Patrick and the Town of Woodbury to apply for a 2013 Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of water system rehabilitation. Aldermen also unanimously approved to provide \$75,000 local matching funds from the Woodbury Water and Sewer Fund. Much of the work will be replacing water lines

in the Short Mountain area.

The Board also approved the consideration of the sale of a vacant lot on Water Street; however, alderman Faye Knox included in the motion that the buyer will be responsible for landscaping to help prevent runoff into the Stones River.

The lot is connected with other lots owned by Brandon Realty, which would like to sale all the lots as a package deal. Patrick

said the lot owned by the city appraised for \$20,000 although he did not anticipate it selling for that price. The Board voted unanimously to consider the sale of the lot.

Patrick appointed Dotty Duggin to serve on the Woodbury Planning Commission. He also appointed Fire Chief Bill Johnston, Police Chief Kevin Mooneyham and Alan Paschal, **See COUNCIL, page 9**

Gannon signs school board proclamation

TONY STINNETT
Courier Sports Editor

National School Board Appreciation Month is celebrated during the month of January and, locally, Cannon County Executive Mike Gannon has proclaimed Jan. 27-Feb. 2 as School Board Appreciation Week in Cannon County.

Gannon signed a proclamation Thursday (Jan. 10) to make the week of celebration official. Cannon

County's Board of Education includes, Chris Blackburn, Bruce Daniel, Chariman Randy Gannon, Roy Parker, Nathan Sanders. CHS junior Jordan Turney is the student representative on the board. Barbara Parker serves as Director of Schools.

School Board Week in Tennessee is part of the National School Board Recognition Month, which highlights school board members across the nation throughout the month of January.

Each year, "School Board Appreciation Week" is proclaimed by the governor and celebrated statewide to honor the school board

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members who govern our schools and make a difference in the lives of our children and communities.

Public education is everyone's business, and it holds the key to the success of every community. School Board members devote their time and efforts to ensure that students receive a first-class education and an opportunity for future success in life. School Board Appreciation Week is a time for the community to thank board members for their commitment to children and their education.

Parker informed the Board of Education of Gannon's proclamation and thanked members for their service during the regular monthly meeting of the Cannon County Board of Education at Woodbury Grammar School Thursday (Jan. 10).

The Board approved policy 1.802 concerning Section 504 and ADA grievance procedures. Parker made the motion which was approved by Blackburn. It passed **See GANNON, page 9**



MIKE WEST photo

Amanda Young's 1996 was traveling south on Sunny Slope Road when it left the roadway and crashed a dirt embankment and flipped over.

3-year-old dies in crash

Accident was first fatality of 2013

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

Amanda S. Young, 25, was seriously injured and her two-year-old daughter was killed in a 12:18 p.m. Monday (Jan. 7) car crash on Sunny Slope Road.

State Trooper Tommy Cooper said Ms. Young was identified by her driver's license. She is in serious condition at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville.

The investigation into the accident is continuing. "We are still gathering information," Cooper said.

The child, identified as Shea Hooper, was properly seated in a child restraint seat.

Young was driving a 1996 Saturn four-door and was traveling south on Sunny Slope.

It was the only vehicle involved in the accident.

"While negotiating a left curve vehicle one went off the roadway, traveled down an embankment then went through a fence," the trooper said.

The car then struck a dirt embankment in the field and rolled over, he said.

"Driver was ejected from the vehicle. The roof of the vehicle was crushed down on top of the child restraint device," Cooper said.

"The car was full of groceries. I don't know if she was returning home from the grocery, that is yet to be determined," he said.

The accident occurred about 2.5 miles from the Woodbury City Limits. The narrow, Sunny Slope Road has no shoulders or traffic barriers..

UW names new chief executive

MICHELLE WILLARD
Courier Correspondent

When the head of United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties announced he was leaving, the local nonprofit announced it would mount a nationwide search to find its next leader.

That search led right back to Rutherford County and straight to Meagan Flippin.

"I'm excited to work with the United Way in a new way, in a new role," Flippin said. "It's going to be a new challenge for me, but I'm excited about it."

Flippin, 27, a Murfreesboro native and Oakland High School graduate, earned her

bachelor's degree in public relations from Middle Tennessee State University. She also earned her Master's degree in Strategic Leadership from MTSU.

Flippin has worked as the marketing director for the United Way for the past three years, where she has worked to brand the charity to charities and make it more relevant to the community at large.

This was former Chief Executive Officer Brian Hercules' goal when he took over the struggling nonprofit in September 2009. He left in December to become vice president for economic development of **See UW, page 9**



Newly named United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties Chief Executive Officer Meagan Flippin (standing) reviews a spreadsheet with Coordinator of Community Impact Jennifer Matikke

Library reopens, work continues

Work continues on Adams Memorial Library but the facility is open this week.

"We are still offering limited services," said Librarian Rita Allen, "but our computers are up and running."

Computers, and their connection to the Internet, are a major draw for library visitors.

A bright, new computer room is an important part of the addition to Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Adams Library. State consultants were busy Friday connecting the computers to their new network.

The library was closed last week as staff and volunteers

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scrambled for Monday's opening.

"We had hoped to be farther along, but the rain really interfered with our plans. Its hard _ impossible _ to move library books in the rain," Allen said.

Bringing all the collections out of storage and reshelving them in order takes time.

No library fines will be charged for days the library was closed.

Part of the work includes a new library automation system that uses the barcode number on the

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OBITUARIES

James Royce Davenport

James Royce Davenport, age 95 of Murfreesboro, TN passed away January 6, 2013. He was a WW II Veteran and worked at the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro.

He raised cattle and enjoyed working on his farm. Preceded in death by nephews, Dewey Robinson and Alton Parker; sisters, Aberta Davenport Young, Lizzie Bell Davenport Robinson, Dorothy Davenport Parker Alexander.

Survived by nephews, Roy (Virginia) Young, Johnny Albert Robinson, James Charlie Robinson, Raymond Robinson, R.A. Robinson and Ike Parker Jr.; nieces, Martha (Clyde) McCollough and Joyce Pelhan; brother-in-law, Leonard Young.

A graveside service was held at the Roselawn Memorial Gardens with Bro. Roy Young Officiating.

Hibbett and Hailey Funeral Home, 429 Donelson Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 615-883-2361

Cannon Courier, January 16, 2013, Woodbury, Tennessee



Virginia Ruth Blair

Mrs. Virginia Ruth (Prater) Blair, 75, of McMinnville died on January 8, 2013. She was born in McMinnville, TN on June 15, 1937. She was preceded in death by her father, James C. Prater; a daughter, Sarah Jane Miller and only a few days ago by a son, Jerry Stephen Blair.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Jane (Ferrell) Prater of McMinnville; son, Bobby Carlton Blair of Land Between The Lakes; brother, Melvin and June Prater of McMinnville; sisters, Pauline Neal of McMinnville and Wilma Ware of Rock Island; grandson, Jeremy and Stephanie Miller and great grandchildren, Allie and Keaton Miller of McMinnville.

Mrs. Blair was a good Christian lady that loved the Lord. She was a sempstress with clothing manufacturers in years past. Making white oak baskets was a favorite pass time. She enjoyed cooking for her family. She was a loving mother, daughter and sister.

Mrs. Blair's request was to donate her body to science to help others. There are no public services planned at this time. Condolences may be sent on the guestbook page of <http://www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net>

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the charity of your choice by contacting Smith Funeral Home. (615)563-5337

Cannon Courier, January 16, 2013, Woodbury, Tennessee

Darrell Higgins

Services for Darrell Higgins, 39, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 12 at Woodbury Church of Christ. Bro. Charles Williams, Bro. Nicky Nichols and Bro. Joey Ferrell officiating.

Mr. Higgins died Wednesday, January 9 at Stones River Hospital. Born in Rutherford County, he had lived in Cannon County all his life.

Survivors include his mother, Barbara Williams Higgins of Woodbury; two sisters, Dena and Harold Douglas of Woodbury and Darla and Jesse Cunningham of Milton; grandmothers, Lou Davis Higgins and Maymie Williams, both of Woodbury; nephews and niece, Jason and Blake Douglas, Brady and Briley Cunningham; uncles and aunts, Jimmy and Connie Higgins, Glenn and Judy Higgins, Steve and Karen Higgins, Adron and Billie Williams, all of Woodbury.

He was preceded in death by his dad, David Higgins; grandfathers, Brady Higgins and Earl Williams.

Darrell was a member of the Cannon County Rook Club and the Church of Christ. He loved life, his family and his friends. Everyone who knew him loved him and he loved them. He was always laughing and kidding with everyone.

Interment was in Higgins Family Cemetery.

Tommy, Tim, Ted and Clint Higgins, Jesse and Brady Cunningham, Harold, Jason and Blake Douglas served as pallbearers.

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

Cannon Courier, January 16, 2013, Woodbury, Tennessee

Evelyn J. Dutton

Evelyn J. Dutton, 75 of Palm Coast, died Saturday, January 5, 2012 at Florida Hospital Flagler.

Mrs. Dutton was born October 30, 1937 in Nashville, TN., and a daughter of Floyd and Jessie (Knight) Simmons. She was raised by her grandparents, Andrew and Josie (Williams) Simmons in Woodbury where she attended school from 1943 to 1954.

She was a graduate of Wayne High School in Michigan, and received her Associates degree from the Detroit College of Business. Mrs. Dutton had worked for DeVlieg Machine Company as a secretary, then was the Assistant Vice President of Madison National Bank. She enjoyed reading, bowling and golfing. She was the past president of the ladies golf league at Ocean Palm Golf Course, and the former secretary for the Madison Heights Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Dutton is survived by her husband of 55 years, John D. Dutton whom she married January 12, 1957; two sons, Thomas Dutton of Palm Coast and Randy (Allison) Dutton of Madison Heights, MI., and three grandchildren, Sean, Kaleigh and Shane Dutton.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a step-brother, Jim Burns.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mrs. Dutton's name to the American Heart Association, 1500 Beville Road, Suite 606-227, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

Arrangements were in the care and trust of the Craig-Flagler Palms Funeral Home in Flagler Beach.

Condolences may be sent at www.craigflaglerpalms.com

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Maurice Burger

McMinnville resident and Cannon County, TN native Maurice Dwight Burger, age 65, was born May 11, 1947 and died January 8, 2013 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, TN following a two-month illness.

The owner of Exchange Furniture Company, Inc., United States Army veteran of Vietnam and member of Covenant Fellowship Church, he was the son of the late Samuel Medford and Emma Lee Sparkman Burger. Mr. Burger was an avid golfer and owner of Burger's Custom Golf.

He was married to Sandra Ware Burger of McMinnville. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Albert Prater of McMinnville; son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Marcie Burger of McMinnville; eight grandchildren, Clinton Mansell, Andrew Mansell, Allie Thomas, Ethan Thomas, Julieann Thomas, Sydney Burger, Tyler Waldrop and Tyler Prater; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Wilma Witty and Rachel and James Hayes both of Murfreesboro, TN and Sandra and Larry Lancin of Henderson, TN and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Covenant Fellowship Church with Dean Northcutt and Kenny McNatt officiating. Burial followed in the Smyrna Cemetery with full military honors administered by the American Legion Post 173 and VFW Post 5064.

Memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Academy Aspire or Legacy Fund c/o High's.

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In Loving Memory of Ricky Blair Jr.

One year ago you went away to take a well earned rest And of all the fathers in the world I was lucky to get the best.

All my life I will miss you
As the years come and go,
But in my heart you will live forever
Because I love you so.

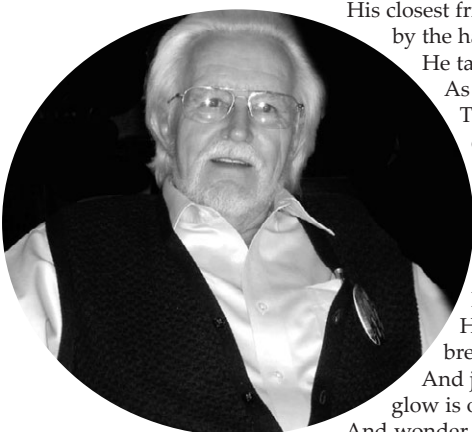


Love, Stephanie, Lil Ricky, Mikyla, Mackenzie, Momma, Steffen, Desiree and Susan

In Loving Memory of Guy Alexander Jr.

September 1, 1937 - January 21, 2012

A year has passed and still you grieve, The tears flow down your face; You miss his voice, you miss his laugh, No one can take his place. But when you think of where he is, In Heaven's land so fair; You know you're weeping for yourself, 'Cause there's no weeping there.



His closest friend is Jesus, And He takes him by the hand,
He talks with him for hours
As they walk in Heaven's land.
There's light once more within his eyes,
His smile is always near; So cry your tears while you're down there,
'Cause there's no crying here.
He is where he's happiest,
He's where he belongs;
He's praising God with every breath
And joining in the songs. A joyful glow is on his face
And wonder fills his eyes, So let your tears flow if you must, 'Cause here, nobody cries.

He has a mansion that is grand, And friends that he can't number; Eternal celebrating, In this land where there's no slumber. And he shines brighter than the stars, And angels seek his face; So grieve and miss him while you may, There's no grief in this place.

If he could speak to you once more, One thought he would repeat; That now, his happiness is full, That now, his joy's complete; That Christ will be returning soon, And all creation waits; He'll wipe the tears from every eye, Just inside Heaven's gates.

One day you'll be together, Yes! And that day time can't sever; There'll be no death or parting then, In that Blessed Forever. You'll see him anytime you wish, What joy your hearts will reap! So cry your eyes out while on earth, It's your last chance to weep.

January 14, 2012 sitting at the kitchen table eating breakfast, our lives were changed forever. You fought for a week which gave us a chance to share laughs and smiles and also to say goodbye.

On January 21, we asked what you wanted to do, fight or go home, and in a faint, whispered voice, you said, "Want...to go...see Jesus."



And in a few short hours, you were gone.
Always remembered with love,
Bo, Shelly, Cocoa and family

Riverside Cemetery Trust Inc. Annual Meeting Saturday, January 19, 2013

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15-19 years of service awards

Left of sign: left to right, Peggy Kellerman, Leander Taylor, Lidia Murin, Brenda Elkins, Nancy McGill. Right of sign, left to right, Wilma Foster, Tammy Keel, Christy Adamson, Linda Youngblood.



Photos provided

20 years of service awards

Left of sign: left to right, Lisa Brown (20 years), Ronnie Howse (23 years), and Manuel Chapa (26 years). Right of sign, left to right, Kenny Jones (20 years), Lee Solomon (22 years) and Jimmy Powers (41 years).

Free flu shots offered by Health Department

Free flu shots will be given at the Cannon County Health Department Monday through Friday. Call 563-4243 for more info.

Gassaway Clear Fork United Methodist Church Service

Services are held each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Next church supper is January 26 from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. Catfish or chicken tenders, choice of white, pinto or green beans, slaw, french fries, hush puppies, drink and dessert for \$8.00. Sunday night, January 20 is The Singing Night at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

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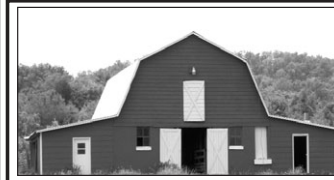
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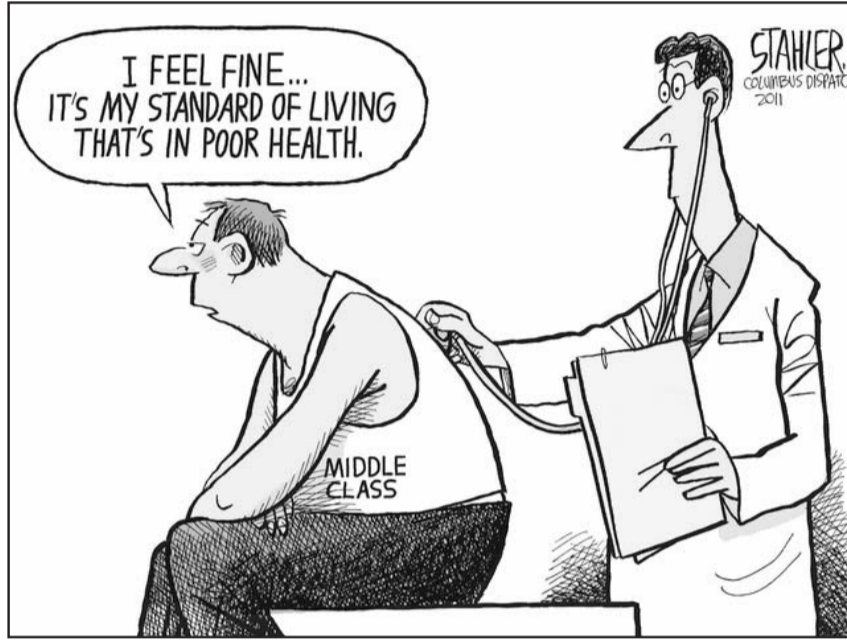
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Guest Columnist



A Shot Of Wry
LARRY WOODY

Sad demise of 'Possum Drop' in Brasstown, N.C. thanks to our friends at PETA

Folks in Brasstown, N.C. couldn't properly ring in the New Year awhile back when they weren't permitted to plunge a possum off a rooftop. They'd been doing it for years without a problem - no wear and tear on the possum - but once PETA got wind of it, that was it. PETA exerted so much pressure that the possum plungers surrendered. What's the world coming to? It's a sad state of affairs when you can't pitch a possum. In New York City they lower a ball to celebrate New Year's Eve and nobody objects. But drop a possum off a roof and see what happens. The possum was perfectly safe, understand. It was placed in a decorative cage and carefully lowered down at the stroke of midnight. Excited crowds estimated at 3,000 would turn out to watch the Possum Drop (which says something about the night-life in Brasstown). Once the possum was safely on the ground it was set free to return to the woods and get on with

its life. The possum seemed to enjoy the ride, based on the grin on its face. Imagine the stories the paroled possum could tell to his fishing buddies - it was like being abducted by aliens, only plunged instead of probed. "It was good, clean family fun," said Bob, a spokesman for the group of deposed possum-plungers. "If we were a bunch of drunks down there, nobody would probably have said nothing about it." The way Bob saw it, they were actually doing the possum a favor. By putting him in a cage for awhile, they prolonged his life. "Their destiny is to be run over," Bob said, "so if you don't get run over in 2012, we've extended his life to 2013. Interesting philosophy. Bob's clearly a deep-thinker. I've always found possums to be fascinating critters. They're extremely prolific breeders, like Jessica Simpson, and can bear litters of up to 13. Possums are the Octomoms of the Animal Kingdom. Possums, like kangaroos, are members of the marsupial family. They carry their new-born in

pouches for several weeks before the youngsters come out and begin texting and playing video games. (No wait - I've confused possums with teenagers.) A possum is slow and clumsy and is constantly being bullied by other animals. Instead of fighting back, the pacifist possum employs a protective ploy, falling over and pretending to be dead. It's called "playing possum." (I tried it in the second graded when Booger Barnes threatened to beat me up and take my lunch money. It didn't work.) You have to admire a possum's perseverance. Despite having no skills, ambition, or visible means of support, possums - like my brother-in-law -- somehow survive. They've been around for millions of years, getting along just fine without the protection of PETA. Back to the dropped Possum Drop: is there a chance that it could be resumed at some point in the future, perhaps after PETA has gone extinct from trying to subsist on bean sprouts and turnip juice? "We're not pessimistic or optimistic," Bob says. "We're sorta possum-istic."

Courier Columnist

Dude Northcutt Woodbury baseball legend

February 11 Old Timer's Baseball Reunion a 'Hit'

Say 'Dude' in Woodbury, and most everyone knows you're speaking of Nolan 'Dude' Northcutt, a man whose life has spanned the centuries, dating back to when most rural communities had popular amateur or semi-professional town baseball teams.

And town team communities of the 1930s-40s-50s-60s, didn't have to be big enough to be incorporated, as in Walter Hill, Lascassas, Gassaway, Milton, Christiana and Short Mountain.

Little Readyville community that straddles Stone's River, the boundary between Rutherford and Cannon counties, is a case in point.

"We (Woodbury) finally managed to beat Readyville's great team, but we never defeated Auburntown's team that featured so many players named Gaither," Mr. Northcutt noted at age 98. "Nearly every position on the great Auburntown teams, were Gaither boys who were very tough outs to get."

Plans call for Mr. Northcutt to be recognized at the Rutherford County Old Timer's Baseball Reunion scheduled for Feb. 11, 6 p.m., at the Jaycees Building in Murfreesboro's Cannonsburg Village.

"We'll socialize at 6, have dinner at 7 and then hear our featured speaker," noted Old Timer's spokesman Truman Jones, a former sandlot player of youth.

"I wasn't that good of a player, so I managed the team for many years here in Woodbury," said Mr. Northcutt. "I was replaced as the volunteer manager by Harold Patrick, who serves today as the distinguished mayor of Woodbury."

"Mr. Dude Northcutt did as much as any volunteer citizen for our community's youth than any man in history," chronicled Woodbury Mayor Patrick.

"All old timers in the region who played on community baseball teams are welcome," noted Old Timer's spokesman Truman Jones. "Our guest speaker this year is MTSU's Blue Raider Coach Jim McGwire. "We always have a great time...recognizing and remembering the great amateur and semi-pro baseball teams of the past."

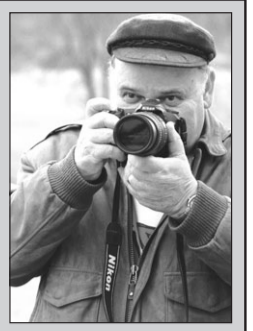
Attendance averaged from 50 to 200 fans that witnessed the games played most often on Sunday afternoons, Mr. Northcutt recalls.

But he recalls having more than a thousand fans in the stands for a special game in the late 1940s.

"That's when famous

Grand Ole Opry stars Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Grandpa Jones and David 'Stringbean' Akeman came to town to play against our team," Mr. Northcutt recalled. "I don't remember the score playing against those famous Opry stars, but I remember we had more than 1,100 people in stands...and raised \$1,100 through ticket sales.

"We got to keep 40 percent of the proceeds while the music stars got 60 percent of the gate," Mr.



Whittle's Words Of Wisdom
DAN WHITTLE

and provide the transportation to and from away games," penned the late Jack Penuel in an account he gave to the Old Timer's Hall of Fame back in 1989.

Games were sometimes coordinated with community holidays, Jack Penuel shared.

"The Lascassas Picnic was the big day of the summer," Jack Penuel penned. "We had barbecued goat and lamb."



Northcutt tallied.

The Old Timer's Baseball Reunion has been held annually more than 45 years, dating back to when a Murfreesboro banker was credited with promoting the tradition.

"The driving force was (the late) Sam Lasseter, who headed Commerce Union Bank in Murfreesboro," deposited the late Dr. Thomas Gilbert Gordon Sr., who grew up playing town team baseball in Rutherford County in the 1930s, before establishing himself as a well-known physician in Tampa, Fla.

Dr. Gordon noted a particular playing field in his self-published book in 1990 about regional town teams: "Bob Martin's Country Club Park, on Highway 231 south of Murfreesboro, was where some of our bigger games were played back in the 1930s."

Dr. Gordon described player/manager Jack Penuel's baseball team in Lascassas during the 1930s: "(the late) Howard Penuel played first base. Robert Winn (deceased) played a nifty second base."

When not playing first base for Lascassas, Howard Penuel managed the Greenvale (unincorporated Wilson County village) baseball team in the 1930s.

"Howard would make the contracts with other teams to play the games,

Penuel referenced one regional player who went on to play professionally: "I remember very well the time Billy Rion, Gilbert Gordon and myself went to Auburntown, and played for Mr. L.L. Lynch, the manager of the Murfreesboro White Sox team. Auburntown had Charlie Gassaway, who made it in professional baseball, pitching for them. I believe they beat us 3 to 2."

Players of yester-year could "bank" on Mr. Lasseter for organizational support.

"As head man at the bank, Mr. Lasseter offered the bank's lobby as a suitable place to display the plaque which would carry the names of those elected to our Old Timers Hall of Fame," Dr. Gordon diagnosed.

Dr. Gordon credited many other players (men) including Dr. Ken (emcee) Ezell, Haynes Baltimore, Homer Jones and Will D. Adkerson with spearheading efforts to keep the Old Timer's Reunion going each year.

"Currently, at each reunion, we've averaged from 100 to 150 old timers coming and reflecting back on their batting averages and ERA," Truman Jones noted.

Persons wanting more information about the Old Timer's Baseball Reunion can call Truman Jones at 849-6404.



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2013 American Legion Oratorical Contest Winner



Photo provided

Left to right, Charles Griffin, Jr., Commander, Fifth District, Tennessee State American Legion; William F. Curtis, Oratorical Contest Director, Cannon County High School; Mrs. Gunter, Ryan's mother; Bobby Ferrell, Commander American Legion Post 279 and Legionnaire of the Year 2012 for the State of Tennessee; Ryan Gunter, Winner 2013 Oratorical Contest; Bob Stoetzel; Carole Johanson; Christine Barrett; Penny Daniels; Mackensie Blu; Britt Knox; John Basinger, Chairman of the Post 279 Oratorical Contest; Charlie Harrell; Jim Stone; and Alvin Barrett.



Left to right, Charles Griffin, Jr., 5th District Commander, Tennessee American Legion, the winner Ryan Gunter; Bobby Ferrell, Commander Post 279, Woodbury.

American Legion Post 279 in Woodbury hosted the annual Oratorical Contest for students who speak on the United States Constitution, and compete for scholarships as much as \$18,000.00 at the National Level. The winner of the 2013 American Legion Post 279 Oratorical Contest is Ryan Gunter, a sophomore at Cannon County High School. Ryan will go to District competition on February 9, 2013. If he wins there, he will come back to Woodbury for the Division Competition on February 23rd, which will include the four district winners in Middle Tennessee. If Ryan wins there he will go to Tennessee State Level Competition. From there he will go to National Level competition in Indianapolis.

Let's all get behind Ryan and show him that we support him, that we are praying for him, and that he brings home the National Level Championship Award to Woodbury and Cannon County.

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In Memorium

On Wednesday, February 13, the *Cannon Courier* will publish special pages entitled "In Memorium...2012" honoring the memory of those having passed away in 2012. A listing of names, by month, from obituaries printed in our paper will also be printed.

As part of these pages we are providing the opportunity for family and friends to honor that special someone. The cost will be \$15.00 for a 30 word message, \$20 if you wish to include a photo (30 words is in addition to persons name, birth date and death date).

To include your memorium bring your information to our office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7 or send to advertising@cannoncourier.com.

"In Memory" Example

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Obituaries

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Charles Brown re-elected to FSA county committee

Donny Green, County Executive Director of the DeKalb/Cannon County Farm Service Agency, says the Cannon FSA County Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, December 4 to canvass and tabulate the ballots received in the 2012 Local Administrative Area (LAA) # 2 County Committee Election. The deadline to return ballots was December 3, 2012.

Charles Brown was re-elected to serve as a member on the Committee representing LAA-2. His third and final 3-year term began January 1, 2013. Jared Franklin was elected as the 1st Alternate on the Committee.

In addition, the Committee met on January 8, 2013 for its Organizational Meeting. The Committee selected Terry Young to serve as Chairperson, Charlie Brown to serve as Vice-Chairperson, and Javin Fann to serve as Member. The Committee meets quarterly at the DeKalb/Cannon County Farm Service Agency office located in Smithville.

Green says that the DeKalb/Cannon FSA County Committee and office staff wishes to express their appreciation to voters in LAA-2 who participated in the election by voting and returning their ballots. "The local County Committees are a very important part of Farm Service Agency's program delivery and administrative processes. I do not know of any other agency providing federal programs that can say that the delivery and decision making efforts are made on the local level by a farmer-elected committee," added Green.

For more information about FSA's County Committees or other program inquiries, call 597-8225 (extension 2) or come by the DeKalb/Cannon County Farm Service Agency office at 647 Bright Hill Rd. in Smithville. You can also visit the agency's web site at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

PETTUS READ, Guest Columnist



Follow the example of a good farm dog

When the term farm animal is mentioned in conversation or in writing, most of us assume the obvious and think of a cow. Cows are important, along with sheep, goats, pigs, chickens and other animals that are vital to production on today's farms. You can't pick up a child's book that has farms as its subject, without the first thing you see being one of the aforementioned animals. But, there is also another animal on every farm across this land that has to be there to make a farm a true farm. All across America each and everyday, farmers and ranchers rise bright and early to face a day's work with a farm animal at their side that has been on every farm since the early settlers arrived in Jamestown to create the "new world" we enjoy today. That animal does not produce food, does not plow the fields or even haul the produce, but the farm dog is just as important as any animal that graces the pages of any "Old McDonald" storybook.

In the job I enjoy, I have had the opportunity to spend numerous days on Tennessee farms with farmers who usually have a trusted farm dog nearby. They often ride inside or in the back of pickup trucks eager to let the wind blow around their ears and usually with a tail wagging at a velocity that could power a TVA generating plant. It has been a true pleasure of mine to scratch behind the ears of many good farm dogs across this state. They never seemed to have a problem with me taking their pictures and I also didn't have to wait to let them adjust their hats. What you saw was what you got.

Many are used to herd livestock, as well as protect other farm animals from wildlife not very kind to domesticated farm animals. But, most are companion animals that become a farmer's best friend during long days of farm work. They are always there to support, greet and be a listening source that seems to understand when things are not just right, but attempt to make it right with a look that only your dog can give you.

My last farm dog was Sally. She's been gone now for a few years, but I still miss her presence whenever I check things around the place. She was never able to herd livestock or



even go for help in an emergency, but every afternoon when I would arrive home, there she would stand with her tail wagging and her tongue hanging out, looking as if she had the biggest smile on her face - if dogs smile - that you have ever seen. Her long pink tongue was always hanging to the side of her mouth and being a Dalmatian, her thought cycle was almost as short as mine. But, when Sally and I headed out into the Tennessee woods of our farm on a fall afternoon for my walk and her run, she could transform my day of disaster into an afternoon of thinking about what is really important.

We could all take a lesson from our dogs. A writer once penned the following examples suggested by the actions of his dog. He suggested we should follow their example of when loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Also, never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be a moment of true enjoyment.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch before rising. Run, romp and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout ... run right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When your important someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently. And, always remember that a good pat on the back, or head, is always appreciated for a job well done.

It's time for me to find me another dog. A farm needs a dog and a farmer needs a best friend who likes to listen without giving advice. Guess I'll be checking out the shelter again. Maybe they have another Sally waiting to go walking in the woods with a man who has a short memory cycle too.

Pettus L. Read is editor of the Tennessee Farm Bureau News and director of Communications for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation. He may be contacted by e-mail at pread@tfbf.com

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February 11	CCHS Parent Teacher Conferences
February 15	In-service (In-service Day 4)
February 18	President's Day, Optional In-service
March 19	ACT all 11th Graders, Teacher PD (Stockpile Day 1)
March 29	Good Friday, no school
April 1-5	Spring Break
April 23-26	Achievement Assessment, K-8 Schools
May 23	Teacher Work Day, No students (Discretionary Day 2)
May 24	Abbreviated Day, Graduation

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Photo exhibit featured at Old Feed Store



Photographs by Ann Christian are on display during January at the Old Feed Store Antique Mall. Ann Christian's passion for photography began over 30 years ago while living in Florida. She has taken numerous photography courses in darkroom and digital processing. Her subjects range from flowers in her gardens, statues/angels in cemeteries in various U.S. cities, England, and the Caribbean, countryside scenery, and distinct doors in the French Quarter. More recently she has been photographing old vehicles and using software processes to alter the images. Ann resides in Woodbury with her husband, Delyn and their pets, Katy and Emmy.

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American Legion Post 279 to meet Thursday, January 17

There will be a meeting of American Legion Post 279 on Thursday, January 17, 2013, at the Senior Citizens Center. Dinner will be served at 5:45 PM and the meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

If you want some

excitement in your life in 2013 come on out and be part of a good thing. Our focus is on our veterans, our youth, and our community and we believe in having lots of fun.

Second Chance Resource Center needs your help

In order to keep Second Chance Resource Center going in the community, we need donations.

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February 13, 2013, the Cannon Courier will publish their third annual comprehensive business guide for Cannon County. Ads are in full color and the Business Card Directory is good for 6 months. Another Business Card Directory will be printed in August of 2013.

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Understanding and helping children and their fears

Continued from last week week



How Can You Protect Them from the Real Dangers?

There are a number of things you can do to help your children protect themselves and still enjoy their childhood. The best defense against violence, abduction and abuse is information. Be truthful and honest with them. The more information children have, the better they will be able to handle any situation. As a parent, you should:

- Always know where your children are and who is supervising them. Make sure that the person(s) looking after your children always know how to reach you.
- Never leave young children alone at home, in a car or in a public place.
- Always go with them to any unfamiliar place when they are young. As they get older, set up a telephone check-in system to confirm their departures and arrivals, and have them carry enough money to call home.
- Have a family code word and teach your children how to use it. Tell them not to go with anyone unless they know and say the family code word. It is important that your children never tell the code word to anyone, but if they do, change it immediately.
- Set up family emergency procedures. Know the names, addresses and telephone numbers of your children's friends. Teach them what to do if you get separated while shopping.
- Teach your children how to get help in an emergency - dial 911 or "0" on the phone; find a policeman, bus driver, school, church, mall security or

information desk, store cashier, or a house with a Block Parent sign.

- Teach your children their full name, home address (including city) and phone number (including the area code).
- Let your children know it's OK to say "No" if they think something they are being asked to do isn't right, even by someone they know. If someone tells them to keep a secret from you, they should tell you about it right away.
- Help your children to be comfortable talking about the private parts of their bodies so that, if necessary, they can tell you about "bad touches" (ones that make them feel weird or uncomfortable).
- Play "what if" games with your children. Ask them what they would do in a potentially dangerous situation and listen to their answers. Ask them why and why not, what is right and wrong. Practice how they should answer the telephone. Teach them what a stranger is. It is better to imagine the worse than to experience it!

Your children should know and follow these "streetproofing" rules:

- Don't go anywhere alone; travel in groups. Don't take short-cuts or hitch-hike, and avoid potentially dangerous places including public washrooms.
- Don't accept gifts from strangers or get into a stranger's car. Don't offer to help a stranger; adults don't have to ask children for help.
- If alone, never admit it to anyone on the telephone and don't answer the door or let anyone in.
- Don't be a target. Don't put their name on clothes or equipment; if bags or lunchboxes must be labeled, do it on the inside.
- Above all else, your children should learn to trust their instincts. If they feel suspicious, scared or threatened, they should do something about it. They should get away as soon and as fast as possible, and tell someone as soon as they can. They shouldn't be afraid to yell out, "You're a stranger. Stop it. Leave me alone," - yelling can attract attention and may bring the help they need. In an emergency, they don't have to be polite!

Authored by: Dr. Matt Devereaux, Associate Professor and Child Development Specialist, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

For more information, please contact your local UT Extension county agent at 615-563-2554.

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Farm Family School now underway



Family Family School began last Thursday with the annual meeting but you still have plenty of time to learn and enjoy!

Farm Family school moves to Murfreesboro on January 17th. Cowboy Poet and Humorist Baxter Black will be the featured speaker at the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association 2013 Annual Convention and Trade Show being held **January 17-19th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Murfreesboro.** Best known for his appearances on RFD TV and Hee Haw before that, Baxter will bring his unique brand of cowboy humor to Tennessee. There will be sessions discussing cattle marketing, health and nutrition as well as a panel discussion on retail trends in the cattle industry. The Convention includes over 60 vendors in the trade show and it is a great chance for producers to come and learn new information from industry professionals. Everyone is invited to come to convention for only \$10 a day or \$15 for both days with pre-registration. This includes the trade show, educational sessions and Baxter Black program. Meals are extra. For more information on attending the TCA 2013 Convention and a complete schedule of events visit www.tncattle.org or call 615-896-2333.

The Tennessee Cattlemen's Association (TCA) was founded in 1985 and has over 5,000 members from across the state. The organization works to provide the cattlemen of Tennessee with an organization through which they may function collectively to protect their interests and work toward the solution of cattle industry problems and to build the necessary

goodwill that will bring both governmental esteem and recognition to the industry.

The Tennessee Horticultural Expo is scheduled for January 24th thru the 26th at the Airport Marriot in Nashville. The Hort Expo is a collective meeting of the following organizations in Tennessee: TAC Tennessee Agritourism Conference, TFWA Tennessee Farm Winegrowers Alliance, TFMA Tennessee Farmers Market Association and Agritourism, TFGA Tennessee Flower Growers Association, TFVA Tennessee Fruit and Vegetable Association. The expo offers educational sessions, trade show exhibits, networking opportunities and association meetings for current agritourism operators and farmers interested in agritourism; fruit and vegetable growers; grape growers and wine makers; flower growers; and farmers market managers.

Early registration (\$50) or late registration (\$75) includes access to conference sessions and the Expo trade show, lunch and reception on Friday. A few sessions requiring special materials may require a minimal extra charge. Online registration is available at register online at www.tnthe.com.

January 31st is the annual Middle Tennessee Grain Conference in Manchester, TN. at the Coffee County Fairgrounds. The eighth annual Middle Tennessee Grain Conference set for Thursday, January 31, at Coffee County's Fairground in Manchester offers farmers insight to a number of emerging corn, soybean, and wheat production concerns.

The conference is scheduled to get underway with registration beginning at 7:30 am. Registration is twenty dollars at the door or participants can pre-register for ten dollars by Monday, January 28 at the Cannon County Extension office. Registration fees include the program and materials, refreshments, lunch, a copy of the conference proceedings,

and a grain conference cap. This year's lunch at the Middle Tennessee Grain Conference is sponsored by the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative.

A trade show of various seed, chemical and equipment dealers will begin at 8:00 am followed by a slate of speakers addressing current production topics for corn, wheat and soybeans beginning at 9:00 am.

Dr. Fred Below will provide the keynote presentation "Unlocking the Secrets to Higher Corn Yields". Below, a professor of plant physiology in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois at Champaign has categorized the results of his research into seven management practices or "wonders" that can result in high yielding corn. His study helps growers answer the question of what the latest products and practices contribute to corn yield. Below's unique "omission plots" allow him and his research team to see the bushel impact when an individual "high tech" practice or input is added or subtracted, then compare it to other plots in which all "high tech" actions were in place in the same research plot. Replicated in various locations over various years, the test results have allowed Dr. Below to identify and rank those seven factors as having the greatest impact on corn yield.

On February 7th, Greg Brann, USDA/NRCS/TN Grazing Specialist will discuss grazing management practices to maximize yields, reduce weed pressure and efficient grass utilization. Debbie Joines will also assist with the meeting on the 7th to provide an update on nutrient management and trends occurring in the soil testing. This meeting is sponsored by the Cannon County Farm Bureau.

The National Farm Machinery Show is scheduled for February 13 thru the 16th. The future of farming is coming to the 48th National Farm Machinery Show, as the nation's largest indoor farm show returns to the

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unanimously. In May 2011, Tennessee school systems were notified of a complaint with the United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights - Atlanta filed against Tennessee school districts regarding Section 504. The complaint alleged that Tennessee LEAs failed to develop and disseminate a system of procedural safeguards, including provisions regarding Section 504 impartial due

process hearings with respect to evaluation, eligibility, and placement of students.

As part of the State's Resolution Agreement with OCR-Atlanta, each participating LEA agreed to adopt either the department's version or their own version of the due process procedures. In addition, each LEA is also required to post the due process procedures on its web site, if applicable, and/or student handbooks. Parker told the Board the

new policy must be in place and included in the handbook.

Members of the Collaborative Conference Team were announced. Those members include board members Bruce Daniel and Nathan Sanders; Principals Karen Wimberley and Bonnie Patterson; Supervisors Connie Foster and Pam Sonderman and Director Parker. The team will have its first training meeting Feb. 28 and March 1. Parker announced Wood-

bury Grammar School had received a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's.

In other business, the board approved CCHS baseball's request to use funds raised through its booster club and deposited into the school account for pay for field maintenance. The next Cannon County Board of Education Workshop will be at the Central Office, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be Feb. 14 at Woodbury Grammar School at 6 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WEEK IN CANNON COUNTY

WHEREAS, an excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life of our communities and to the economic development of our State; and WHEREAS, school board members recognize the importance of educational reform and accept the responsibilities involved with implementing such initiatives as the Tennessee Diploma Project and the First to the Top Act; and WHEREAS,

the men and women of our local school boards are elected by the people and deserve recognition and thanks for their countless hours of service to public education in Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Gannon, County Executive of Cannon County, do hereby proclaim the week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2013, SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK in Cannon County and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

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the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

"The United Way had a reputation in the past for just being a fundraising organization," Flippin said.

Hercules said he wanted to develop transparency at the United Way and a sense of ownership in the community.

"Because the community invested its dollars, we wanted to say, 'This is what we did with your money,'" Hercules explained. "Not just, 'We raised this money and gave it away.'"

Continuing the United Way's new focus on outcomes and not output is Flippin's main goal in her new seat.

"We are focused now on providing opportunities for the community in our focus areas (education, income, health and rebuilding lives)," Flippin said.

This has been accomplished by identifying community issues and problems, finding agencies to address to issues, and developing a plan of action. This has made the charity more results driven, she said.

Those issues and problems will be uncovered over the next year or so by a Community Assessment Project, which is sponsored, in part, by the United Way, the Chamber of Commerce and MTSU.

It will gather input from various sectors of the county's population to guide leaders in targeting areas to improve residents' quality of life.

From there a plan of action will be developed to address issues across all of Rutherford and Cannon counties.

"We measured output in the past, not outcomes," she said.

But now the United Way has a new focus on being a something in which the community can invest.

"We have set a precedent for being accountable and transparent and good stewards of the community's donations ..." Flippin said.

She pointed to Cannon County as the first place she'd like to create a sense of ownership.

"We are working on expanding our presence in Cannon County ..." she said. "It's important to focus on Cannon County because we are the United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties."

Hercules said he can't think of anyone more qualified to guide the United Way through this next phase than Flippin.

"The knowledge she's gained over the past three years, the passion she has for the organization, the passion she has for the community, and an incredible work ethic will make sure she does a fantastic job," Hercules said. "Meagan has performed exceptionally at a Senior Director level for us and has an impressive skill set to help lead us forward," said General Mills Plant Manager Pat Murphy, who led the search committee responsible for Flippin's selection.



Adams Library is loaded with computers in its new online library area. Librarian Rita Allen and Damian Graham show off a couple of rows of desktop and laptop computers. The facility reopened Monday, but employees and volunteers are still striving to get all of the books back in place.

LIBRARY---

back of your library card. That library account opens up new online worlds for users. Just log onto cannoncolibrary.org and look under the "Library Catalog" entry and the top of the page.

COUNCIL---

with the Woodbury Water and Sewage Department, to serve on the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee. Cannon County had received a grant which includes Auburntown and Woodbury to help better prepare for disasters. Forming a committee is one of the stipulations of receiving the grant.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Woodbury Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be Feb. 5 at City Hall.



Cannon County Commissioner Mike Gannon has proclaimed Jan. 27-Feb. 2 School Board Appreciation Week in Cannon County. Members of the Cannon County School Board are, seated from left, Chris Blackburn, Roy Parker and CCHS student board member Jordan Turney. Standing, from left, Director of Schools Barbara Parker, Chairman Randy Gannon, Bruce Daniel and Nathan Sanders.

Rep. Mark Pody takes oath of office

108th General Assembly gaveled into session

Rep. Mark Pody (R-Lebanon) took the oath of office this week in Nashville and was officially sworn into the Tennessee House of Representatives as the 108th General Assembly was gaveled into session.

Legislators are looking to build upon the success of the previous session that saw wasteful government spending cut from the budget, taxes cut for all Tennesseans, measures passed to encourage job

growth, and numerous government reforms.

"I am so honored to be serving the people of Cannon, Wilson, and DeKalb in the Tennessee General Assembly," stated Rep. Pody. "I look forward to working with my colleagues to find solutions for the pressing concerns of Tennesseans."

Lawmakers have already

signaled clear goals of balancing the budget, lowering the grocery tax, and ensuring every Tennessee student has access to a high quality education.

Pody said, "This will be a very productive year and I believe Tennesseans are going to be proud of their representatives. Unlike our peers in Washington, we

get the job done."

Speaker Harwell added, "It is a pleasure guiding the House of Representatives and working alongside talented individuals like Mark Pody gives me confidence we're going to accomplish a great deal this session."

You can reach Rep. Pody at his email address: mark@markpody.com

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Cannon County SAVE's Christmas party held



With all the negative events of this past year, something wonderful actually happened, and it happened right here in Cannon County. The week before Thanksgiving, this director, Lisa Baird, discovered that the former Angel Tree Director, Cindy Haley, had retired from this position and there was no one stepping up to take her place.

This meant a lot of children in Cannon County would not have Christmas. I took the issue before the SAVE Board and unanimously it was voted that SAVE would spear head this years Angel Tree. With not much time, we begin work. However, we were amazed at the outpouring of support we received from individuals, churches, business, and county individuals that stepped up to help.

Several businesses provided the public a place to pick up their angels and a drop off for presents (AI Quick Cash, Dollar Market, Osborne/Piggly Wiggly, First Bank, Regions Bank and First National) while others collected toys (Mapco Express, Cash Express, Dollar Market and Cannon County Sheriff's Department).

Churches took groups of angels for their congregations to sponsor (Simmons Chapel, Cornerstone and Woodbury United Methodist). First United Methodist even provided a room for storage and their fellowship hall for wrapping and distributing the gifts. Crane Interior sponsored two families and three individual angels. Volunteers helped wrap, shop and put together bikes.

Board Members even got in on the fun, shopping, wrapping, greeting people, finding sponsors, etc. All the hard work paid off. We were able to provide Christmas for 164 children in Cannon County. It felt great to be part of this project and made me proud to be from a county where so many people care about our community.

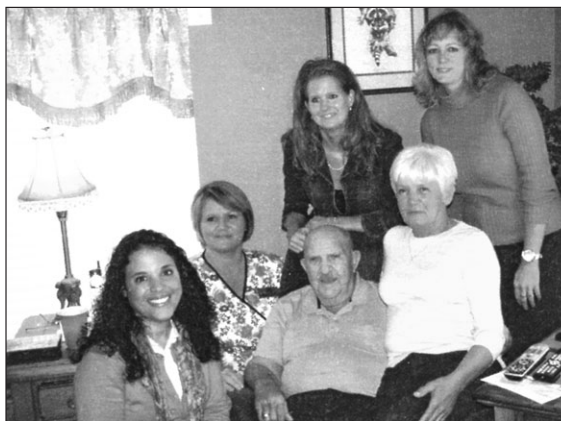
Special Thank You's go out to the following: Woodbury First United Methodist Church, Simmons Chapel Free, Methodist Church, Cannon County Sheriff's Department, Cornerstone Church, Corey Davenport, Crane Interiors,

Tony and Tracy Neal, Chris Anderson, Penny Daniels, Regions Bank, Mryna Blair, First Bank, David and Cindy Young, First National Bank, Clay Young, Mimi Franklin, Conner Young, Sandra Hill, Cash Express, Mapco, AI Quick Cash, Dollar Market, Brother John Hembree, Osbornes Piggly Wiggly, unanimous donors, and all the individuals who sponsored Angels.

SAVE will spear head the Angel Tree next year. If you would like to be involved you can contact the SAVE office at 615-563-6690.



SunCrest Telehealth celebrates with 'Rabbit'



SunCrest's Telehealth program has experienced countless success stories in the last three years. One includes Irvin "Rabbit" Neely of Woodbury. Neely was being treated with home care orders for hypertension and related issues.

"We worked with him on taking his weight and blood pressure daily and helped him with diet issues," said Karen Garfield of SunCrest. "He was doing much better but unfortunately had a car accident and ended up in the hospital with a broken ankle."

SunCrest's Woodbury staff continued to work closing with him during a period of rehab,

After a series of visits and a number of phone calls, Telehealth Case Manager Tanya Green, R.N. recommended that Neely made an appointment with his cardiologist who determined that he needed a renal stent.

"That seemed to address his hypertension so he will continue on service for this episode, and if all goes well, Mr. N will be taken off of Telehealth will all the knowledge and skill to care for himself. He is so pleased with his experience that he has told his story to anyone who will listen, including the mayor," Garfield said.

Neely recently invited the Woodbury and Telehealth team to his home for some of his 'Best in 15 States' chilli.

Thanks to the Woodbury team for taking such good care of him.

Book Review

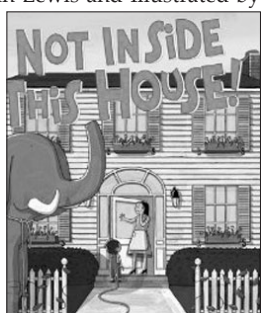
BY ELRENA PARTON

Not Inside This House! by Kevin Lewis and Illustrated by David Ercolini (Orchard Books) \$16.99, Humorous /Fiction, ages 3 - 8, hardcover, 40 pages.

The main character Livingston Columbus Magellan Crouse likes to explore while traveling. He brings home many unique specimens. The young boy lives up to his name sakes.

He goes out exploring everyday and returns with some kind of critter. Those critters include a bug, whale, elephant, etc. His mother will not accept any of his choices, but finally agrees to one. What will it be?

Scholastic and Elrena Parton have donated a copy of *Not Inside This House!* to the Cannon County Library System.



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East Side Honor Students

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East Side School would like to announce the following honor students (Principal's List - All A's), Honor Roll (A's and B's) and students with perfect attendance for the second grading period ending December 19:

Mrs. Lesa Davis' Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Chase Kelly

Mrs. Paige Holt's First Grade

Perfect Attendance: Rhianna Champion, Shyen Osborne, Sawyer Parton.

Mrs. Karen Cook's Second Grade

Principal's List: Katie Davis. **Honor Roll:** Jacob Ashford, Emma Young, Mykala Barrett, Kole Higgins. **Perfect Attendance:** David Palmer, Montana Davis, Mykala Barrett.

Mrs. Connie Phillips' Third Grade

Principal's List: Cathan Cecil, Lane Nichols, Katlyn Prater. **Honor Roll:** Braxten Alexander, Johnnie Pirtle, Micah Prater, Emma Richardson, Dallas Roller. **Perfect Attendance:** Braxten Alexander, Kailey Muncey, Dalton Young.

Mrs. Greta Reed's Fourth Grade

Principal's List: Stella Brown. **Honor Roll:** Michael Barrett, Eli Cantrell, Hannah Naylor, Tyler Sissom, Keri Winchester. **Perfect Attendance:** Hunter Davis, Caden Duke, Hannah Naylor, Keri Winchester.

Mrs. Brad Underwood's Fifth Grade

Principal's List: Lacon Parton, Culyer Isenhardt, Jasmine Young. **Honor Roll:** Clay Fagan, Jesse Floyd, Mattison Prater. **Perfect Attendance:** Clay Fagan, Brent Scott, Mattison Prater, Lacon Parton, Culyer Isenhardt.

Mrs. Gay Burger's Sixth Grade

Principal's List: Erin Scott, Michelle Stone, Lauren Underwood. **Honor Roll:** Landon Parton, Bryson Prater. **Perfect Attendance:** Jory Isenhardt, Bryson Prater, Erin Scott, Michelle Stone, Lauren Underwood.

Mrs. Amy Underwood's Seventh Grade

Principal's List: Lindsey Bowman, Molly Manus. **Honor Roll:** Caitlin Bowman, Kelby Cantrell, Sebastian Crane, Bo Parker, Corey Seymour. **Perfect Attendance:** Gavin Duke, Corey Seymour, Maisie Hogan.

Mrs. Jackie Burger's Eighth Grade

Principal's List: C. K. Burnam, Leeann Scott. **Honor Roll:** Jacob Bratcher, Tommy Davis, Bethany Gunter, Cody Walton, Justin Winchester. **Perfect Attendance:** Tommy Davis, Jerry Jones, Leeann Scott, Collin Stembidge.

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CANNON LIFE



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Bridgestone makes \$10,000 donation to library

Mitch Burke, manager of the Bridgestone tire plant in Morrison (center) along with long-time Bridgestone employees Kevin George, left of Burke, and Johnny Reed, right of Burke, all of Cannon County, are shown presenting a \$10,000 check to the Adams Memorial Library expansion/renovation project. Receiving the check are Austin Jennings, president of the Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Adams Memorial Association, left, and Herb Alsop, treasurer of the building fund. The check is from Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund which was founded in 1952. "The fund proudly supports a wide variety of important charities in the United States, particularly in those markets it calls home", plant manager Burke said. "While contributions are made to nearly a hundred organizations each year, the Trust Fund focuses on organizations with missions supporting education, environment and conservation, and children's programs," Burke added. The Trust Fund has donated more than \$20 Million in the past five years.



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KENDALL DEE WATTS

KAYLA RENEE CREMEEN

Engagement Announced

Kayla Renee Cremeen of Springtown, Texas and Kendall Dee Watts of Readyville, Tennessee along with their parents are happy to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Kayla is the daughter of Gaylon and Kim Cremeen of Springtown, Texas and Kendall is the son of Tim and Beth Watts of Readyville, Tennessee. The wedding is to be at the Northwest Church of Christ in

Fort Worth, Texas on February, 15, 2013.

Kayla is the granddaughter of Keith and Sue Yeager of Springtown, Texas, Helen Cremeen of Springtown, Texas and the great-granddaughter of Dan and Daughety Tyson of Mullin, Texas. Kendall is the grandson of Jo Cogburn of De Leon, Texas and Jean Watts of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

The couple plan to reside in Readyville, Tennessee.



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Five Generations

Great great grandmother Dorothy Womack, great grandmother Margaret Melton, grandmother Amy Thomas, Father David Thomas and baby Trenton Thomas.

Shopping Matters

Grocery store tours will be led in January at the Save-A-Lot in Woodbury beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the 16th and 23rd. Shopping Matters for Adults is a free, guided grocery store tour that teaches low-income adults how to get the most nutrition for their food dollars. Each tour participant will receive a reusable shopping bag, calculator and participant guide including information about the four main objectives.

1. Identify at least three economical ways of purchasing fruits and vegetables
2. Practice comparing unit prices
3. Practice comparing food labels
4. Practice identifying whole grains

Low Fat Express January 17 and 24



Express program offered in January at the Cannon County Senior Center on January 17 and 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge for this education session.

What does a pound of fat look like? What kind of fats are in the foods you eat? How can you limit the fat in some of your favorite foods? We will answer these questions to help you lower the unhealthy fats in your diet during the Low Fat



Lights! Camera! Action! Hollywood Comes to Woodbury!

Walk the red carpet with local celebrities and starlets Saturday,

January 19 as part of Cannon Arts Dance Studio's recital, An Evening at the Academy Awards. Hooray for Hollywood will open the show peppered with movie favorites such as Harry Potter and Back to the Future. Over sixty performers performing in many dance genres will entertain at the Arts Center of Cannon County. The red carpet festivities begin at 2:30 complete with local paparazzi, with the show beginning at 3 pm. Tickets will be on sale the day of the show at the Arts Center Box-office. For more information on this must see event, contact Cannon Arts Dance studio at 563-9122 email cannondance@dtccom.net, or find us on Facebook or the web under cannon dance. Here's looking at you kid!

What can a Girl Scout cookie buy?



Orders are being taken now for Girl Scout Cookies! Booth sales begin February 10. The approximately 60 Girl Scouts in Cannon County will be working booths on weekends outside of local businesses. Please show your support by placing an order now or purchasing from one of our booths.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is much more than a fundraiser, it is the largest girl-led business in the country and generates immeasurable benefits for girls, their local Girl Scout offices and communities nationwide. It is the vehicle that drives the creation of great women. It begins as a way for girls to earn money for their troops by setting personal and group goals, but it becomes the basis for her to realize that SHE CAN make a difference. This hands-on financial literacy program provides

girls with a means to enhance their public speaking skills, work in collaborative groups, set goals and map out a plan to achieve them. They also have a chance to connect with their community, build self-confidence and most importantly fuel their imaginations - all while having FUN! When all of the key components of the program come together girls become - strong and confident, committed and determined...to make the world a better place. Selling Girl Scout cookies provides an important ingredient for leadership by helping girls develop five key skills:

1. Goal Setting: Girls set cookie sales goals and, with their team, create a plan to reach them. This matters because girls need to know how to set and reach goals to succeed in school, on the job, and in life.
2. Decision Making: Girls decide where and when to sell cookies, how to market their sale, and what to do with their earnings. This matters because girls must make many decisions, big and small, in their lives.

Learning this skill helps them make good ones.

3. Money Management: Girls develop a budget, take cookie orders, and handle customers' money. This matters because girls need to know how to handle money-from their lunch money to their allowance to (someday) their paycheck.
4. People Skills: Girls learn how to talk (and listen!) to their customers, as well as learning how to work as a team with other girls. This matters because it helps them do better in school (on group projects, on sports teams, and on the playground) and, later, at work.

5. Business Ethics: Girls act honestly and responsibly during every step of the cookie sale. This matters because employers want to hire ethical employees-and the world needs ethical leaders in every field.

All of the proceeds generated from cookie activities stay in our local Girl Scout council to support girls in middle Tennessee. When people purchase a package of

cookies, they're investing in their community by investing in Girl Scouts.

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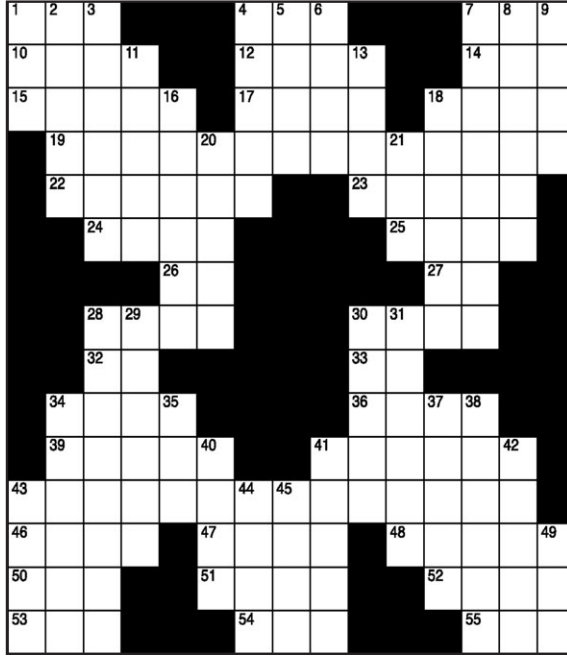
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Last week puzzle answers

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Ask Ken Beck

Car wreck claimed life of young star of 'Shane'

Dear Ken: What happened to child actor Brandon deWilde, who starred with Alan Ladd in the classic Western "Shane"?

DeWilde, a terrific child actor, died in a traffic accident in Denver, Colo., in 1972, at the age of 30. At the time he was trying to kick off a music career and was a close friend of singers Gram Parson and Emmylou Harris. They later co-wrote a song, "In My Hour of Darkness," and the first verse referred to the accident that took deWilde's life. Among his other films were "The Member of the Wedding," "Good-by My Lady," "Blue Denim," "Hud," "Those Calloways" and "In Harm's Way." Photographer-writer Patrisha McLean, wife of singer-songwriter Don McLean, released a biography, "All Fall Down, The Brandon deWilde Story," last June.

Dear Ken: Can you give an update on comedian Jimmie Walker of the sitcom "Good Times"?

The 65-year-old, Bronx-born actor famous for playing J.J. Evans and saying, "Dyn-o-mite!," continues to perform stand-up in comedy clubs across the U.S. He appeared in the Syfy TV movie "Super Shark" in 2011 and was a guest on "The O'Reilly Factor" last July, about the time he released his autobiography, "Dyn-o-mite!: Good Times, Bad Times, Our Times, A Memoir." Walker also writes scripts for TV and movies and co-stars in the film "Sweet Lorraine," starring Tatum O'Neal and Steven Bauer, that should be out this year. On a trivial note, when he was a teenager he worked as a vendor at Yankee Stadium and was once given a silver dollar by Mickey Mantle, a coin he reportedly still has.

Dear Ken: When did longtime NBC News co-anchors Chet Huntley and David Brinkley die?

"The Huntley-Brinkley Report" ran on NBC from Oct. 29, 1956, until July 31, 1970, with Huntley broadcasting from New York and Brinkley from Washington, D.C. Huntley, who was born in Cardwell, Montana, died in 1974 of lung cancer at 62 years of age. Brinkley, a native of Wilmington, N.C., died in 2003 of complications after a fall at age 82.

Dear Ken: What's the latest on Gillian Anderson, former star of "The X-Files"?

You may be glad to know that Anderson has signed on to play the personal therapist of murderous psychiatrist Dr. Hannibal Lecter in a new NBC drama titled "Hannibal." Mads Mikkelsen stars as Lecter, and other cast members include Hugh Dancy, Caroline Dhavernas and Laurence Fishburne. The series will probably premiere in the spring.

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

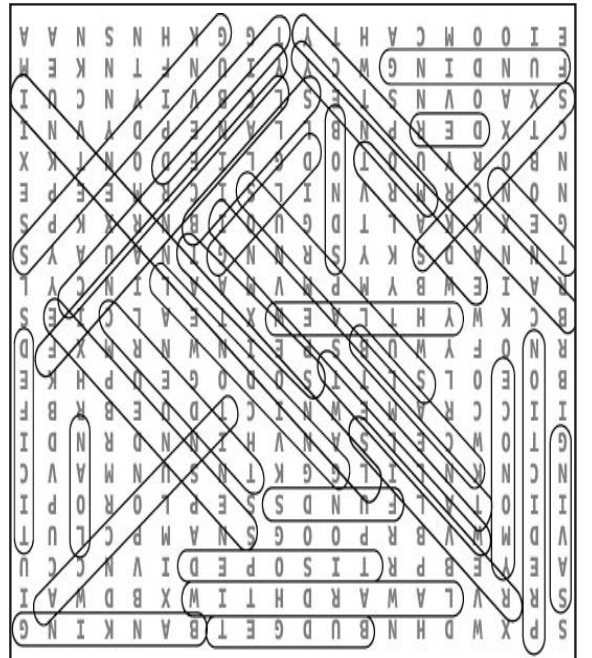
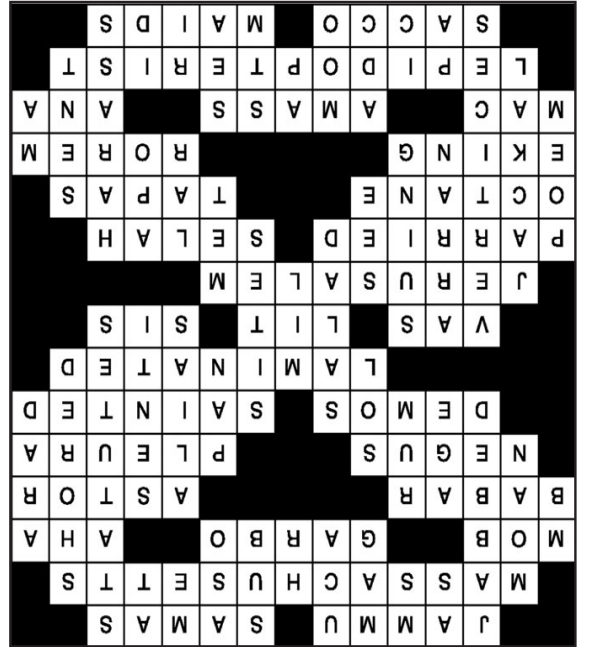
CLUES ACROSS

- Tooth caregiver
- Greek counterpart of Rhea
- A numbered mail compartment (abbr.)
- New Zealand parrots
- Political action committees
- Fringe-toed lizard
- Reposes
- Winglike structures
- MacMurray of "My Three Sons"
- Oprah's Broadway show
- Ceaser, egg and tossed
- Oarlock
- Agile, lively (nautical)
- Skim or dart
- And, Latin
- Embodies
- Gallivants
- Hyperbolic cosecant
- Rural delivery
- Atomic #89
- Opposite of wealthy
- Imus and Knotts
- Yellow ageratum species
- Large tropical Am. lizard
- Late Show star
- Armor breastplate
- "Death in the Family" author
- Liquors from rice
- Bread for a burger
- Yeast
- 100 = 1 tala in W. Samoa
- Two-year-old sheep
- Hyrax or cony
- Engine additive

CLUES DOWN

- Danish krone (abbr.)
- Insect repellents
- Move sideways
- October's birthstones
- Alto, California city
- Mark of healed tissue
- Somewhat purple
- Egg mixture cooked until just set
- Past tense of bid
- Ancient stone slab bearing markings
- 9th month (abbr.)
- Thrown into a fright
- A playful antic
- "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- Ultrahigh frequency
- Cutting gun barrel spirals
- Youth loved by Aphrodite
- Get by begging
- Cleans by scrubbing vigorously
- Bubonic calamity
- Radioactivity unit
- Bow (Sanskrit)
- Legless reptiles
- Thick piece of something
- A distinct part of a list
- Regarding (Scottish prep.)
- Something that is owed
- Mild exclamation
- River in Spain
- Variation of 17 down

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Only 342 days until Christmas...

FUEL WORD SEARCH

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

Alternatives - Appliance - Budget - Burn - Coal - Comfort - Conservation - Cooling - Drilling - Electricity - Energy - Environment - Fire - Fossil - Fuel - Gasoline - Generation - Green - Heat - Hydro - Manual - Mining - Natural Gas - Oil - Pellets - Pollution - Power - Resources - Scarce - Solar - Supplemental - Thermostat - Utility - Warmth - Wind - Wood

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ANSWER: BODY MASS INDEX

Crossword Puzzle

1				2				3
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ACROSS
1. Evening meals
4. Opposite of fattest
6. Very difficult

DOWN
1. Trying to lose weight
2. Regulations
3. Taking sustenance
5. Zero

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
JAN 17
*1595: HENRY IV OF FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON SPAIN.
*1991: OPERATION DESERT STORM IS LAUNCHED AGAINST IRAQ.
*1995: A MAGNITUDE 7.3 EARTHQUAKE HITS NEAR KOBE, JAPAN.

New word
DIET
the kinds of food a person, animal or community eats

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Diet
SPANISH: Dieta
ITALIAN: Dieta
FRENCH: Régime
GERMAN: Diät

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SCALE

CANNON CRIME & COURTS

Court Action

Probations extended; others face driving on suspended license charges

Judge Susan Melton presided over General Sessions Court on Tuesday, January 8. Some of the results of the various cases that appeared on the docket included:

Alicia Nicolee Avans pled guilty to driving without a license. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail. That sentence was suspended upon equal time on probation, paying a \$2.00 fine and the costs.

Todd Andrew Baxter's charge of animals at large was retired for 6 months.

Ashley Ann Bost's charges of simple possession, driving on a suspended license and speeding were bound over to the January term of the Grand Jury.



Sammy Allen Howell

Sammy Allen Howell pled guilty to DUI. He was sentenced to 11 months 29 days in jail. That sentence was partially suspended upon serving 48 hours, equal time on probation, losing his license for 1 year, 24 hours of litter removal, paying a \$350.00 fine and the costs.

Danny Hugh Kennedy, III pled guilty to violation of an order of protection. He was sentenced to 11 months 29 days in jail. That sentence was partially suspended upon serving 10 days, equal time on probation and paying the costs.

Larry Dean Leftwich pled guilty to driving on a suspended license. He was sentenced to 6 months in jail.

Andrea Nathalia Leon-Abraham pled guilty to driving without a license. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail. That sentence was suspended upon equal time on probation, paying a \$2.00 fine and the costs.

Kevin Michael Shovan pled guilty to driving on a suspended license. He was sentenced to 6 months in jail. That sentence was suspended upon equal time on probation, paying a \$150.00 fine and the costs.

Joseph Matthew Taylor agreed to the violation of his probation. He was ordered to serve 14 days and his probation was extended 23 months 26 days.

Paul Emerson Walker agreed to the violation of his probation. He was ordered to serve 30 days and his probation was extended 10 months 23 days. In another case pled guilty to driving on a suspended license 2nd offense. He was sentenced to 6 months in jail. That sentence was suspended upon equal time on probation, paying a \$50.00 fine and the costs.

Bradley S. Sanders agreed to the violation of probation. His probation was extended 6 months.

Woodbury Police Reports

An East Main Street resident was charged with criminal trespass after he was suspected of asking customers in the McDonald's drive-through for money.

Arrested was Gary Bly, who was witnessed by Woodbury Police in the employee parking area of McDonald's.

The previous week, Bly had been warned by Officer Randy Neal the previous week that the McDonald's manager wanted him to stay out of the restaurant and property of the fast-food restaurant. Neal also told Bly if he was seen on the property he would be arrested for trespassing.

Sarah Grizzle was charged with theft after the owner of Quick Stop Market, 106 E. Main St., witnessed her taking

three Slim Jim beef jerky sticks. Grizzle was stopped by Woodbury Police some 45 minutes later after she was discovered traveling up Cannon Street, a one-way street, in the wrong direction.



Sarah Grizzle

Police were investigating the theft of six rolls of guide wire and two rolls of copper wire from a Middle Tennessee Electric trailer parked at 911 West Main Street. The theft was apparently done the night of Jan. 3.

Officer Tracey Stoetzel investigated a report of vandalism at West End Tobacco Outlet. A store employee had three tires slashed. The employee was told about 8:45 p.m. by a customer who told her she had a flat tire. She went outside and attempted to put air into the tire and when that failed she started to take off the spare tire to mount it. It was then she discovered that the rear tire on the passenger side was flat too. It was the second such incident to happen to a store employee in the last three months.

Officer Randy Neal investigated the theft of a laptop computer from the residence on Hayes Street.

Police investigated a hole cut into the fence at the MTEM warehouse. The chain link wire had been cut with a bolt cutter and the hole was large enough for a person to crouch and move through. Nothing was discovered missing at the time.

A pickup truck was vandalised on South McCrary Street. Three males were spotted next to the truck. Two were wearing white zip-up hoodies and third was wearing a brown T-shirt. They fled the scene on foot.

Auburntown News

BY ANNA PATRICK

Another reporting period has been completed and making the Principal List are Garrett Goff, Kiley Hughes, Hannah Junker, Edward Schultz, Ryan Scott, Karsten Odom, Rachel Hale, Corinne Fann, Maleah Scott, Mackenzie Turney, Dylan Avera, Lulu Maier, and Shawn Matheny.

The Honor Roll had Sharon Bessant, Carly Brown, Lauryn Crawley, Baleigh Fulkerson, Anna Leach, Shellby Parker, Anna Williams, Adrianna Reed, Hattie Fann, Tyler King, Alyssa Whited making the grades.

On the Merit List are Caitlyn Crook, Wesley Patton, Katelyn Duggin, Hunter Patterson, Daysha Murry, Stone

Basham, Mary Beth Patterson, Tyger Kennedy, Alyssa Williams, Brendon Cox, Taylor Gaither, Ashley Ritter, Jeffrey Rusnock, Shelby Seamans, Bradly Vickers, Donavan Winsett, Logan Young, Emma Davenport, Samantha Gaither, Kirsten Garrison, Sarah Hood, Katherine Russo, Seth Seamans, and Hannah Whited.

It was a "White Possum" weekend. Friday night, Ruth and Marvin Davenport, Robbie Owen and P-pa and I enjoyed our weekly feeding at this restaurant in Smithville. Then Saturday it was back up there with Tim, DeAnna, Alayna and Adrianna Reed and Case Isenhart.

A picture ran in last week's edition of the "Courier"

showing two well known personalities from this community. Both have since left this world - Bunt Cooper and Ross Leach better known as "Juicy" or "Juice" for short. Juicy was well known mostly for his colloquialisms (look that one up). You might say he was Auburn's Yoggi Berra! I have heard a few of these and will relate one in each column beginning with this one.

The first one was told to me by Mr. Tom Allen: It was a wet and rainy summer. The local gathering of the farmers were at Bunt's Garage. While sitting around one day, Mr. Ernest Fite made the comment, "Some sunshine sure would be good" to which Juicy replied, "Sunshine is good but moonshine is better, it makes you talk a lot."

If you have any you would like to relate to me, please do so at the below info.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Catie Adams who hits "Sweet Sixteen" on the 16th the same day Ed Hays, Tyler Hickey, Jack Campbell, and Peal Hale all celebrate but different years. John Moore has his the 17th. Tim Reed hits his 42nd year on the 18th the same day Allison Higgins enters the adult world and S. E. Hale puts on a year. The 22nd is the day Rebekah Bryan Tate, David Reed (oh my, he hits the 56 mark), Tommy Melton and Dean Vantrese all have their days. Happy birthday to all of you.

It's the 7th year anniversary for Jim and Donna Sherrell. Happy anniversary you two.

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.

Ivy Bluff News

BY BONNIE STACY

Paul Churchwell and his band recently played music at Autumn Oaks, an assisted living home and also at Manchester Senior Center.

Joan Arone spent last weekend with her aunt Bonnie Stacy.

Sandy Brown from New York is spending a few weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Denny and Amberly Brown and her daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Ernie Hemple and son Lem.

Dorothy and Dale Collingham from Michigan have been visiting her parents, Roy and Christine Floyd in Manchester.

Jim Bugg from Michigan has been visiting friends and relatives here.

The Bugg family reunion was held in Manchester with forty-two attending from Woodbury, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Manchester, Cookeville, and Michigan. All enjoyed being together and look forward to

getting together next year.

You were not created a copy. You were born an original. You are unique and special in your own way so be happy with yourself.

If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done.

Every day we spend without learning something is a day lost.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF CANNON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT WOODBURY

In Re: The Estate of Ronald D. Arledge

KAYLA ARLEDGE, Petitioner,

Vs.

REBECCA FLOYD, LINDA ADAMSON, ANGELA FLOYD, DON TAYLOR, MICHAEL CAMERON FLOYD, JOSLYN FLOYD, JADA FLOYD, JOSHUA FLOYD, and any unknown heirs of Bobbie Jean Arledge, Defendants.

Case No. 12-87

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

In the Chancery Court for Cannon County, Tennessee, Case No. 12-87, Kayla Arledge vs. Rebecca Floyd, Linda Adamson, Angela Floyd, Don Taylor, Michael Cameron Floyd, Joslyn Floyd, Jada Floyd, Joshua Floyd

To: Rebecca Floyd, Angela Floyd, Michael Cameron Floyd, Joslyn Floyd, Joshua Floyd and any unknown heirs of Bobbie Jean Arledge.

It appearing that service cannot be had upon you in Cannon County, Tennessee or that you now are a non-resident of Tennessee, it is ORDERED that unless you appear and defend said action within thirty (30) days after January 30, 2013 a default judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in said action.

This the 4th day of January, 2012.

WILLIAM H. BRYSON
Judge or Clerk and Master

4t-Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of MARTHA JEAN THOMASON, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, 2012, letters of administration in respect of the estate of Martha Jean Thomason, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the County Probate Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons, both resident and non-resident, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within six months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This December 28, 2012.

David Gunter

Administrator of the estate of Martha Jean Thomason, deceased.

Bobby Smith, County Clerk

Jonathan C. Hershman and Jay B. Jackson, Attorneys

2t-Jan. 9, 16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of STELLA Y. BOGLE, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, 2012, letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Stella Y. Bogle, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the

County Probate Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons, both resident and non-resident, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within six months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This December 28, 2012.

Georgia Elizabeth Simpson and Euel C. Bogle

Co-Executors of the estate of Stella Y. Bogle, deceased.

Bobby Smith, County Clerk

Jonathan C. Hershman, Jay B. Jackson

Mitchell and Mitchell, Attorneys

Attorneys

2t-Jan. 9, 16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of BELLA SOPHIA OZIMEK, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of December, 2012, letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Bella Sophia Ozimek, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the County Probate Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons, both resident and non-resident, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within six months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This December 29, 2012.

Raymond T. Ozimek

Executor of the

estate of Bella Sophia Ozimek, deceased.

Bobby Smith, County Clerk

John H. Baker, III, Attorney

2t-Jan. 9, 16



PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
12-SP-1417

FOR THE ADOPTION OF: Porter Bruce Bond

BY: Brian Kenneth Bond and Allison Anne Bond

TO: Unknown Birth Fathers or Possible Parents, Respondents

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed by Brian Kenneth Bond and Allison Anne Bond on the 27th day of December, 2012, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Buncombe County, Asheville, North Carolina, in the above-entitled case. The Petition relates to a male child born November 27, 2012 at Partridge East Hospital in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee named Porter Bruce Farless, born to Margaret Kacey Farless. Margaret is a twenty year old Caucasian female with hazel eyes and light brown long curly hair. Margaret is approximately five feet five inches tall and weighs approximately one hundred fifty five pounds. The male minor child was conceived approximately February 26, 2012 in Woodbury, Cannon County, Tennessee. Margaret could not identify the birth father or possible parent of this minor child.

TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for the relief sought in the Petition. Any Parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the order of adoption.

This the 3rd day of January, 2013.

/s/ Amy S. Davis

Amy S. Davis, Attorney for Petitioner
NC Bar #22809
235 Cabarrus Avenue E.
Concord, NC 28025

Published: Wednesday January 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 2013.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **February 14, 2013 at 12:00 PM local time, at the north door, Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee**, conducted by Shapiro & Kirsch, LLP Substitute Trustee, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by HELEN FERRELL, not stated, to Kevin O'Connor, Trustee, on April 25, 2008 at Record Book 109, Page 828; all of record in the Cannon County Register's Office.

Owner of Debt: Beneficial Tennessee, Inc. The following real estate located in Cannon County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Described property located in Cannon County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described in deed of record in Record Book 109, Page 828; in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee

Secondary Property Address: 4285 Parchcorn Hollow Road, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190

Parcel Number: 048-038.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: Sharon

Annette Higgins, subject to the life estate reserved by Mae Helen Ferrell

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 4285 Parchcorn Hollow, Woodbury, Tennessee 37190, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control. SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead 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.

If the highest bidder cannot pay the bid within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale, the next highest bidder, at their highest bid, will be deemed the successful bidder.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time.

Shapiro & Kirsch, LLP Substitute Trustee
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3t-Jan. 2, 9, 16

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SALE NOTICE

Whereas, ALAN WADE BETTS, JR., by way of Deed of Trust, dated June 26, 2007, of record in Book 99, page 782, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee, conveyed to Randall Clemons, Trustee, for the benefit of Wilson Bank & Trust ("Lender"), the hereinafter described real property, to which reference is hereby made, and to secure payment of indebtednesses of grantor then existing or to arise thereafter. The term "Deed of Trust" shall include any and all modifications, renewals, extensions or amendments thereto whether noted above or otherwise;

Whereas, Lender did appoint Michael Clemons as Substitute Trustee, of record in Book 143, page 282, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee;

Whereas, Default in the payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust has been made;

Whereas, Lender, the owner and holder of said note and Deed of Trust, has demanded that the property be advertised and sold in satisfaction of said debt and the cost of the foreclosure, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the applicable note and Deed of Trust; and

Whereas, if applicable, the requirements pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 35-5-117 have been met;

Now therefore, notice is hereby given that Michael Clemons, Substitute Trustee, pursuant to the power, duty and authority vested in and imposed upon in said Deed of Trust will on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013 AT 10:30 AM LOCAL TIME ON THE FRONT DOOR OF THE CANNON COUNTY COURTHOUSE WOODBURY, TENNESSEE**, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash and free from the statutory right of redemption, homestead, and all other exemptions as are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, certain real property in Cannon County, Tennessee, described as follows:

Land in Cannon County, Tennessee, being all of Lot No. 4, on the Plan of Jimmy Burns Hollow Springs Road Subdivision

No. 1, as shown by plat appearing of record in Plat Cabinet 2, Slide 57B, of the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee, to which plat reference is hereby made for more complete details of said lot.

Being part of the same property conveyed to Allen Wade Betts, Jr. by Warranty Deed of record in Record Book 99, Page 780, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee.

Property Address: 655 Hollow Springs Road, Woodbury, TN 37190

Map/Parcel: 065-202.01

Subject to tenant's rights to possession.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded document, including but not limited to any applicable recorded plan, plat, charter, restriction, judgment(s), notice of governmental entity, or declaration of taking(s); any prior lien(s) of record; unpaid taxes and assessments which exist as a lien against said properties; any restrictive covenant(s), easement(s) or setback line(s) that may be applicable; any rights of redemption not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims, and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this foreclosure sale. This sale is also subject to any matter that an accurate inspection and survey of the premises might disclose.

The transfer shall be AS IS, WHERE IS, AND WITH ALL FAULTS, and without warranty of any kind, express or implied, as to the condition of such property and the improvements located thereon, including merchantability or fitness for particular purpose. Trustee shall make no covenant of seisin or warranty of title, express or implied, and will sell and convey the subject real property by Substitute Trustee's Deed only.

The successful bidder shall tender cash payment by close of business, or 4:30 P.M. CST, on the day of the foreclosure sale.

The Substitute Trustee, in order to accomplish the most advantageous sale and consequent discharge of his obligation under the Deed of Trust, reserves the right to do any or all of the following, without further publication and upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth herein:

1. To adjourn the sale to another time during regular business hours on a different day or place or rescind the sale;
2. To delay the sale for a reasonable time during regular business hours on the same day, to be continued at the announced place and time, and to this end Substitute Trustee reserves the right to delay the sale of the Property to take place at the actual Property location(s) or at such other location as is orally announced and in such instance, the precise time of sale or sales will be announced at the time and place for the sale set forth herein;
3. To sell the Property at the time fixed by the last postponement or to give new notice of sale;
4. To sell the Property in such lots, parcels, segments or separate estates as may accomplish the most advantageous sale and consequent discharge of his or her trust obligation under the circumstances, and to this end Substitute Trustee may sell the property first in whole and then in part, and ultimately consummate the sale in which ever manner produces the most advantageous result.
5. To sell part of the Property and delay, adjourn, cancel or postpone the sale of the remaining part of the Property;
6. To sell the Property to the next highest

bidder in the event any higher bidder does not comply with the terms of the sale.

Other interested parties: Cannon County, Tennessee Tax Assessor; Wilson Bank & Trust; Alan Wade Betts, Jr.

This 2nd day of January, 2013.

R. Garry Chaffin
J. Michael Clemons
The Friedrich Building, First Floor
2909 Poston Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
(615) 460-7478 - Phone
(615) 460-7484 - Fax

This law firm is attempting to collecting a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Insertion Dates in The Cannon Courier:
January 8, 2013; January 15, 2013; and
January 22, 2013.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **February 12, 2013 at 12:00 PM local time, at the north door, Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee**, conducted by Shapiro & Kirsch, LLP Substitute Trustee, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by DAVID L. SAULS AND JENNIFER L. SAULS, husband and wife, to First American Title Insurance Company, Trustee, on March 8, 2012 at Record Book 137, Page 488; all of record in the Cannon County Register's Office.

Owner of Debt: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

The following real estate located in Cannon County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Described property located in Cannon County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described in deed of record in Record Book 137, Page 488; in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee

Parcel Number: 030-059.00

Current Owner(s) of Property: David L. Sauls, married

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 1369 Tassey Road, Readyville, Tennessee 37149, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-117 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead 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.

If the highest bidder cannot pay the bid within twenty-four (24) hours of the sale, the next highest bidder, at their highest bid, will be deemed the successful bidder.

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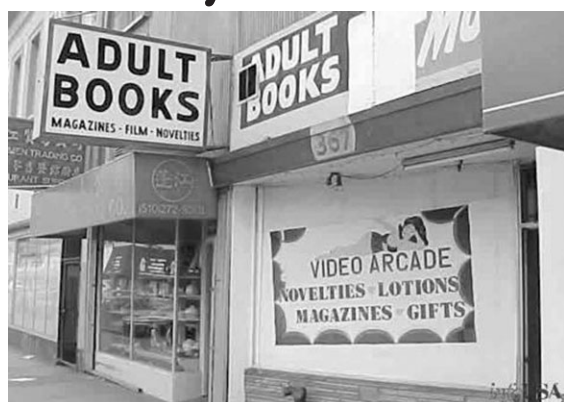
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TONY STINNETT photo

The Cannon County boys cross country team presented its banner for Region 4-A/AA runner-up during halftime of the girls basketball game against Smith County Friday (Jan. 11). From left, Sam Sissom, Walker Hatfield, Jake Burdick, Jordan Turney, Devan Burgess, Marshall McReynolds, T.J. Paul, Will Bailey and Umar Rasul. The boys team reached the state tournament in the second year of the program's existence.

STUN---

Cannon County's Abbey Sissom and Smith County's Callie Hackett, two of the top players in the district, had outstanding games.

Each player delivered clutch basket after clutch basket with a refuse-to-lose attitude. Sissom and Hackett each finished with 25.

Cannon County (18-2, 5-1) also received 10 points from Abby Jakes and Ashley Basham contributed nine points, three rebounds and five blocks.

Casey Gregory poured in 18 and Allison Conder tallied 12 for Smith County.

It started early when Smith County poured in 21 first-quarter points.

"We just didn't guard anyone tonight and that's lack of effort," Dodgen said. "We have prided ourselves on defense and we didn't play any (against Smith County). We didn't get loose balls. We just didn't have a good enough effort."

Smith County's offensive effort was aided by the 21 offensive rebounds the squad was able to pull. The Lionettes gave up too many second-shot opportunities to win against a quality team, which Smith County is.

"It's preparation," Dodgen said. "We have no excuses. We just didn't come out and play. They were in a different gear than us. They attacked us early and it never stopped."

The Lionettes pulled to within 33-32 at halftime and trailed by four, 50-46, entering the fourth quarter.

Cannon County was never able to make a run. Each time the Lionettes hit a big shot, Smith County would counter. The Lady Owls were 4-of-5 from the field in the fourth quarter. Cannon County was 5-of-16.

The Lionettes trailed by two twice in the fourth quarter. Madison Walkup's layup narrowed the gap to 50-48 to start the fourth quarter and Jakes' 3-pointer made it 53-51 with 6:16 remaining but they would never get closer the remainder of the game.

What hurts most is dropping a district home game. The Lionettes had secured road victories at Livingston Academy and Murfreesboro Central Magnet, both contenders for the



TONY STINNETT photo

Maci Sellers, left, presented the game ball to the head official of Friday's game against Smith County. The Lions and Lionettes raised money during the game for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in honor of Maci's Marchers.

Lady Raiders stretch win streak to five

MT ATHLETICS

MONROE, La. - Ebony Rowe netted a career-high 32 points and Icelyn Elie inked a double-double as Middle Tennessee knocked off ULM, 66-48, on Saturday afternoon at Fant-Ewing Coliseum.

The Blue Raiders (11-5, 6-1 Sun Belt) opened the game with an 11-2 lead and used that early momentum to take control. ULM (3-13, 1-6) cut the deficit to within nine, but the Blue Raiders maintained a strong advantage, taking a 22 point lead late in the second half. Saturday's victory gave Middle Tennessee its' season-long fifth consecutive win.

Rowe went 11-of-17 from the field to set a personal best 32 points. The career-high for Rowe bested a previous of 29 set at Arkansas State last year. Rowe grabbed nine boards and picked up a pair of assists and blocks. The Lexington, Ky., native netted 10 of her points from the charity stripe as she registered her 77th double-figure scoring contest.

Lebanon's Elie picked up 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in 38 minutes. The senior forward also swatted away one shot and collected a steal. Kortni Jones and Janay Brinkley also picked up five points each against the Warhawks.

For the game, the Blue Raiders shot 43 percent, hitting 25-of-58 field goal attempts. MT outmanned the Warhawks 36-33 on the boards and forced 21 turnovers. ULM shot 40 percent (19-of-47) as Ashleigh Simmons led the squad with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

An 11-2 run combined with five ULM turnovers helped the Blue Raiders gain control of the game early. ULM cut the game to within nine with a basket from Elexar Tuglar at the 9:10 mark.

From there, Rowe scored nine consecutive points to help MT extend its lead to 29-16. Freshman Caroline Warden banked a triple to give MT a 16 point edge with 2:37 left. The Warhawks cut the lead to 36-22 at the break.

MT forced 11 ULM turnovers in the first half, while notching 10 assists. The Raiders were 13-of-28 from the field for 46 percent. Rowe led MT with 15 points at the break, while Elexar Tuglar had five for the 'Hawks.

ULM opened the second half on a 4-0 run to cut their deficit. Brinkley's baseline jumper and triple helped the Blue Raiders push their advantage to 42-27. Midway through the game, ULM went on a 5-1 but it wasn't enough. MT closed out the game with 66 points to pick up their fifth straight win.

Middle Tennessee returns home on Wednesday (Jan. 16) to open a two-game homestand with UALR. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. at the Murphy Center.

NOTES

Lauren March makes her third consecutive start the longest in her career ... Ebony Rowe reached double-figures for the 77th time out of 80 career games played ... Rowe reached a new career-high besting her previous of 29 set at Arkansas State last season ... Icelyn Elie inked her second double-double this season and the 14th of her career ... Middle Tennessee improves to 8-0 all-time against ULM.

Blue Raiders grind out victory

MT ATHLETICS

MONROE, La. - Middle Tennessee earned its seventh win in the last eight games, grinding out a 66-57 victory over the ULM Warhawks on Saturday evening at Fant-Ewing Coliseum.

Marcos Knight paced the Blue Raiders (14-4, 6-1 Sun Belt) with 17 points and nine rebounds, while Bruce Massey added 12 points, including an 8-for-8 performance at the line. Knight also dished out five assists and had three steals, with Massey chipping in three assists. JT Sulton led MT on the boards with 10 rebounds and also tallied eight points. Neiko Hunter added nine points and Torin Walker scored a career-high eight points.

The Blue Raiders never trailed in the contest, but

did not pull away until late in the first half. Leading 16-12 with 9:47 to go in the early stanza, Walker knocked down a pair of free throws to spark a 14-2 run over the next six minutes. MT held the Warhawks (3-10, 2-5 SBC) without a field goal for more than seven minutes during the spurt and built up a 16-point lead, the largest of the game, at 30-14.

MT took a 34-19 lead into halftime, but ULM responded in the second half, going 11-for-13 from the field to start the frame.

The Warhawks worked the deficit down to two with 11 minutes to play after limiting the Blue Raiders to one field goal in five minutes.

Massey sank a couple of free throws to make it a

four-point cushion and the Blue Raiders started to pull away.

A triple from Hunter, the only of the contest for the Blue Raiders, pushed MT's lead back to 10 with 5:44 remaining and the Warhawks never got closer than seven the rest of the way.

The Blue Raiders finished the contest shooting 43.1 percent compared to ULM's 40 percent. Free throws proved crucial, as MT hit 80.8 percent from the stripe. The Blue Raiders also out-rebounded the Warhawks, 40-22, and owned an 18-6 advantage in bench production.

MT returns home for three of the next four contests, beginning with UALR on Thursday. Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m. CT at Murphy Center.

HEAD COACH KERMIT DAVIS

"We withstood their tenacity and competitiveness and ended the first half on a good note, but just had no energy in the second half defensively. Proud of how we caught our breath, though. It was an ugly road win, but we'll take it and move on."

On player performances...

"It was great to see JT get 10 rebounds, eight points and make some good plays at the end. I thought Bruce Massey and Marcos Knight led our team well. (Torin) is getting close to beating Shawn (Jones) out. Shawn isn't playing at a level we need him to play, so maybe coming off the bench will help him. We have a lot of faith in Shawn, but maybe that will help him."

Blue Raiders to play North Carolina in 2013

MT ATHLETICS

Middle Tennessee Director of Athletics Chris Massaro announced today the Blue Raiders will face the University of North Carolina during the 2013 football season. The game is set for Sept. 7 in Chapel Hill.

The Blue Raiders have now completed their non-

conference schedule for 2013 with Western Carolina, UNC, Memphis, and BYU. WCU and Memphis will be home games.

"North Carolina is one of the premier universities and athletic programs in the country and we are honored to play in Chapel Hill," said Massaro. "It is a

beautiful setting for college football and will make for a great road trip for our fans."

This will mark the first-ever meeting between the two programs in football and will be the eighth straight year the Blue Raiders have faced a team from the ACC. Middle Tennessee is 3-2 against the

ACC in its last five meetings with wins over Maryland (2008, 2009) and at Georgia Tech last season.

The Tarheels are coming off an 8-4 season under first year Head Coach Larry Fedora, who was the offensive coordinator at Middle Tennessee from 1999 to 2001. UNC returns 14 starters, including star

quarterback Bryn Renner.

The Blue Raiders, who will counter with 18 returning starters and quarterback Logan Kilgore, will receive a payout of \$850,000.

The Blue Raiders will announce the complete 2013 schedule at a later date.

* Safety Kevin Byard

made Phil Steele's National Postseason All-Freshman Team.

Byard, a redshirt freshman from Lithonia, Ga., was a first team pick on defense. In a win at Memphis he returned an interception 68 yards for a touchdown and provided the game-winning score against Troy with a pick

SPORTS

Lionettes ranked No. 1

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Cannon County girls basketball has a strong tradition and reputation for its hardcourt success through the years but the 2012-13 Lionettes has achieved a feat never before realized in the program's rich history.

The Lionettes (18-1) received seven first-place votes and were ranked No. 1 in the initial Class AA Top 10 state poll, edging ahead of No. 2 Grainger (18-0) by three points in the balloting. It marks the first time in program history that Cannon County has been ranked No. 1 in the state poll.

"As a coach it is a great honor for your basketball program and the kids that work hard every day in practice and in games," said Cannon County eighth-year Head Coach Michael Dodgen. "All of the hard work that you put in daily and monthly is being recognized by everyone around the state of Tennessee. There are a ton of talented teams in the state of Tennessee in the Class AA ranks. For us to be mentioned in that spot and ranking is a great honor for me as a coach and for Cannon County High School, the town of Woodbury and all of Cannon County."

The Lionettes currently lead District 8-AA with a 5-0 mark and own a one-game lead on second-place Livingston Academy (16-4), which is ranked No. 3 in this week's poll. Fellow league member Murfreesboro Central Magnet (14-2) was among those receiving votes.

Cannon County, which has won two of the previous three Region 4-AA championships, has been ranked in the Top 10 each of the past three seasons but to be at the top of the list is a different experience.

"We were excited when Coach Dodgen told us we were ranked No. 1 in the

state," said Cannon County standout Abbey Sissom, who leads the team in scoring (21.3), assists (4.9) and steals (3.1). "We also know it puts a target on you and everyone is gunning for you, but we usually get everyone's best shot so we expect that. It's just a great feeling to know that the people who vote take notice of our program and that our hard work is paying off."

Dodgen said there will be an even greater bullseye on the team.

"The bullseye is a big one but these ladies in our program play in the best district in the state of Tennessee for AA

basketball and playing good teams night-in and night-out is no big deal to them," Dodgen said. "The bullseye gets bigger now but you take it in stride and continue to work hard with preparation and practice."

Players say the biggest reason for the team's success is its work ethic and chemistry.

"Our team is close and we work well together," said senior guard Abby Jakes. "We have put a lot of work into this season and we play for one another. I believe everyone cares more about the team's success than individual success and that's what it takes to be a great team."

The Lionettes have achieved a lofty status with a balance of strong defense and high-octane uptempo offense.

The Lionettes' 65.1 points per game average is sixth in the state, regardless of classification.

"The team has done a great job of committing to the defensive side of the ball," Dodgen said. "The focus of the team on the offensive side has been very good also."

"Our assists are up this year, along with our shooting percentages as a whole, from all spots on the floor. When this team is focused and on its game it is fun to watch."

Lions notch pivotal district win vs. Owls

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Once Cannon County put its 56th point on the scoreboard it had to feel good about the chances of securing a pivotal District 8-AA victory against visiting Smith County at Robert A. Harris Gymnasium (Jan. 11).

The Lions (9-11, 4-4) secured a 60-48 triumph and improved to 8-1 when scoring 56 or more points. The only loss was against Upperman.

"We play pretty solid defense and handle ourselves on the boards pretty well," Cannon County Head Coach Matt Rigsby said. "It's not like we have to shoot lights out or put up a big number to win but we have been struggling offensively during this (losing) streak. It doesn't matter how good you are defensively. It is hard to beat anyone scoring in the 40s."

Junior Cory Henley led the offensive uprising with 17 points on the strength of three 3-pointers. Tanner Larson had a stellar all-around game with 10 points, nine rebounds and four blocks. Sophomore Garrett McReynolds continued his solid play with eight points, four rebounds, four steals and two blocks.

Jarrett Melton finished with six points and eight assists and Tommy Mitchell totaled six points, six rebounds and two assists.

"We had several players contribute in many different ways and that's what it takes to get wins, especially district wins," Rigsby said. "We still have deficiencies to fix but the biggest thing is we have to become consistent. We have to learn to play this way night-in, night-out."

It wasn't like the Lions shot lights out against the Owls. They shot less than 50 percent from the field and were just 3-of-14 from 3-point range with Henley knocking down all three treys.

But the Lions were 13-of-15 from the free-throw line and came through with clutch charity tosses in the fourth quarter when Smith County was trying to mount a comeback.

They also rekindled intensity. "It's not like we had to shoot it well to win the game. We want to shoot better but this was not a good shooting night and we won," Rigsby said. "We had to get the intensity back. It was a different intensity level than we have had in weeks. I'm proud of the guys and the way they played from start to finish."

Cannon County jumped ahead 14-9 with an impressive first quarter in front of an appreciative standing-room-only crowd. The Lions extended the advantage to 30-19 by halftime and maintained the lead throughout the second half.

Smith County was led by Kevin Craighead's 20 points. Jordan Craighead added 16.

It was a key win for the Lions in the District 8-AA standings. Cannon County improved to 3-3 and moved into fourth in the league race. It has a two-game lead and the tiebreaker on each of the three teams below it.

Cannon County pulled to within one game of third-place Upperman (4-2). DeKalb County (6-0) and Livingston Academy (5-1) have established themselves as the chief contenders.



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Cory Henley, above, scored a team-high 17 points to lead the Lions against Smith Co. Right, Jarrett Melton puts up a free throw against the Owls. The Lions were 13-of-15 from the line in their win.



Lady Owls stun No. 1 Cannon Co.

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Cannon County had the No. 1 ranking in Class AA in all of Tennessee.

It had a decided homecourt advantage at Robert A. Harris Gymnasium where they were undefeated and playing in front of a partisan standing-room only crowd.

What the Lionettes didn't have was an answer for Smith County.

The Lady Owls put on a shooting exhibition and stunned No. 1 Cannon County, 64-58, in District 8-AA action Friday (Jan. 11).

"Smith County came in here and earned a district road win," Cannon County Head Coach Michael Dodgen said. "They didn't steal it, they earned it. They were better than us tonight. We were good enough but they were better."

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Lionette senior Ashley Basham, 20, pulls up for a jumper against Smith County's Allison Conder.

Border battle ends in split

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MANCHESTER - Cannon County's basketball teams earned a split in its border battle against Coffee County (Jan. 7).

The Lionettes earned the No. 1 ranking in the state in Class AA earlier in the day and survived a 41-38 win against Coffee County to sweep the season series.

The Lions dropped a 41-38 decision and settled for a split in the season series.

Abbey Sissom led the Lionettes with 14 points in their win against Coffee County. Jordan Hollis added eight points.

Rebekah Faulkner owned the boards. She finished with six points and 10 rebounds. Madison Walkup also tallied six points.

Cory Henley and Tanner Larson each scored 13 to lead the Lions against Coffee County. Jarrett Melton had a stellar all-around game with 11 points, eight assists, four rebounds and three steals.

The Lions trailed 19-17 at halftime but were outscored 42-32 in the second half.