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2016 good despite fiscal woes

Cannon Co., Woodbury moves ahead into hopeful new year

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

Cannon County is hoping for a better year in 2017 following a turbulent 2016 beset by fiscal issues. That's not to say it was all bad news. Tourism was up. Plans were approved and construction has begun on a new Cannon County Health Department and Adams Memorial Library celebrated its 50th year on Woodbury's South College Street. And to top it all, Franz and Shannon Walk-up received their new home near Woodbury. Construction of the custom specially adapted home was made possible by the Gary Sinise Foundation working in conjunction with a number of other groups like the R.I.S.E. Team. Long months of work paid off Thursday, December 22 with the dedication

of the home.

Budget Woes
Cannon County Commissioners got a less than pleasant surprise when Tennessee Comptroller Justin Wilson put approval of the county's budget on hold. "We believe that Cannon County is at a crossroads. The Commission needs to take immediate action to control the County's

spending and overall financial situation. Without strong, decisive action by the Commission, the County will spend more money than it receives during fiscal year 2017," Wilson told the Commission in a strongly worded letter on October 7. It wasn't the county's complete budget that was in disarray. "We're not broke," Gannon reminded the Commissioners during an emergency meeting in early October. "Normally, I try to give bad news to you as gently as possible.

"We don't have a cash problem ... we have a cash flow problem," Gannon said, "and the comptroller is putting an end to that." "We have followed all rules and regulations. The commission sets the spending and the tax rate," Gannon said. The problem dates back to 2011 when the Commission decided to spend down the fund balance, he said. "It's great the first year, but after that it will bite you." The previous year (2010), Cannon County had a ending fund balance of

\$1,429,802. By 2011, the fund balance had dropped to \$522,682 and continued to drop to \$126,539 by 2015. After a series of special meetings, the Cannon County Budget Committee and the County Commission voted to reduce the existing budget by 2.52 percent to create a \$100,000 surplus by the end of this fiscal year. The biggest impact was on the Community Center's budget by closing the gym and swimming pool and transferring some \$22,056 to the Sheriff's Budget to prevent a cut in

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Mom pens inspirational book about son born without eyes

Love is NOT blind

KEN BECK
The Cannon Courier

They met on an April Sunday morning at the Saved by Grace Baptist Church. Chris was 17. Lacey was 15. Two weeks later, they were baptized in the chilly waters of the East Fork of Stones River. During their late teen years, he made burgers and fries at McDonald's, and she waited tables at Joe's Place on the Woodbury town square. At 21, Lacey Taylor married her high school sweetheart, Chris Buchanan. A year later, she had earned her pre-law degree at Middle Tennessee State University, was prepared to enter Nashville School of Law and discovered she was expecting their first child. Everything seemed to be going perfectly, wonderfully normal. And then their world turned upside down. The first ultrasound hinted that Lacey might have a miscarriage. After having her third ultrasound, she received several phone messages from the doctor's office. Two words jumped out: "CALL US." "We called, but couldn't get ahold of anyone because it



Lacey Buchanan holds her son, Christian, 5½, who was diagnosed with Tessier cleft lip and palate while in the womb and was born without eyes. Her new book, *Through the Eyes of Hope*, shares the uplifting journey that Lacey, her husband Chris and son Christian have taken, as she tells about the medical procedures, battles with an often-indifferent health system, unexpected kindness and help, her viral video that drew six million views, a healed marriage and the unfailing love of parents for their child and God for His children.

Photos by Ken Beck

was a weekend," recollected Lacey. On Monday, her gynecologist told her that their baby might have a cleft disorder. "We went back in for another ultrasound later that week, and they confirmed it was a cleft. They could tell something was different. It was kind of a shock for us," said the 2005 Cannon County High graduate. Christian Buchanan was born at 9:32 a.m. Feb. 18, 2011, at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. He weighed seven pounds and one ounce and was 21 inches long. After he was delivered, the infant was spirited away immediately to the neonatal intensive care unit. Lacey

never had a chance to touch him. She remembers asking her husband, "Tell me it's not bad." Chris responded, "It's worse." Their son had Tessier cleft lip and palate, a syndrome in which a baby's skull fails to knit together in the womb. The visible results were a severely cleft palate, and he had no eyes. With the Jan. 10 release of *Through the Eyes of Hope*, Lacey will share the inspirational story of the staggering experiences she, Chris and Christian have faced over the past six years.

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Work begins on health facility

Completion projected for fall of 2017

Representatives of the Cannon County Community Health Center and local officials held a ground breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction for a new 5,000 square foot health facility. Completion of the new health center is projected for the fall of 2017. Andrea Fox, Cannon County Community Health Center Director, along with Deborah Johnson, Upper Cumberland Regional Health Director, submitted a competitive grant proposal and received an award of \$750,000 from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). An additional \$155,000 was awarded from the Tennessee Department of Health to complete and furnish the new facility. The only cost to Cannon County Government for this project was the purchase of the land. (Cannon County Government purchased the property for this project, providing an estimated cost savings for the county of approximately \$900,000.00) The Cannon County Community Health Center, currently located at 301 West Main Street, continues to provide primary care services to any uninsured or insured patient in our community. Staff includes a full time nurse practitioner as well as a part-time physician who provide care to patients on a sliding scale. For more information regarding Cannon County Community Health Center's full line of services, please call 615-563-4243.



Meredith Mullican, RN Cannon County Health Department; Sue Conley; Debbie Johnson, Upper Cumberland Regional Health Director; Andrea Fox, Cannon County Health Department Director; Mike Gannon, Cannon County Executive; Andy Duggin, Woodbury Mayor; Cassie Frye, Nurse Practitioner Cannon County Health Department; Richard Brindley, Brindley & Sons Construction, Inc.; Kaitlin Patterson, Health Educator Cannon County Health Department; Amber Milligan, Public Health Office Supervisor Cannon County Health Department

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OBITUARIES



Russell C. Dray

Russell C. Dray, 66, died at 11:30 pm December 23, 2016 from a massive heart attack at his home in Woodbury, Tn. Russell was born January 04, 1950 in Cleveland, OH. He graduated from Le Tourneau College in Longview, TX as an airplane mechanic. Later he changed direction slightly repairing heavy equipment until he retired February 1, 2016. Russell was known as a man who could fix anything that was broken. Friends called him MacGyver. Russell was married 38 years to his beloved wife, Cheryl, who survives him. He is also survived by his daughter Jennifer (Shannon) McKnight of Murfreesboro, son Nathan Dray of Readyville, sister, Patty (Jim) Schuler of Norcross, GA. and five grandchildren. Also surviving are 16 nieces and nephews.

A memorial to celebrate and remember his life will be Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 2 pm at Experience Community Church, Murfreesboro, TN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Experience Community Church at www.experienceccc.com.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or www.woodburyfuneralhome.net to leave condolences

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Woodbury, Tennessee*



Larry Lee Lancin

Larry Lee Lancin passed peacefully on December 24, 2016 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital from a prolonged illness at the age of 68 with both daughters by his side.

He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan and grew up in Woodbury, TN. He is a graduate of Cannon County High School Class of 1966.

Larry was a veteran of The United States Navy and completed two tours of duty in Viet Nam. He also later worked at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Murfreesboro, TN. In his career he was best known as a seasoned salesman and entrepreneur. He and his wife, Sandra, owned various businesses in both McMinnville and Woodbury, TN; including Magic Video & Guns, Pioneer Audio and Video, McMinnville Bowling Alley. He also previously worked at Calsonic Yurozo in McMinnville, TN; and retired this past May from over ten years of service to Lowe's Home Improvement Stores both in McMinnville, Murfreesboro and Jackson, TN. Anyone who knew Larry, knew of his passion for boating, fishing, deer hunting and gunsmithing.

Larry is survived by his father, Stephen Lancin, Jr. of Henderson, TN; his daughter Melissa Bolton, her husband Patrick and children Alex and Anna of Henderson, TN; his daughter Heather Studenberg, her husband Daus and daughter Audrey of Smyrna, TN and many close family members and friends.

Larry is preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Burger Lancin. They were married December 28, 1968 in Woodbury, TN. He is also preceded in death by his mother Alma White Simmons Lancin.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Woodbury Funeral Home in Woodbury, TN. Visitation will be held Wednesday December 28, 2016 from 4-8 pm. The funeral service will be held December 29, 2016 at 11 am. Joey Ferrell and Dr. Billy Smith will be officiating. Burial will follow the funeral at Riverside Cemetery in Woodbury, TN.

If you knew Larry and his personality, you would know that he would have preferred everyone dress casually and not wear dress suits.

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Bradyville TN

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11am Sunday Worship
5pm Sunday Evening Service
7pm Wednesday Evening Service

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Pastor Mike Hollis, 615-542-0974

Sara Ford Moore

Sara Ford Moore, age 89, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2016 at North Side Health Care in Murfreesboro. She was a native of Cannon Co.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Paul & Jean Parker of Readyville; 2 Grandchildren, Leandra & John Habel of Unionville and Kevin & Michelle Parker of LaVergne; and Great Grandchildren, Emma Habel & Micah Parker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan Ford & Laura Blair Ford; Husband, Jim Moore, Jr.; Daughter, Starreta Moore Fries; and Siblings, Henry Ford, Sally Melton, Louise Smithson, Mary Warren, & Hershel Ford.

Ms. Moore loved reading her Bible and listening to Elvis and the Gaithers. She was also an accomplished seamstress who made the drapes for a movie that was filmed at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Wednesday, December 28, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bros. Jim Paschal and Milton Stanley officiating. Interment will follow at Dekalb County Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 PM Tuesday, December 27, 2016.

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Margie Brown Gunter

Margie Brown Gunter, 72, passed away Monday, Dec. 26, 2016 at her home. She was a native of Cannon Co., Tn.

She is survived by son, Roy (Amanda) Brown of Woodbury; Stepsons, Jerry and Jimmy Gunter both of Murfreesboro; Stepdaughters, Rita Gunter and Joann Johnson both of Murfreesboro; Grandchildren, Austin Pollard, Kayla & Kendra Brown; Special Friend: Joe Pelham of Woodbury; Sisters, Helen Fults of Murfreesboro and Linda Joyce Bogle of Carthage; several half- brothers and sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Mathis and Alta Pearl Murphy, her husband: Kenneth Gunter and stepson: Bobby Gunter.

Ms. Gunter was a member of Grace Assembly Church and enjoyed helping others, especially taking food to others and was a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Funeral services will be 2 pm Friday, Dec. 30, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Tony Holt and Bro. Marty Cooper officiating. Interment will follow in the Gunter-Grizzle Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016 from 4 to 9 PM.

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Betty Jo White McDaniel

Betty Jo White McDaniel, 75, passed away Monday, December 26, 2016 at St. Thomas Rutherford. She was a native Matoaka, W.V.

She is survived by 5 Daughters, Hailee Jo McDaniel, Betty G. Lambert & Barbara Thompson all of Murfreesboro, Kathy (Peter) Parker of Woodbury and Donna (Eugene) Hurt of Princeton, W.V.; 5 Brothers, Gerald (Eunice) White of Summerset, KY., Jerry (Christine) White of Canton, GA., Wayne (Catherine) White of Chicago, IL., Larry (Pat) White of Belvidere, IL., Rodney (Sandy) White of Smyrna; 7 Grandchildren, Larry Tiller II, Billie J. Carden, Jeremy Hurt, Elyse Tiller, Matthew Hurt, Ronnie L. Carden, and David Day; 3 Great Grandchildren: Nick, Kristen & Laken Hurt; Brother-in-law, Charles McDaniel of Murfreesboro; Many Nieces, Nephews and Cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph G. White and Rosie Sudor White; her husbands, Arlice "Tiny" Farmer and Billy G. McDaniel; Son, Kenneth W. Farmer and her grandson, Craig A. Day.

Ms. McDaniel was a member of the Baptist church and a retired CNA at NHC Healthcare of Murfreesboro. She loved playing cards, games and spending time with her children. She also enjoyed cooking.

Funeral services will be 11 am Friday, December 30, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with visitation from 9 am until 11 am. Interment will follow in the Roselawn Cemetery, Smyrna, TN. at 1 pm.

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Pansy Polan Summers

Pansy Polan Summers, age 76, of Woodbury passed away Sunday, December 25, 2016 at Woodbury Health Care Center. She was a native of Gorman, Texas.

Survivors include her children, Clayton (Kimberly) Neal of Woodbury and Redena (Keith) Murdock of Woodbury; Grandchildren, Nathaniel (Courtney) Wheeler, Rainy (David) Almond, Tabitha (Doug) Brown, Dakota (Jared) Hollandsworth, Victoria Neal, Brittany Gleaves, Joseph Gleaves, and Dalton Neal. 7 Great Grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, LaFayette Polan & Nina Sides Polan; and siblings, Bertha Williams and Ray Polan.

Ms. Summers was a member of The Pentecostals of Woodbury Church. She was a homemaker, mother, and a church member.

Funeral services will be 2 PM Thursday, December 29, 2016 at The Pentecostals of Woodbury Church with Bro. Clayton Neal officiating. Interment will follow at Prater Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 3 to 9 PM Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at Woodbury Funeral Home and will lie in state at the church from 11 AM until time of funeral service.

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Roy Lee Murphy

Roy Lee Murphy, age 74, of Readyville and a native of Woodbury, TN. passed away Saturday morning, December 24, 2016. Roy loved building and spent his adult life in construction. He was born November 9, 1942 to his late parents, Ed & Liz Murphy and Martha Mai Murphy. He is preceded in death by his sisters, Lela Finley, Ines Davenport, Allie Allan and Ruth Fletcher; brothers, Joe Murphy, Clifton Murphy, Howard Murphy, and Ray Murphy.

Survivors include his children Ronnie Murphy of Tennessee, Donna (Kenny) McNeal of Louisiana, and Sabrina (Ellis) Rucker of Georgia. He is the proud grandfather of Kenneth Dobson, Christopher Dobson, Whitney Dobson, Joshua Rucker, and Jacob Rucker. He has 8 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sisters: Magaline Davenport, Betty (Dooluy) Green and Arlene (Larry) Sanders and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be at 2PM on December 31, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Pastor Ellis Rucker will officiate the service.

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Thomas H 'Tom' Grissom

Mr. Thomas H. "Tom" Grissom, 85, of Woodbury passed away at his home on December 26, 2016. He was born in Van Buren County, TN on August 21, 1931. He was preceded in death by his mother, Opal Grissom Turner.



He is survived by his wife, Betty A. Green Moore Grissom of Woodbury; son, Joseph Matlock of Lakeland, FL; step-son, Tony Barrett of California; step-daughter, Holly Stone of Woodbury; grandchildren, Jeremiah, Scott, Zachary, and Sierra; great grandchildren, Jace and Releigh and by several brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews; and close friend and fellow musician, Eldon Darrah.

Mr. Grissom was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during Korean War. While in the service he was injured in combat when the communications center he worked in was attacked. He later began working for Quality Tool and Engineering as a tool and die maker, retiring from there. He was a former member of the VFW Post 5064 in McMinnville. Mr. Grissom had an easy-going attitude and loved to joke and smile. He was a talented musician who could play the saxophone and keyboard. He also attended the Church of Christ.

The family will hold a service to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations are requested to Hospice Compassus or The Dusty Elam Foundation. Contact Smith Funeral Home for details. Share condolences and memories with the family at www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net Smith Funeral Home, 615-563-5337

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For up to date obituary information, go to

www.cannoncourier.com

'Auburntown' NEWS

By ANNA PATRICK

Sharing Many Ways to Celebrate the Joy of Christmas

Now by the time you read THIS, 2016 has gone and 2017 has begun and it's back to school!

Lots of family gatherings over the Christmas holidays.

Friday the 17th Deborah Leach's Auburn Baptist Church Adult Sunday School class enjoyed their annual Christmas Party. The had lasagna and all the trimmings followed by playing "Dirty Santa". Jennifer Brown got the Super Hero suit with 3rd present steal.

Chris, Sara Drue Zimmer, Drew and Canyon arrived from Quay Lane, Canton, TX just in time to attend the party. Also during the holidays they enjoyed a delicious "turkey fingers" meal with all the trimmings at the home of their grandparents, Donna and Eddie Nichols.

Thursday night the 22nd, Tim, DeAnna, Alayna and Adrianna Reed and Case Isenhardt toured the "dancing" Christmas lights and sounds of Jellystone Park in Nashville.

Congratulations to Austin Duggin who was selected to the All-Tournament team at the White County Sonic Shootout. The boys as a whole placed 3rd.

It's good that Halleen Tate was out of the hospital in time for Christmas. She was taken by ambulance in the wee hours of Thursday morning, got to spend the night in their "hotel". She is back full force cooking at Jimbo's.

The old stomach bug as well as the sinus ailments hit several over the week. Praying it has reached its peak.

Eric and Beth Saddler, Evan and Ella and Ryan and Janna Womack were at Ben and Judy Brown's Friday morning for Christmas.

Christmas Eve breakfast was served by Gene and Wilma Harris to Jerry and Beverly Bryan, Martye Harris, Nick and Leah Wilson, Allie, Eli, Maya, Isaiah and Noah, and Josh and Rebecca Tat, Maggie and Levi.

Preparing delicious side dishes to go with the annual boiled country ham meal at our house Christmas Eve

were Robbie Owen, Betty Thomas, Karen and Mark Stinnett and Stefanie and Brad Leach. We were excited to see the unexpected guests of Eric and Laura Stinnett, Olivia, Millie, Erica and Jasper.

Christmas Eve John and Kim Francis had all of their family in for a meal and present exchanging followed by an exciting game of "Pit in the Face". The kids really enjoyed that as they licked the whipped cream off!

Then all of those at the Francis' home on Christmas Eve were joined by more family members of Ernest and Rita Davis' on Christmas Day where they enjoyed more of the same but with a "Pooping the Potato" game. Nothing to buy here but potatoes and a large bucket for each team member.

We had our annual family Christmas Day ham breakfast following church services. We had a lot of fun playing the "Speak Out" game!

Due to the "bug" hitting at the Sherrell and Owen homes, their Christmas was postponed until Wednesday when Lily Bennett enjoyed her first Christmas with Robbie Owen and Jim and Donna Sherrell. Of course coming along were mom and dad, Michelle and Aaron. The Sherrells hosted the event.

Ann Whitaker Thompson and Erica Garrett begin our birthday list this week when they celebrate the 5th. Amy Reed Osborne begins another year on the 7th. It's John Buryl Neely's 12th on the 9th and that's the end of this week's list. Happy birthday to all of you.

It was January 7th, 1984 when Marna Jo Hayes became the bride of John Higgins. Happy anniversary you two.

FYI: I send the news in each Wednesday afternoon. If you have any you would like to see in the A'town column, please get it to me by noon each Wednesday. I will be happy to put it here. Please e-mail me at apatrick@dtccom.net, or call 464-4310 and leave a message.

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In Memorium

On Tuesday, February 14, the Cannon Courier will publish special pages entitled "In Memorium ... 2016" honoring the memory of those having passed away in 2016. 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 (30 words is in addition to the person's name, birth date and death date), \$20 if you wish to include a photo.

To include your memorium, bring your information to Cannon Courier, 113 West Main Street by 4:00pm on Tuesday February 7 or send to advertising@cannoncourier.com.

"In Memory" Example

Month by Month Obituaries

January 2011
John Doe

February
Jane Doe

March
Henry Doe

April
Maggie Doe

In Loving Memory of
JOHN DOE
February 21, 1955
February 24,

I have lost my soul's
companion, a life linked with
my own.

Day by day, I miss you more as I now
walk through life alone.

I love you always, Jane



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In Memorium

"This page dedicated to loved ones lost in 2015, Who fly high among the Angels, who are still a tear in our eye and bring a smile to our faces as we recall fond memories after such a hard good-bye. 'Gone But Never Forgotten' means so much more now, than ever before"

January

Roy Franklin Martin
Johnny Hal Campbell
Claudine McAdoo Davis
Donald Carl Hale
Richard "R.A." Robinson, Jr.
Dorothy McAlexander
Ginger Edwards Smith
Margaret Higgins Melton
Pauline Mayo Campbell
Sharon Ann Fann
Christine Bell Dennis
Clifford Wayne Bogle, Jr.
A.C. Bobo, Jr.
Billie Joe Cavethorn
Robbie Faye Hale
Mary Clark McElroy Semmes
Renae Chapdelaine
Charles "Charlie" Bain
Elsie Dean Mooneyham
Deborah Grace (Merritt) Taylor
Mildred McElroy Papizan

February

Annie Smithson
Mattie Sue Cavethorn Gillespie
Edgar Markum
Helen Bowen Smart
Robert Virgil Young
Wanda Ann Miller Jones
Bobby Gene Adams
Richard A. McMann
Tim Higgins
Jennie Davis
Gary Hord
Charles E. Crabtree
Jean Moody Walden
Tommy J. Arnold
Mildred Wimberly Fann
Beth Mullican Irie
Hiram Lester, Jr.
Byron Hayes
Patsy Spry McCray
Dorothy "Dot" Stephens
Joyce Reed Bugg
Wiley Smithson
Elizabeth "Tootsie" Vison
Ranny Parker
Elmer Wayne Carter
Connie Opal Limbaugh
Clark Darren
Austin Brown
Fred McClure
Walden Claude Jones
Thomas Brewer
A.J. Anip
Leon Ward
Dorothy Rover

March

Wilma Parton
Brooklyn Rose Stevenson
Harold Wayne Alexander
Mable Jean Corns
Bobby A. Potts
Kayden Ray Fultz
Vernon W. Scott
Shelby Vickers
Ronald Gene Hatcher
Ruth Wimberly Lefevre
Ann Bland
Hattie L. Eaton
Shirley Neal
Keith Bogle

Jo Ann Nichols
Michael Alan Ramsey
Ben A. Ready
Truman Prater
Willette Lane Upchurch

April

Melvin Eugene Daniel
Gladys Anderson Underwood
Carmen B. Cannon
Robert A. Knox
Thurman Bogle
Alfred "Buster" Mason
Ella Mae "Cookie" Garoe
Beaureaux Elkins
Elizabeth McElroy Barrett
Dannay Galtier
Carol Ann Wood

May

Virgil Lee Bogle
Virginia Ruth Justice
Neil Witty Summar
Judy Elaine Barrett Lehman
Ray Thomas Murphy
Paula Leigh Warren Fultz
Jerry Smithson
Novella Merriam Brown
Bennie C. Lance
Landon H. Bailey
Harry Eugene Dillard
James Dorman Rogers
Debra J. Blyler
Roy Howell
James Edward Bogle
Ray Murphy
Mary Virginia (Penny) Haley
Thomas
David Bogle
Christine Young Burnett
Lee Walden
Gerald Randall Mooneyham
Brooks Mathis
Gene W. Mangum

June

Emma Jane Wilhoit
Louise Duggin Christman
Clyde Ricky Todd
Wayne Melvin Mullen
William Jennings Groom
Christine Young Burnett
Shirley Ann Kirby Sullivan
Ines Melton Allen Somero
Ethel Anderson Scarbrough
W.T. Ferrell
Shannon Mayne Young
Christine Young Burnett
Mike "Pinky" Finkelton
Judy Faye Barrett Whitaker
Donald Frederick Clark Sr.
Georgia Lee Barrett Lance
Susan DeWinter
Loretta Morris Dodd
Margaret Jean Helton Young
George "Peasant" Mathis
James Gordon Summar

July

Charlotte Rose Winfree
James Melton Simmons
Ova Barrett Bogle
Roy Perry Nichols
Loretta Morris Dodd
Larry Wayne Cason



Bonnie Ruth Cason Sisson
Mira Miranda Gutierrez
Beulah L. Newberry
Mrs. Lillian Smith "Muddy"
Wallace
Samuel "Whitie" Goin
Ova Barrett Bogle
Harmony Haley
Cerald Cannon
Grady Wayne Parker
Ola Louise Robinson
Jimmy Maurice Cannon
B.F. Daniel
Leo Alvin Sisson
Jean Augusta Gilley
Ruth Elona Spotted
Hershel William Trail
Jennifer Rhia Grizzle Underwood
Hoyte Gray "Jake" Davis
Inez "Jasmita" Smith Fowler
Teresa Diane Higgins
Ray Mac Reeves
Mark Edward Campbell

August

Cathy Jean Whitacre
Betty Ruth Smith
Thomas King
Martha J. Hays
Emma Alene Kay Mullins
Lena Elizabeth Todd
Christopher James Matteson
Lora M. Mason Cummings
William "Mike" Smith
Inez Carter
Larry Nile Hollis
Kathy Jean Bailey Murphy
Ralph Mason Turner
Ophia Mae Turner
Bobby Gene Fagan
Donald Wayne "Donnie" Barrett
Evelyn C. Witty
William Richard "Ray" Bosworth
Thelma Jean Johnson

September

Carmine Willard (Black) McAdoo
Elaine Jack Davis
Bobby Lowe "Blue" Hayes
Elizabeth Ann (Lowery)
Buckingham
Elaine Alexander Martin
L.C. Cavethorn
Roy Kenneth Jones Sr.
Robert E. Tooley
Reba Jo Spackman Boyd
Keith Merritt
Bernie Thomas Miller
Jerry Edward Elkins
Cleburn Gene Melton
Mary Margaret Dugan Smith
Adron "Doughbelly" Williams
Joyce H. McCullough
Ruth Bethel
Coy Brown Gunter
Martha Dean Turner Melton
Lorene Owen Coppinger

October

Iris Mackie Marshall Davenport
Robert W. Seifert
Katherine Saddler
Beverly Kay Sansiquett Phillips
John Michael Denney
Charles Richmond Insell
Gary Phillip Phelps
Vern Vena Walker Smith
Jimmy Pitts
Curtis Eugene Fort
Howard Mike Cronch
Donald Edgar "Donnie" Smithson

November

William "Bill" Smith
Virginia Bailey Banks
Frank B. Walker, III
Beverly Pelham Hargis
Wanda Ann Zeh
Hoyte Brown Pitts, Jr.
McClay Kenneth Watson
Davenport, USMC (Ret.)
Gary Wayne Davenport
James "Jim" Langford
Glenette Vance King
Thelma Louise Bush Kennedy
Ruth May Martin Riggan
Nelda Seal Rogers
Burton Moulder
Allan E. Williams
Tina Renee Johnson
Lorene Arnold Chasteen

December

Steven Wayne Underwood
Fletcher Slatt on
Ricky Lynn Bell
Minnie Ruth Jones Davis
Nancy Ellen Ramsay
Tomnie Blain
Margaret Angeline Morgan
Jo Ann "Charlie" Roemer
Albert "Wayne" McGee
Russell Wayne "Butch" Hamm
Timmy Wayne Mount
Bernie Jean Eady Sullins
James Melton "Jimmy" Jett on
Stella C. Rogers
Christola Lynn Davenport
Rose Mary Bosuaps Burdick
Carl Smith
Dr. Herman H. "Pink" Pinkerton
Jerry Lynn Brandon
Eric Lee "Bigen" Stacey
Vera Pearl Haley Miller
Mildred Naomi Friedman
Maymie Lee Campbell Williams
Nannie Bell Stanley Mears
Alexander "Buddy" Luther
Smith, Jr.
Gladys Young Prater
Emma Gladys Pope

In Memorium

In Loving Memory of
CHARLES EVANS TODD, JR
March 3, 1918
December 29, 2015

Our valiant soldier, a superb photographer, a gifted artist, and the dear father of our extended family, we all miss you and love you to Infinity.

Virginia, Gina, Gennica & Family

In Loving Memory of
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Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

With all our love,
Gary, Jason, Ashley and Kelly and families

In Loving Memory of
Paul Alexander

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You will always be loved beyond words and missed beyond measures.

Virginia, Gina, Gennica & Family

Mom,
Miss and love you so much.....
God gave us the greatest mother.
Devoted Christian that loved God's word.
Know you are having a family reunion in Heaven!
Kim, Mike

In Loving Memory of
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8/28/32 - 4/10/15

Nothing can ever take away
The Love a heart holds dear,
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Remembrance keeps him near.

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Courier Editor

Whipping those Top 10 resolutions into shape for New Years

When it comes to New Year’s Resolutions, I’ve got one of the Top 10 whipped.

Pause. And that resolution is “quit smoking.”

I haven’t smoked since college and that’s been a while. In fact, I am saving a cigar that I received for helping in a wedding six or seven years ago. I look at it every once in a while and that’s about it when it comes to smoking.

But while we are at it, we might as well do a survey of what the U.S. government describes as the Top 10 New Year’s Resolutions.

At the top of the list is (you guessed it) “lose weight.” Here’s the rest taken in order:

Volunteer to help others, quit smoking, get a better education, save money, get fit, eat healthy food, manage stress, manage debt, take a trip, reduce, reuse and recycle and drink less alcohol.

When it comes to losing weight, I count it a successful year when I lose those extra holiday pounds gained during Thanksgiving and Christmas. It’s tough to predict how I will do on that account this year since I dined at IHOP (International House of Pancakes) for Thanksgiving and had at least two major Christmas meals. Oops, make that three.

I did eat some “healthy food” which is number 8 on the list. Yes, I did eat a bite of salad last week, not including a bit of lettuce on my ham or turkey sandwiches. It’s doubtful if my “salad” counteracted all the hash-brown casserole, broccoli, rice and CHEESE that I devoured. Note: Cheese is short for Velveta. Yum!

Hmmm, let’s see. I did “volunteer” to help various people lose weight by eating their share of the Christmas goodies. Wait a minute, I did manage to save some money. (Only to spend it over the holidays.)

As for getting “fit,” what’s that?

I throw an occasional fit. In fact, I can throw a pretty good one every once in a while. As for getting “fit,” that is going to be an uphill battle for sure. Fitness reminds me of the annual run on Short Mountain. The only way I could do that is if I

tripped and rolled down the entire mountain.

Managing stress? I only experience that once a week when deadline rolls around. Getting that newspaper out on time can be a

bit stressful especially when that slavedriving publisher Ron Fryar gets to snapping his bullwhip. When it comes to managing debt, I have that one whipped. There’s bound to be a lottery card with my name on it. Or there’s always the Publisher’s Clearing House. I’ve been playing that one for years and I can see myself winning at least \$10,000 a month any day now.

“Get a better education.” Heck, I went to MTSU. It doesn’t get any better than that.

“Taking a trip” is a favorite resolution. Heck, I’m already planning a major adventure to either Short Mountain or maybe even McMinnville in the next week or two. And there’s always Florida...

“Reduce, reuse and recycle” is another resolution that is near and dear to heart. At the Courier, we recycle aluminum cans and newspapers and all sorts of stuff. Of course, “we” doesn’t necessarily mean “me.”

That leaves us with the final resolution, number 10 on the list: Drink less alcohol.

Trouble is, if I try to keep all the other nine resolutions it will force me to drink more alcohol. I can’t help it. Keeping up with all those resolutions is stressful. It’s a vicious circle.

So I’m left with one option: Forget all those resolutions. (Except the one about smoking.)

Besides one out of 10 isn’t too bad? Have a Happy New Year!



My Take
MIKE WEST

Guest Column

Strange year for First Amendment

By GENE POLICINSKI

What a strange, challenging and dangerous year it’s been for First Amendment freedoms, at home and abroad.

2015 was but seven days old when terrorists, claiming to be angry over the publishing of satirical drawings of the Muslim prophet Mohammed, burst into the offices of the French weekly magazine Charlie Hebdo, killing 12 people.

The tragedy sparked a worldwide outpouring of support for free expression — remember the signs and t-shirts declaring “Je suis Charlie” — I am Charlie? But the incident also prompted draconian proposals in France to limit certain kinds of free expression and new restrictions on Muslims simply because of their religious faith. And Nov. 13 attacks in Paris in which 130 died only added fuel to that.

As the year unfolded, free expression in the United States took a hit in the most unlikely places — at least to the Boomer generation which carried the protest banners in the 1960s of the “free speech movement”: Colleges and universities. Campus critics assailed everything from ideas and opinions they believe may make some uncomfortable, to professorial musings on subjects from gender to Halloween costumes, to the notion of inviting speakers with controversial or even repugnant views.

And at some schools — most visibly, at the University of Missouri, the home to a venerable journalism program — demonstrators against racism and bigotry assaulted freedom of the press even as they exercised their rights of free speech, assembly and petition. A group of activists including students and a few faculty members tried to keep student journalists from reporting on the protests at the public university — producing both a memorable pair of online videos capturing the confrontations, and perhaps the year’s best public example of the meaning of “irony” if not civic ignorance.

On the World Wide Web front, the ongoing War on Terror produced proposals to restrict or deny use of the Internet by groups like ISIS and raised again the old notion of banning “hate speech” from public discourse. The proposals came from both conservatives and liberals, who supported such censorious activity for reasons as varied as national security, public safety or simply as the means to purge unpopular or negative views from the “marketplace” of ideas.

Internet giants such as Facebook, You Tube and Twitter already have implemented strategies to take down posts by ISIS killers and recruiters using images of unspeakable violence to promote their views and recruit new followers. But there were calls for even more social media sanitizing.

Taking down videos of brutal murders beheadings and rants about killing Westerners are relatively easy calls. But Eric Schmidt, who leads Google, went a step further than most in voicing the idea of an algorithm that would relentlessly prowl the corridors of the Web searching and eliminating hateful speech — an Orwellian concept of censorship-by-technology that went even further than “1984” author George Orwell imagined.

In November, leading Democratic and Republican candidates for their party’s presidential nominations called

for various kinds of “Silicon Valley solutions” to terrorists on social media — while mocking those who would raise First Amendment objections to silencing speakers as an alternative to producing positive messages and dealing with social and political issues being exploited by ISIS and others.

The year ended with the specter of journalists’ deaths again in headlines.

On Dec. 21, GOP front-running candidate Donald Trump mockingly discussed killing reporters (“I hate some of these people”) at a Grand Rapids, Mich., rally, to the laughter of some attending.

Just a few days later came the annual, somber reports by the Committee to Protect Journalists and by Reporter Without Borders on the numbers of journalist worldwide jailed or killed in 2015. The CPJ report noted that “of 69 journalists killed for their work in 2015, 40 percent died at the hands of Islamic militant groups such as Al-Qaeda and Islamic State. More than two-thirds of the total killed were singled out for murder,” rather than dying in accidents or as the result of military conflict.

Freedom House reported in its 2015 annual report that “global press freedom declined ... to its lowest point in more than 10 years. The rate of decline also accelerated drastically,” with just 14% of the world’s population living in nations “where coverage of political news is robust, the safety of journalists is guaranteed, state intrusion in media affairs is minimal and the press is not subject to onerous legal or economic pressures.”

Even on New Year’s Eve, free expression was under assault. There were reports that the various Web sites and digital services operated worldwide by the BBC — the international news operation headquartered in London — faced cyberattacks that blocked or crippled operations throughout the day.

Some First Amendment experts are now open to modifying a long-standing barrier to government suppression of free speech that is not a “clear and present danger” in light of the new and pervasive ability via social media and the Web to provide a far-reaching platform for those promoting negative messages.

The new year starts with “atmospherics” as measured by public opinion polls that are not kind to protecting First Amendment freedoms, from reports that a sizable number of Millennials have no problem with government officials or the Pentagon reviewing or controlling a free press and free speech in the name of public safety, to a survey showing overall faith in democratic ideals is fading among younger voters.

Still, a large majority of Americans — in the Newseum Institute’s annual State of the First Amendment annual survey — do not see those core freedoms as “going too far in the rights they protect.” And as the late founder of the Institute’s First Amendment Center, John Seigenthaler, observed: “First Amendment freedoms are never secured but are always in the process of being made secure.”

Keep that last thought in mind, in 2016. Happy New Year.

Gene Policinski is chief operating officer of the Newseum Institute and senior vice president of the First Amendment Center.

Weather sure has been unpredictable here lately. I do love the milder temperatures that so many of us are enjoying. Everyone knows the bottom will probably fall out one of these days with some arctic coldness no less settling in on us. I know I'll be shivering then. Didn't get my snowfall for Christmas Eve but that's fine as all the family was doing well to celebrate Jesus's birthday.

No one took Clyde and Bobby serious when they told us they had seen smoke signals coming from the devil's hole earlier in the week and tried to warn us of what might be coming. This turned out to be the weirdest Christmas Eve up here on the mountain we've ever had. I heard carolers singing at our front door. Opened it to see no kids and grownups singing but of all things 'little green men' (ten of them and they seemed taller than I'd been told they were). They held out an olive branch to me. All was okay then. Glad it was an olive branch and not a peace pipe as I do not smoke. Invisible cow (that you could see) the 10ft tall bunny rabbit named Harvey (I believe it was) all standing there to my amazement.

I never knew any of them could sing or talk but then again I don't get our that much and am usually the last one to know of such things. They must have been practicing a lot, because they knew every word and were keeping beat most of the time. I don't usually play my harmonica or pick a few strings on my guitar, but I though why not as this kind of entertainment may never be on our front porch steps again. That cow had lights strung from west to east and north down south on it glittering in the moonlight (a full moon a glowing). That always helps out and makes something like this so special for everyone. Also, a wreath made of hay hung around its neck with a bell jingling with small red poinsettias here and there that really set it off. Someone stayed up a few minutes after their bedtime curfew to get that done I would suspect. Little twinkling red light adorned all the little green men. Looked super

News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



good against the green background. The rabbit had draped across his shoulders three or four stands of white lights flickering on and off. He was in high cotton. Low and behold Clyde, his bluegrass band with their instruments, and Bobby showed up with other mountain dwellers and neighbors far and near and relatives that never claimed up before to join in on all the fun we were having.

Even the fire department people came (that was because I didn't know if this could get out of hand with all the fireworks that Rob (a stranger in our midst from down in the holler decided to bring to liven things up). Firefighters were hungry so I assured them they would have all the food they could eat and then some. Cover all the bases I say to be safe. About then someone in the bunch said they were hungry so the grill was fired up in the back yard off our patio and hot dogs, hamburgers and even some chicken and corn was thrown on there to feed this crew. Everyone having a ball singing the beautiful songs of Christmas and enjoying a night like we haven't had before on the mountain. You know we found out all these critters and aliens were very friendly and also very talented. We saved the best for last with smores because it's not a true mountain cookout with them and then rubbing your belly afterwards. A large campfire followed as we all gathered with some brining out the folding chairs from Aubreys shop across the way where we have the annual Gunter Reunion at the some just chose to sit on the ground like the cow and that rabbit. Wee hours of the morning before the last of the crowd went on their merry way having enjoyed their best Christmas ever!

This was one more fine country Christmas to write and tell far off kin about. They might not believe this story, but we know it was for real, because we were there.

Got to chat with Faye Hale on Christmas night. Jimmy and her doing okay and had a good Christmas with their family.

Tony and Tracy Neal, AJ and Brenda Neal and the rest of the family all enjoying a beautiful Christmas.

Thank goodness we don't have to eat a large meal at New Year's. Any more meals like Thanksgiving and Christmas and I'll probably not make it through a third one. That black eyed peas and hog's jowl will be terrific as that is the tradition we "Gunters" have for New Years Day. It is customary to tell people not to do any housework on that day or they will be doing it everyday for the year. Got no problem with that as I'm an outside girl and I am not crazy about housework anyway. Hope everyone has a happy new Year.

Please keep these people in prayer: Charlie Mai Daniel, Edith Miller, and Denise Stanton.

January birthdays coming up to let you know about: Tony Neal 1st, Faye Ferrell 1st, Steve Stanley 3rd, Melvin Ferrell 9th, Austin James Hall 10th, Houston Parker 14th, Billy Nichols 20th, Debby Harvey 21st, Rodney Young 21st, our grandson William Aubrey Fryar 22nd, Fay Pitts 24th, Reese / 'Liz' Mendenhall 24th, Charlie Maie Daniel 25th, a dear friend Nancy Clement 26th, Henry Fisher Melton 27th and David Melton 31st..

If you have any news for the column, just give ma a call at 615-563-4429.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be move. Psalm 55:22.

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Jerry Forrest Gaither

Jerry Forrest Gaither, age 89, passed from this life on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 after a brief illness. Funeral services will be Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Woodfin Memorial Chapel with David Dunn officiating. Burial will be in Donnell Cemetery in Auburntown, Tennessee. Visitation will be held from Noon until 2:00 the day of the funeral.

He was born on a farm in Auburntown, Tennessee as the youngest of ten children. He graduated from public school in Auburntown, graduating from Auburn High School in 1945. Immediately upon graduation he joined the U.S Navy and served until the end of WWII. He graduated from MTSU with his undergraduate and later Masters Degree in Education.

He served as teacher, coach and principal of schools in Murfreesboro, Cannon, Wilson and Rutherford Counties. He was also City Superintendent of Watertown City Schools and Rutherford County Schools. He was a personnel analyst at General Electric. He worked for the Tennessee Department of Education as Supervisor/Technical Education, Guidance and Counseling Services, Pupil Personnel Services, and as Director of Career Education. He also worked in real estate, auctioneering and farming.

Mr. Gaither served on the Rutherford County Board of Commissioner for 12 years. He was Chairman of the Welfare, Health, Education and Personnel Committee and on the Steering and Legislative Committee He also served as President of the Cannon County Education Association, President of Rutherford County Education Association, founding President of Tennessee County Commissioners Association, and President of Tennessee County Services Association. He served as a member of the Tennessee Personnel and Guidance Association. On a National level he was chairman and secretary of the American Vocational Association Membership and a member of the National Association of Counties.

He was member of First Baptist Church, Blue Raider Club, Rutherford County Historical Society, Rutherford County Farm Bureau, and MTSU Archives and Museum Oversight Committee.

He is survived by his daughters, Maxine Gaither, Jana Wisniewski (Ron), Jill Levkoff (Ray); Granddaughters Kimberly Redmon, Christy Benson, Lindsay Levkoff Lynn and Jessica Levkoff; eight great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. Jerry was known best for his dedication to public service, his love of people, history and the stories of people. He was also passionate about his farm, land management and conservation.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in the memory of Jerry Gaither to Alive Hospice Inc., 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN, 37203-9658, or The Salvation Army, PO Box 791, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0791.

An online guestbook is available for Mr. Gaither at www.woodfinchapel.com.

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Hattie Louise Gilley Elrod

Hattie Louise Gilley Elrod, 88, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at her home in Milton. She was a native of Cannon Co.

She is survived by her children, Gary (Eloise) Rains of Milton and Jennifer Elrod Stevens of Readyville; Grandchildren, Christy (Chris) Monnin, Jim (Katinna) Rains, Rachel Mason, Jesse Anderson, Jennie Louise Williams and Jacob Williams; Nephews and Niece: Kenny & Bob Gilley and Sandy Hayes; 5 Great Grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim & Betty Parton Gilley; her husband, Dorris W. Elrod; Brothers, James Robert, John & Paul Gilley

Ms. Elrod was a member of the Milton Church of Christ and was retired from Alvin C. York VA Medical Center as a personnel assistant. Hattie was a such a loving sweet lady who got the most joy from her grandchildren. She had many talents and hobbies including antiques, reading, gardening, sewing and puzzles. She was also a member of the Readyville Home Demonstration Club.

Funeral services will be 2 pm Monday, January 2, 2017 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Teb Batey officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverside Gardens. Visitation with the family will be Sunday, January 1, 2017 from 2 pm until 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Woods Church of Christ or Short Mountain Bible Camp.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or www.woodburyfuneralhome.net to leave condolences for her family.

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Count of homeless neighbors to be conducted: Community assistance is needed.

More than 500,000 people - a quarter of them children - were homeless in the United States this year. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness has developed a national strategic plan to end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 2020. The plan is based on the belief that "no one should experience homelessness, no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home." Communities across the United States conduct the HUD-mandated Point in Time (PIT) count, which is designed to provide a snapshot of a region's sheltered and unsheltered

homeless populations. This vital information is used to assess need and to help leverage resources to prevent and end homelessness.

Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (HART) is preparing to conduct its 2017 point in time count of persons experiencing homelessness. HART, the local 18-county homeless Continuum of Care, will coordinate a street count of homeless individuals to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. During a 24-hour period, local volunteers and social service agency staff go into the community to gather information on

the homeless population. Your help is needed and appreciated in this community effort.

So, how can you help? Volunteer information and knowledge of homelessness in your community OR volunteer to help conduct this survey. Your help is crucial to the accuracy and success of the count. Please contact HART at (931) 484-3207 or email: burdett.hmis@gmail.com Additional information about homelessness and HART can be found at their website www.hartn.org.

Let's make everyone count!

NEW LIVESTOCK FEED RULE TO TAKE EFFECT

With the new year just days away, livestock producers will have new federal rules to follow when feeding their animals.

Beginning Jan. 1, a licensed veterinarian must approve and supervise use of certain medications in livestock feed.

"Antibiotics are vitally important for fighting illness and maintaining livestock health," state veterinarian Dr. Charles Hatcher said. "However, we must make sure that drugs don't develop resistance. These new rules will move us toward the elimination of antibiotic use for production

purposes, while still allowing producers to use prescribed antibiotics to treat and control disease."

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will require producers to have a veterinary feed directive (VFD) in order to feed certain antimicrobial drugs. Before a producer can obtain a VFD, their licensed vet of record must examine and diagnose the livestock in question. Producers must then provide the VFD to their feed manufacturer or supplier. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture routinely inspects feed manufacturers. Any mills that mix antimicrobials into livestock feed will be

required to show proof of the VFD during inspection. Extra-label use of a VFD drug in an animal feed for weight gain or feed efficiency is prohibited.

More information is available at www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/elopmentApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm. The state veterinarian is responsible for monitoring for and preventing the spread of animal disease, as well as promoting animal health in Tennessee. The office works with private veterinarians, animal pathologists and disease diagnostic laboratories to identify diseases and determine the cause of animal deaths.

Free Tax Prep at United Way Ribbon Cutting

The United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties will host a Ribbon Cutting, presented by the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, on January 31, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Historic Murfreesboro Courthouse to mark the beginning of the United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for 2017.

The United Way VITA program is a free service that aids qualifying local residents in claiming their tax refund dollars. Beginning January 28, 2017, immediately following National Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day, the VITA sites at Patterson Park Community Center and the Smyrna Public Library will



be open to individuals and families with a household income less than \$64,000 annually.

Through the VITA program, residents can

also file for free by visiting the Fifth Third Bank Financial Empowerment Mobile E-Bus. The 40-foot E-bus, equipped with 12 computers, will be stationed in front of the Historic Murfreesboro Courthouse on January 31, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m to assist residents in completing their taxes online.

In 2016, \$1.2 million was returned back into Rutherford and Cannon counties through the United Way VITA program.

For additional details about the VITA program, visit www.yourlocalvita.org or call United Way's information and referral specialist line, 2-1-1.

TDOT Grant provides funding for
Rutherford Boulevard Project

\$3.35M Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for adaptive signalization

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has awarded a \$3.35M Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant for an Adaptive Signal Control Technology System for seven miles of roadway. The project includes Rutherford Boulevard (Southwest Broad Street to New Lascassas Highway) and East Northfield Boulevard (New Lascassas Highway to Highland Avenue). The CMAQ Grant funds 100 percent of the ASCT project containing 14 signalized intersections.

“We are delighted to receive full grant funding for an Adaptive Traffic Signal Technology System as part of the Rutherford Boulevard Project,” said Transportation Director Jim Kerr. “Implementation of the ASCT technology will not only enable the City to achieve many of the traffic signal operational efficiencies realized with other City coordinated signal systems, but will enable the transportation department to actively and effectively identify and respond to changing traffic patterns and roadway conditions for the corridor.”

The City hopes to bid

for the project sometime in 2018. According to TDOT, the Adaptive Signal Control Technology Project will help reduce mobile source emissions and improve Tennessee’s air quality. Funding will enable the City to implement the following:

- 1) Upgrade each of the signalized intersections with new signal control cabinets and internal control equipment;
- 2) Install fiber optic communication cable and hardware along the entire corridor;
- 3) Install corridor and system vehicle detection infrastructure and communications;
- 4) Install CCTV cameras;
- 5) Install pedestrian signals at selected signalized intersections;
- 6) Develop and implement new traffic signal timing for each intersection and system as a whole.

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program provides funding for transportation projects that reduce mobile source air emissions (e.g., cars, trucks, construction equipment) in areas that do not meet federal air quality health standards for ozone, microscopic particles

or carbon monoxide. Federal CMAQ funds are apportioned to TDOT to be invested by the state and local metropolitan planning organizations in projects and programs that help achieve and maintain federal air quality health standards. Learn more at <https://www.tn.gov/tdot/article/cmaq-funding>.

The additional interconnection of the 14 existing intersections included in the project corridor will increase the City’s interconnected signal system from the current 88 signalized intersections to 102 or seventy-one percent 70 percent of the City’s total traffic signal inventory accessible.

The project will expand the City’s CCTV system by adding 9 cameras to the current 32 camera system for a total 41 cameras to provide strategic visual coverage of key locations for remote intersection and roadway monitoring and evaluation of traffic progression.

The City of Murfreesboro Transportation Department applied for the funding necessary to cover the cost of implementation. The TDOT grant funds 100 percent of the project.

Insanity

Insanity has been defined as, “Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” In our lives we keep acting out the same behaviors and we keep getting the same results. Alcohol and drugs bring on hangovers, withdrawals, poverty, out-of-control living, and self-loathing (Proverbs 23:25-31). Our selfishness ruins our relationships. Pride brings us low. Lust and greed keep us in “prison.” Where has all this gotten us? Insanity!

We sow an action and reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny. Then, those habits seem to become cables we cannot break. Insanity!

Old habits die hard! That is why we like the new year. We want a new start from all the insanity. Jesus Christ offers us a new start through His love. We need forgiveness from God, a clean slate. Repentance to God brings that. A godly sorrow that works change in our lives. A brokenness over hurting God and others by our sin (Luke 19:8-10; 2 Cor. 7:8-11).

But after turning to God, if we do not have resolve we will return to the insanity. At the beginning of this New Year come to God and give Him your insanity. We CAN break the chains of habit (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Acts 2:37-38).

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LARRY WOODY



Entertainers should
be entertaining

A brew-ha-ha was ignited awhile back when a cast member of the Broadway musical “Hamilton” lectured Vice President-elect Mike Pence, who was in the audience with his family, about how to do his job.

Here’s a suggestion to actor Brandon Victor Dixon: stick to acting.

If I want to hear a political discussion I’ll tune into C-Span. If I buy an expensive ticket to see a Broadway play, I want to see a Broadway play.

How would Dixon like it if Mike Pence suddenly jumped on-stage in the middle of his big scene and belted out “It’s a Grand Old Flag?”

I don’t understand why actors, singers and assorted Hollywood elite think they’re so much smarter than the rest of us. Do we really need advice from people who make their living pretending to be something they’re not?

That’s why I stopped watching the Academy Awards -- a bunch of flakes and fakes prancing and preening and presenting contrived awards to each other (Best Foreign Film Featuring Dancing Goats) -- while taking political pot shots.

Alex Baldwin is a good example. He should have quit while he was funny. (Note to Alex: “funny” and “goofy” are not the same thing.)

If some B-list actress thinks she knows how to run the country, let her run for President. Otherwise, she should button her Botox-enhanced lip.

Case in point: Cher will never be mistaken for Henry Kissinger. For one thing, Kissinger looks much younger.

You’d think entertainers would learn to avoid the pitfalls and pratfalls of politics, especially in these divisive times. Any time you make a political comment, you’re going to offend half your audience. (Half the readers right

now probably are steaming over that crack about Cher.)

A classic example of entertainers succumbing to foot-in-mouth disease is the Dixie Chicks. Their career spun out, hit the wall and burst into flames when one of the Chicks took a cheap on-stage shot at then-President George Bush.

Who’d have thought that a Dixie Chick would be such an authority on geo-political policy? In fact, I doubt that Chick Natalie Maines could spell “geo-political.”

Yet there she was, spouting off to her audience before launching into a tender ballad titled

“Goodbye Earle” about whacking her boyfriend for not taking out the garbage (or something like that.)

After that embarrassment I never bought another Dixie Chicks album. OK, to be honest, I’d never bought one before, either. I’d rather listen to a recording of a tomcat being neutered than the Chicks screeching. I find the former much more soothing.

But a lot of folks liked their music, attended their concerts and bought their records. All that took a nose-

dive when the Chicks went political. Former fans opted for the Neutered Tomcat album. The Chicks couldn’t get a gig at the opening of a car wash.

I expect the same thing will happen, to some extent, to “Hamilton.” Some peeved audience members advocate boycotting the play, which I intend to do. It’s not a great sacrifice -- I hadn’t planned to buy a ticket to see some guys prancing around in powdered wigs and lipstick. I’ll stay home and watch old John Wayne westerns.

But as the show goes on, Dixon might heed what happened to the Dixie Chicks when they spouted politics from the stage: their ex-fans sent them a message: shut up and sing.

Wedding dresses through
the decades set for Oaklands

Stories of our community will come to life through wedding gowns on display at Oaklands Mansion, where every dress tells a love story.

Step back into time and experience the common threads that weave together the lives of women as we explore women’s history, fashion history, cultural history and the history of our community.

Over fifty gowns will be placed on loan and exhibited, most for the first time. The “Wedding Dresses Through the Decades” exhibit in Maney Hall at

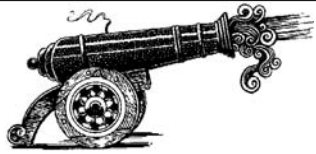
Oaklands Mansion will take place from January 21 through March 5, 2017.

Featured this year is the 1967 gown of Barbara Mandrell, which was handmade by her mother, and the white naval uniform worn by her husband, Ken Dudley. In addition, Barbara’s 25th Anniversary renewal silver lace gown worn in 1992 will be on display. It was made by Emmy Awarding Winning American fashion designer, Bob Mackie. He was the costume designer for Carol Burnett on The

Carol Burnett Show and its spinoff, Mama’s Family.

The exhibit will be open daily, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is \$10. per person and is open to the public. This exhibit is sponsored in part by the Human Sciences Department of Middle Tennessee State University.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Nevills at Oaklands (615) 893-0022 or email mb@oaklandsmuseum.org



THE CANNON BLAST

You can submit items for The Blast by email at news@cannoncourier.com

Solid Waste Department announces new hours

Due to budget cuts imposed by the Cannon County Commission, the Solid Waste Department must reduce some services extended to the public. Starting Monday November 21st, the Cannon County Convenience Center will have new hours of operation.

Sunday-Closed
Monday-7A-5P
Tuesday-7A-5P
Wednesday-Closed
Thursday-7A-7P
Friday-7A-7P
Saturday 7A-5P

Only household waste will be accepted at the Convenience Center. There will no longer be any building materials accepted or cardboard pickup provided. Please make note of any changes.

UCHRA Announces Commodities Recertification

The Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency would like to remind those who receive assistance through the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program, known as Commodities; it is time for recertification of their commodities card. With 2017 deliveries right around the corner, it is very important for recipients to recertify their commodity card with their local county offices prior to the first pick-up date.

Recertification date starts January 3rd. First Distribution is February 9th.

If you think you or someone you know qualifies for this program, please contact the UCHRA office in your county for more information.

The UCHRA County telephone: Cannon County 615-563-2916

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Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery from hurts, habits and hang-ups meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Flags for Sale

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

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

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We will be glad to take your order, deliver your order, and all with a smile and a big thank you, for Supporting the American Legion Post 279, AND OUR YOUTH, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR VETERANS, OF CANNON COUNTY.

Music Night on Thursdays

The Pocahontas Community Center, located near Ivy Bluff, will be having a music night every Thursday at 5 p.m. We welcome all musicians who would like to come and play with our group, beginners or pros. If you like to sing our band will play your song and let you sing along! Spectators and dancers are welcome. For more info call Ray, 615-765-7835

ARE YOU RAISING A RELATIVE CHILD OR NEED HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

For more information on assistance and support, please contact Melissa Allison at the Upper Cumberland Developments District toll free at 1-877-275-8233.

A support group meeting will be held for relatives that are caring for relative children. This meeting will be held at the Adams Memorial Library, Woodbury, TN/ Monday, October 17, 2016, 1:00-2:00 pm.

For housing assistance while caring for minor child, contact Myra Walker at 931-432-4111.

Clearfork United Methodist Church 1721 Big Hill Road, Gassaway

Clearfork Methodist will begin its monthly dinners on Saturday, January 7. Suppers will be once a month on the first Saturday with hours 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu features catfish or chicken tenders with choice of pinto, white or green beans, hush puppies, cabbage slaw or veggie salad, french fries, homemade desserts and drink. Carry out dinners are available by calling 615-563-1415.

Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, January 6

Rode West will perform. Doors open at 6 p.m. with \$5 admission.

Cannon County Senior Center presents Annual Trivia Night with a Taste January 13

Dinner will begin at 6 p.m.,
and the game starts at 7 p.m.

\$10 Admission

Six People per Team

Supper includes soup, dessert and a drink.

This event is open to the entire community, so join us for friends, family, food, and fun!

Contact Senior Center Staff for questions and reservations.
615-563-5304

Stones River Chapter of Gold Star Wives, Inc. Saturday, January 14

The Stones River Chapter of Gold Star Wives, Inc. will meet Saturday, Jan. 14th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Alvin C York VA Hospital, 3400 Lebanon Pike, Murfreesboro. Mr. Masden, who is the Administrator at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro, will be our guest speaker. Gold Star Wives is a national non-profit service organization. Anyone living in Nashville and the surrounding areas whose spouse died while serving on active duty, or of a service-connected cause, is welcome to join us. For more information, contact Bonnie White at (423) 421-2849.

United Way Seeking Collection Sites for Annual Community Baby Shower Drive

The United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties and the Rutherford County Health Department are set to collect essential baby items for expectant and new mothers beginning January 10, 2017, through February 3, 2017. The items will be sorted and baby bags will be assembled on February 10, 2017, at the Community Baby Shower Sort-a-Thon, presented by Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital.

This year, the United Way has a goal of 500 baby bags to be distributed to families in Rutherford and Cannon counties. Focusing on one of the United Way's priority community issues, healthy beginnings, the bags contain essential baby supplies for a healthy start in life.

Items needed to complete the baby bags include: diapers, onesies, baby wipes, bottles, and blankets (new items only for newborn - 6 months old).

To sign up to participate as a collection site in the 2017 Community Baby Shower, contact McKenna Moore at McKenna.Moore@yourlocaluw.org or by calling the United Way at (615) 893-7303 ext. 103.

Buy Six Shows & Save BIG! At the Arts Center of Cannon County

Our 2017 season features a wide variety of shows from Broadway Blockbusters to local favorites! This year we are offering two ticket levels with unique benefits.

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Our 2017 Season...

Sister Act the Musical- a "glorious" musical comedy based on the 1990's Whoopi Goldberg film

Southern Hospitality- Jones Hope Wooten's small town southern comedy with big heart

Peter & The Starcatcher- see the story of Peter Pan like you never have before!

TBA- we can't announce this blockbuster musical... yet!

Million Dollar Quartet- what happens when Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis & Carl Perkins have a jam session?

The Man Who Came to Dinner- an unwanted guest means an evening of laughter with this classic Holiday comedy!

Ultimate Oldies Show January 14 & 15

Back by popular demand! The Ultimate Oldies show, from Manchester, features over a dozen of your favorite local performers, singing hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and even 80s!

Last years shows sold out! Don't miss your chance to see the Ultimate Oldies live on stage at the Arts Center of Cannon County.

Performances run January 14 at 7:30 p m and January 15th at 2 p.m.

Sister Act the Musical January 27 - February 11 Arts Center of Cannon County

Based on the hit Whoopi Goldberg film, Sister Act is a hit new Broadway musical!

Featuring original music by Tony and 8-time Oscar winner Alan Menken (Newsies, Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors),Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look—a convent! Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship,Sister Act is reason to REJOICE!

Performances run January 27, 28, February 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 PM

January 29 and February 5 at 2:00pm

Count of homeless neighbors to be conducted: Community assistance is needed.

More than 500,000 people - a quarter of them children - were homeless in the United States this year. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness has developed a national strategic plan to end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 2020. The plan is based on the belief that "no one should experience homelessness, no one should be without a safe, stable place to call home."

Communities across the United States conduct the HUD-mandated Point in Time (PIT) count, which is designed to provide a snapshot of a region's sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations. This vital information is used to assess need and to help leverage resources to prevent and end homelessness.

Homeless Advocacy for Rural Tennessee (HART) is preparing to conduct its 2017 point in time count of persons experiencing homelessness. HART, the local 18-county homeless Continuum of Care, will coordinate a street count of homeless individuals to be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. During a 24-hour period, local volunteers and social service agency staff go into the community to gather information on the homeless population. Your help is needed and appreciated in this community effort. So, how can you help? Volunteer information and knowledge of homelessness in your community OR volunteer to help conduct this survey. Your help is crucial to the accuracy and success of the count. Please contact HART at (931) 484-3207 or email: burdett.hmis@gmail.com Additional information about homelessness and HART can be found at their website www.hartn.org.

What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

Dec. 19, 2016 – Jan. 2, 2017 – Winter Break

**The Cannon County Board of Education will be closed
December 19-January 3.**

**Jan. 9 – Cannon County board meeting workshop, 6:30 p.m.,
CCBOE (This is a change from the regular Tuesday night
workshop.)**

Jan. 10 – New Teachers' Orientation, 3-5 p.m., CCBOE

**Jan. 12 – The regular meeting date for the Cannon County
Board of Education is re-scheduled to January 19th at WGS
cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.**

Jan. 16 – No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 23 – Progress Reports go home.

**Jan. 27 – CPAC (Parent Advisory Council) meeting, 11:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m., CCBOE**

Jan. 23-26-28 – B-Team Tournament, Auburn Gymnasium

Majority in U.S. Say Chiropractic Works for Neck and Back Pain

The Gallup Poll released the results of a survey on August 26, 2016, showing that 35.5 million U.S. adults saw a chiropractor in the past year. The study also noted that one in four adults sought care for neck and back pain in the prior 12 months.

The Gallup survey, in conjunction with Palmer College of Chiropractic, found that 65% of adults said that they suffered back and neck pain serious enough to cause them to seek a health care provider at some point in their lives. When asked by the survey, “When was the last time that you had neck or back pain significant enough that you saw a healthcare professional for care?,” approximately 11% responded it was in the last four weeks.

In a release from Palmer College, Cynthia English, Gallup research consultant in charge of the study noted, “Many Americans reported dealing with significant neck or back pain.” Ms. English noted that a high percentage of those sought chiropractic care. “Among U.S. adults who sought professional care for neck or back pain, seven in 10 (71 percent) tell us they have been to a doctor of chiropractic.” This survey was the second annual Gallup survey on chiropractic in partnership with Palmer College. The first showed that two-thirds of Americans said that chiropractic



was effective for neck and back pain. It also showed that many adults said that chiropractors think of patient’s best interest, and that more than 33 million U.S. adults saw a chiropractor in the previous year.

In the current poll, Americans rated physical therapy and chiropractic as the most effective method of care for neck and back problems. These were in contrast to drugs or surgery which ranked much lower. Similarly, physical therapy and chiropractic were also ranked as safer by the public than drugs or surgery.

In the Palmer College release, it was noted that chiropractic care is very well received as demonstrated by the poll results. “Nearly 62 million U.S. adults (25 percent) went to a chiropractor in the last five years, with more than half (35.5 million) saying they went in the last 12 months. Adults who’ve seen a chiropractor in the last 12 months are generally very positive about their experience. About three in four of these adults (77 percent) describe the treatment they received as ‘very effective.’ Eighty-eight percent of recent chiropractic patients agree the quality of care they received was a good value for the money.”

Christine Goertz, D.C., Ph.D., vice chancellor for research and health policy at Palmer College of Chiropractic, commented on the study, “Low-back pain and neck pain place a tremendous burden on our society.” Dr. Goetz concluded, “The opioid-overuse epidemic in the United States demonstrates that Americans need safe, effective, conservative health-care alternatives to prescription pain killers.”

*For more information please contact:
Cannon County Chiropractic
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615-563-3320*

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deputies. Severe cuts were also made in the County’s Solid Waste program resulting in the elimination of one job and a significant cut in operations at Solid Waste Department. Only household waste will be accepted at the Convenience Center. There will no longer be any building materials accepted or cardboard pickup provided.

Woodbury Stunned

The Town of Woodbury also got caught by surprise by state officials. Town officials were stunned to discover the Woodbury Water Department was out of compliance with the Tennessee Safe Drinking Water Act. “The Woodbury Water Department has had multiple violations for failure to perform bacteriological monitoring, failure to record and report turbidity monitoring, failure to maintain chlorine residual leaving the plant, failure to distribute Consumer Confidence Reports and a non acute total coliform maximum contaminant level violation,” said Jessica Murphy, manager of the Tennessee Compliance and Enforcement Unit, in a certified letter to Mayor Harold Patrick. The town had to pay some \$6,000 in fines. The surprise was expensive and came as hard news for a Water System that was judged as one of the best in the nation a few years ago. “The bottom line was we didn’t know anything about it,” Patrick said. “What I want people to know above all now is that we are now producing quality water.”

Crane Interiors to stay in Cannon

News that Crane Interiors will stay in Cannon County pleased local officials. “It’s our building now,” smiled Chris Anderson, general manager of Crane Interiors. The plant came close to moving its entire operation to Warren County after negotiations stalled with the Cannon Industrial Development Board. “We were far, far away on reaching an agreement until (County Executive) Mike Gannon got involved,” Anderson said. In fact the IDB had listed the property for sale on LoopNet.com, a website that lists commercial property. Concerned about losing Cannon County’s second largest employer, Gannon got involved and began to help negotiations. “Commissioner Glenn Steakley, who had retired from Crane, got involved as well,” Anderson said.

The purchase by Crane will now put the factory on Woodbury and Cannon County’s tax rolls. “On January 17, we’ll start paying taxes on the property,” Anderson explained. It would have been tragic if the plant had to move. “We have a history of longevity in Woodbury,” he said.

Election results in changes

Political newcomer Andy Duggin defeated Vice Mayor Charlie Harrell in a close mayoral race. Duggin received 361 votes (49.93 percent) to Harrell’s 352 votes (48.69 percent). Duggin, an associate of late banker and businessman Bill Smith, vowed to help Woodbury grow and be a productive community while preserving its “small town USA” atmosphere with a secure future. In the alderman race, most of the incumbents were returned to office. Dotty Duggin lead the vote getters, followed by Faye Northcutt Knox, Lois Larimer, Adam Melton and Lu Ann Curlee. Current Woodbury Mayor Harold Patrick won a seat on the board with 422 votes. In the Auburntown City Council race all the candidates were unopposed. Mayor Roger Turney received 86 votes. Council members Janice Fletcher (73 votes), Rita Kay Davis (68) and Denise Crowell (60) were returned to office. Republican Mark Pody won re-election in the Tennessee House 46th District contest easily outdistancing Democrat Amelia Hipps. Angela Schwartz won the Cannon County Assessor of Property post Thursday, August 4, gaining 61.8 percent of the vote. Schwartz, a deputy to former Assessor Donald Preston, defeated her closest rival, Michael Underhill, who received 22.7 percent of the vote. John Basinger placed third in the four-candidate race with 10.2 percent of the vote. Mrs. Anna Pittman was fourth with 5.1 percent. Turnout for the August 4th election was light with only 1,220 ballots cast. Absentee and early votes amounted to 630 votes, bringing the total votes cast to 1,850. The closest local race was for School Board District 1 with incumbent Nathan Sanders retaining his seat with 56.8 percent of the vote. Three other School Board seats were uncontested with Bruce Daniel and Tim Powers winning in Districts 3 and 2 respectively. Board newcomer Javin Fann was also elected without opposition. In the Road Commissioner race, Terry Horn won in Zone 1, Doyle Duke in Zone 2 and James Hancock (Road Superintendent) was returned to office in Zone 3.

Joe’s Place closes

Joe’s Place is closed, but the legend lives. Founded by the late Joe and Joyce Parker, the iconic restaurant doors are closed, maybe forever this time. The legend of Joe Parker’s family-run diner began back around 1976 when it opened with five pool tables and a limited sandwich menu on Woodbury Square in the block near where Jennings Jewelry is presently located. Joe Parker moved the eatery to the present and last location on the west side of the Square around 1993.

Adams Library celebrates

The Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Adams Memorial Library launched a year-long celebration to recognize its 50 years of providing special services in reading, learning, and growing for Cannon County residents. How did this facility come into existence? A great visionary and servant for Cannon County, Dr. J.F. Adams, was laid to rest in the spring of 1964. Top executives for the Colonial Corporation, Sol Berger and Leonard Friedman approached Austin Jennings about providing a proper memorial to honor a man who was an ardent supporter of the county, and had made the quality of life better for the residents by his living and serving here.

Arts Grant brings sculpture

The Arts Center in Cannon County, Inc., along with 12 other recipients that include nonprofit organizations, cities and local governments, was awarded a FY 2017 Creative Placemaking grant distributed by the Tennessee Arts Commission. The Arts Center of Cannon County will use the \$5,000 award to commission and install an environmentally themed sculpture at the intersection of Doolittle Road and Water Street in Woodbury. This outdoor sculpture is designed to complement the town’s recent trend of arts development and encourage further investment. “The sculpture that will be installed at Woodbury’s busiest intersection will bring distinction to a block that has been under utilized,” said Senator Mae Beavers. “It will encourage additional development in the area.”

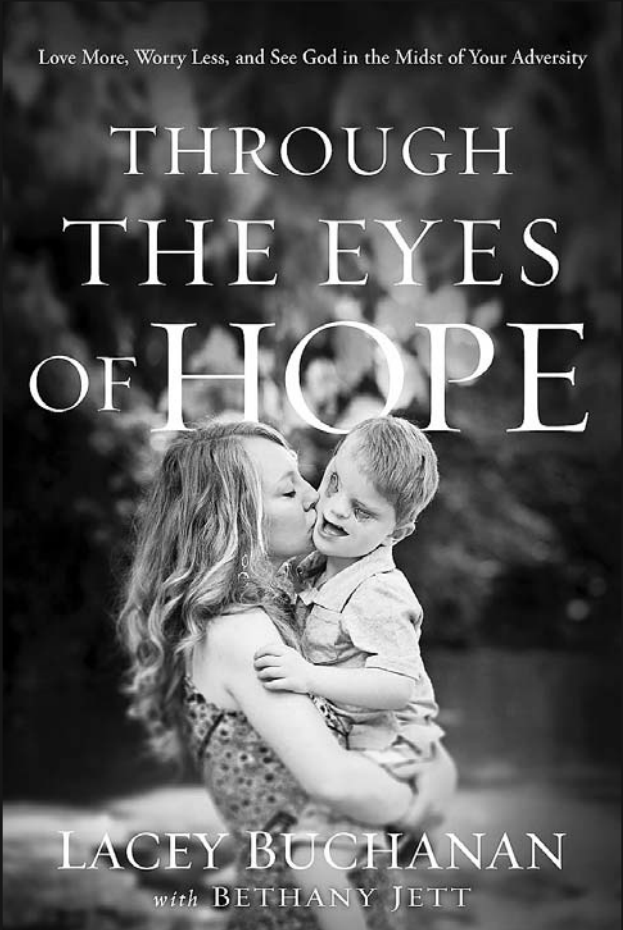
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as released so that he could join his parents at their Woodbury home, the pressure on Lacey intensified. She had a day job, was attending law school at night, caring for a severely-challenged son, and the headaches of dealing with medical expenses and wrestling with the insurance company were chipping away at Chris and Lacey’s marriage. At three months of age, Christian underwent major surgery. Lacey recollected, “Chris and I were struggling. I had reached my limits. I had no clue. I’d been angry doing it my way. I asked God, ‘Tell me what you want me to know. Give me some peace. I’m at the end of my limit.’” One day at work at Children’s Playhouse, a day-care center in Woodbury, she had a little talk with God. She writes of that conversation in her book, “It was as if God said, to me, ‘Christian is My love for you on display.’” Remembering that moment, Lacey said, “I was asking myself ‘why’? What had I done? I had a mindset that I was being punished. That He didn’t love me. I came to recognize that I wasn’t being punished, but that Christian was a gift, and that changed my whole attitude. I went

from being angry to being thankful. The truth was I didn’t want anybody else to be Christian’s mom.” Another message Lacey said she received from God was He did not want her to keep her son hidden. “There is an unspoken social pressure to fit in, and Christian doesn’t fit in. I had to come to the conclusion I was OK with that. That society wasn’t always going to accept him. “I used to go out to the grocery store, and we got a constant barrage of people asking, ‘Can I see your baby?’ ‘Oh, what’s wrong with him?’ It was hard emotionally to deal with, just another level of stress for me. “I took a blanket and covered him and would go into the store, and people would come up and ask to take the blanket off to see my baby. I think that was God’s way of saying, ‘You shouldn’t hide him. This is something the world needs to see.’” In the meantime, Lacey started a Facebook page to update friends and family on her infant’s daily struggles with his severe birth defects and the numerous medical procedures that were being done. It attracted a multitude of encouraging remarks from friends and strangers, but a few Internet trolls trounced on the young mother. The cruelest words came

from a woman who posted, “You are selfish for letting him live just so you could have a baby. You are a pathetic excuse for a mother. He will have a miserable life.” Lacey reacted to the ugly words by making a homemade video. She took notebook, scissors and crayons and produced a testimony that would wring tears from the stoniest of hearts. She posted it on the Internet on March 9, 2012, with a note that read: “This is my plea to anyone considering abortion. Rethink your decision, no matter the circumstances. I am so glad I chose life!” Her seven-minute production turned into a viral sensation that drew more than six million hits. She explains, “The video was intended to be educational. The plan was to hand out business cards when people asked questions. I could tell them, ‘Here’s how you can learn about Christian.’ Before I could get business cards made, it just blew up.” Lacey described the results as “jaw dropping.” As to the troll’s vitriolic language, she said, “It opened my eyes to the fact that there were people who thought that way, that if you had a disability you should be dead.” Abortion was never an option for Lacey and Chris. “The idea was so far from

us that I was surprised to hear that person suggest it. It was never mentioned. It was so far from us that it never existed,” she said. Over the past few years, Lacey has promoted pro-life ideals by filming a video at Liberty University, speaking at Portico (a pregnancy support center) in Murfreesboro and appearing at West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco and other similar events across the U.S. The message she offers is that every human life is precious. Among other characteristics, it was Lacey’s compassion that attracted Chris. “Initially, it was that she was a very pretty girl,” confesses her husband, “but I came to find out more about her, and then I knew that I loved her. It was her personality and how good her heart was and how much she loved people. “She has a big heart that is easily seen by how she carries herself and how she is with her family and friends. She is the type of person who would give the shirt off her back if somebody else was doing without. She’s not a worldly person. She’s very modest and not into the newest and hippest things. She is very humble. She works hard and is very driven. She’s a good wife and a good mom and loves her family and loves her kids.”



In the backyard of their home in Woodbury, Chris and Lacey Buchanan pose with sons Christian, 5½, and Chandler, 3. The family worships with the Harvest View Church in the Kittrell community in Rutherford County.

Brothers Christian, left, and Chandler Buchanan are best buds and love to wrestle with one another. They share a bedroom, two dogs, a cat, an aquarium with four fish and two loving parents.



TENNESSEE ANNOUNCES WHAT’S NEW FOR 2017

Tourism in Tennessee continues to expand with new attractions, impressive state-of-the-art developments, and milestone anniversary celebrations of iconic attractions and events that helped shape “The Soundtrack of America. Made in Tennessee.”

In 2017, Tennessee celebrates the 40th anniversary of Elvis Week, the 50th of The Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum, the 90th anniversary of the Bristol Sessions (also known as the “Big Bang of Country Music”), and the 125th anniversary of Ryman Auditorium. And for foodies, Chattanooga’s MoonPie turns 100. Embrace the history while making memories at new attractions. Here’s what’s new in 2017 for Tennessee:

STATEWIDE

Tennessee State Parks celebrates 80 years of preserving Tennessee’s most precious natural areas including waterfalls, forests, rivers and streams.

Tennessee is a premier destination to view the Aug. 17, 2017 solar eclipse as the state is in the eclipse’s direct path. Top locations to view the eclipse are areas like Clarksville, Cleveland, Clingman’s Dome, Crossville, Dayton, Gallatin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Sparta, and Sweetwater to name a few.

BRISTOL

The 90th Anniversary of the Bristol Sessions, regarded as the “Big Bang of Country Music” and, according to Johnny Cash, “the single most important event in the history of country music,” takes place in 2017.

CHATTANOOGA

April 29, 2017 marks 100 years since the invention of the MoonPie, first created by the Chattanooga Bakery as a snack “as big as the moon” for coalminers.

Songbirds Guitar Museum opens early 2017 with a never-before-seen collection of nearly 300 rare vintage guitars on the campus of the world-famous Chattanooga Choo Choo.

Tennessee Aquarium, celebrating 25 years in 2017, has recently built a state-of-the-art, 14,000-square-foot conservation riverfront facility on the Baylor School campus that serves as the only freshwater science center in the Southeast.

Chattanooga is the first city to host four IRONMAN events: the 2017 IRONMAN® 70.3® World Championships of professional and age-group women Sept. 9, 2017 and the professional and age-group men Sept. 10, 2017. Hosting this event makes Chattanooga: 1 of 5 cities in North America to host both a full-distance IRONMAN and a 70.3 IRONMAN; 1 of 10 cities in the world to host both a full-distance IRONMAN and a 70.3 IRONMAN; and the only city in the world to host a full-distance IRONMAN, a 70.3 IRONMAN and the 70.3 IRONMAN World Championships (two events, two days).

Rock City Gardens celebrates 85 years.

CLARKSVILLE

Old Glory Distillery, a locally-owned, small batch, artisan distillery will spill its first barrel Nov. 1, 2017. Jumper’s Stash White Rum (named for the brave men and women stationed at Fort Campbell), Tennessee Vodka, Smooth Shine TN Moonshine, and bourbon are available.

COOKEVILLE

Cookeville will join the Harley-Davidson Motor Company July 11-15, 2017 to host the first Southern Backroads H.O.G. Rally, a regional motorcycle rally drawing thousands of riders from across the globe.

Red Silo Brewing Company has opened the first micro-brewery in Cookeville-Putnam County. Specializing in small batch craft brews, the new downtown destination offers tastings, tours, and partners with DelMonaco Winery as a signature stop on their popular Wine & Stein tours.

CrossFit Mayhem, owned by four-time “Fittest Man on Earth” Rich Froning, has expanded to offer more space for visitors and retail. The new facility is a true fitness/sports destination. In addition to incredible CrossFit workout opportunities in the home gym of “Fittest Man in History,” it has a wellness center with a chiropractor, physical therapist, massage therapists, and a nutritionist. A business lounge, education space, and retail are also included.

Mountain Bike Trail is now open at Cane Creek Park. Built for all riders in mind, from novice to expert, it's a first for the area. Currently at 1.3 miles, it is built for laps and designed for expansion.

Rail WITH Trail is now open. Walk, run, jog, bike, and explore more than four miles of outdoor pathways adjacent to the Tennessee Central Railway (LIVE RAIL). Trailheads are located at the Cookeville Depot Museum and the Algood Community Center.

Jig Head Brewing and Hix Farm Brewery are planning to open early 2017.

GATLINBURG

Anakeesta Aerial Adventure Park is scheduled to open in 2017 and is Gatlinburg’s newest family-friendly vacation destination with a more than 70-acre mountainside adventure park that include aerial trekking, zip lines, canopy walks, and scenic overlooks.

KNOXVILLE

The Tennessean Hotel is Knoxville’s first personal luxury hotel with 82 rooms overlooking World’s Fair Park and Knoxville Convention Center set to open April 2017 in downtown Knoxville.

Knoxville Zoo is now Zoo Knoxville, emphasizing its commitment to animals first and foremost.

The Mill & Mine is Knoxville’s new, 20,000 square-foot music hall that can accommodate a crowd of more than 1,200 in the heart of the historic downtown district.

Chef Jesse Newmister has created Kaizen Izakaya, with a lunch selection of Dan Dan noodles and Thai glass noodle salad, in downtown Knoxville. Izakaya is a place where Japanese men would go after work for sake and drinks before going home for dinner.

Maple Hall is the new underground boutique bowling alley with a full bar of a few featured cocktails and six taps, and restaurant.

Devil’s Racetrack along with two other Urban Wilderness Gravity Trails have opened in Knoxville’s Urban Wilderness. Beginner to double black diamond trails were created with IMBA and Bell Built Helmets after winning a nationwide grant.

LOUDON COUNTY

The Lenoir City Events Center has opened. Featuring 19,000 sq. ft. of event space, the large ballroom can accommodate up to 700 guests and approx. 1,000 guests for reception-style events. State of the art audiovisual systems, eco-friendly features, a covered outdoor patio and garden area complete the space.

City of Loudon will celebrate its 200th Anniversary in 2017.

The Stimpson Seashell Museum, anticipated to be the world’s largest publicly viewable seashell collection, will showcase thousands of rare and hard-to-find shells from across the globe and is scheduled to open 2017 in Loudon.

MEMPHIS

“Elvis Presley’s Memphis” at Graceland®’s a 200,000-square-foot, \$45 million entertainment complex across the street from Elvis’™ iconic Graceland Mansion will open Spring 2017. It will be five times the size of the current visitor center, and will present the life, career and legacy of the greatest entertainer with interactive and immersive pop culture experiences that connect to Elvis’ personal interests and activities throughout his life, including his passion for automobiles and new technology.

The Guest House at Graceland has officially opened as guests can step inside the mind and style of Elvis himself to enjoy the 450-room hotel that includes two restaurants, meeting and special event spaces and a 464-seat theater for live performances and movies.

Elvis Week celebrates its 40th Anniversary and welcomes fans from around the world August 2017 with a full schedule of fun events including the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest, music and conferences. The highlight will be the Candlelight Vigil where guests can pay respects to the King at Meditation Garden.

A new exhibit and interactive kiosk about activities related to the natural, recreational and cultural/historic amenities located along the Mississippi River in Memphis and the region of the Great River Road – National Scenic Byway and Trail is be installed at the TDOT Visitors Center (I-40 & Riverside Dr.) 2017 in downtown Memphis.

Heart of the Park at Shelby Farms Park features a larger variety of native trees, shrubs, and other vegetation, making way for new trails, wetlands, an 80-acre Patriot Lake, decks, and boat rentals and a pavilion for events and music.

IKEA, the only store in the Mid-South region has opened.

Harahan Bridge / Big River Crossing has opened and is a 5,000-ft. trail path with spectacular views of the Mississippi River, connecting Downtown Memphis and Arkansas.

Memphis Cook Convention Center will get a fresh look on the outside and state-of-the-art upgrades on the inside courtesy of a \$55-60 million renovation, slated for

completion Fall 2017.

Old Dominick Distillery, a 150-year-old brand, will provide Memphis with vodka, whiskey and bourbon and will offer tours, tasting rooms and an event space by early 2017.

MURFREESBORO

Jazzmatazz, a new 7,200 sq. ft. live music venue that is a Cajun restaurant by day and an upscale hotspot by night has opened in Murfreesboro.

Puckett’s Grocery has opened a new restaurant on the historic Murfreesboro square.

Fountains at Gateway, a Class A office and retail development in Murfreesboro, has recently opened and is a mixed-use development that includes popular restaurants such as Tom + Chee and Brixx Wood Fired Pizza.

NASHVILLE

Several musical landmarks in Nashville are celebrating major anniversaries in 2017 including Ryman Auditorium’s 125th; Country Music Hall of Fame’s 50th; Bluebird Cafe’s 35th; Historic RCA Studio B’s 60th and Tin Pan South’s 25th.

Nudie’s Honky Tonk, an ode to rhinestone cowboy couture founded by Nudie Cohn has opened. New honky tonks like Almost Famous and Dierks Bentley’s Whiskey Row will open in 2017.

Nashville Zoo is slated to open the Spider Monkey Exhibit, which features an elevated boardwalk for guests to enter a treetop viewing platform where several spider monkeys can been seen and Expedition Peru: Trek of the Andean Bear where guests can discover South America’s mysterious bears of the clouded forest and an array of other South American species in early 2017. The Sumatran Tiger Exhibit is slated to open Summer 2017.

The iconic Madame Tussauds comes to Music City in 2017 at Opry Mills. “Madame Tussauds Soundtrack of America” celebrates Nashville’s large influence on today’s music and culture with lifelike figures like Johnny Cash, Taylor Swift, Beyoncé and Minnie Pearl.

Tennessee’s No. 1 historic attraction, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, commemorates President Jackson’s 250th birthday in 2017. The festivities will kick off on March 15, 2017, and will continue throughout the year with events at The Hermitage and across the nation.

PICKWICK LANDING

The five new cabins at Pickwick Landing State Park include a gas log fireplace, a full-size kitchen with refrigerator, stove, microwave and dishwasher, dishes, drinking glasses and silverware, a large flat screen TV in the living room and a flat screen TV in each of the bedrooms, equipped with queen to king-sized beds. The majority of the cabins’ furnishings were made in Tennessee.

PIGEON FORGE

Alcatraz East Crime Museum opened Fall 2016 and gives guests the behind-the-scenes story of U.S. crime history with items like John Dillinger’s death mask, Al Capone’s rosary, O.J. Simpson’s Bronco, an FBI polygraph machine, Al Pacino’s submachine gun from the movie Scarface, and the latest law enforcement technology on display.

SEVIERVILLE

Sunglass Hut, Aerie and ASICS outlets along with Smith Creek Moonshine Distillery are now open at Tanger Outlets Sevierville.

Apple Barn & Cider Mill, a working apple orchard that features bakers, candy makers, an ice cream shop and a winery, plans to begin offering their own blend of hard cider in 2017.

2017 will be the 30th anniversary of the unveiling of the Dolly Parton Statue in historic downtown Sevierville. A museum is being planned with exhibits on the artist and statue at the Sevierville Visitor Center.

SMYRNA

Uptown Suites is slated to open in 2017 in Smyrna.

TIPTONVILLE

A new Interpretive Visitors Center at Reelfoot Lake State Park, slated to open in 2017, will have an “eagle” architectural design and will tell the history of this unusual Delta region with interactive, interior exhibits.

UNION CITY

Discovery Park of America has announced a major expansion with a unique “Children’s Discovery Garden” opening late 2016 or early 2017. Discovery Park will also enhance the STEM Landing display Spring 2017 with the addition of the Titan 1 Missile, the largest structure at Discovery Park.

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Society

Barbara Bailey spent the Christmas holiday with Jack and Jane Vickers, her sister and brother-in-law and family in Huntsville AL.

Last weeks guest of the Land's, Billy and Carol were Aaron & Tipkney and family were Nick, Brandy, Ryleigh Land and Mark Ryan Smith from Marlin TX. Billy grew up in Marlin but has been here for many years. I had the pleasure of meeting some of their family for the first time and hope they come back some time in the near future.

Danny & Brenda Jaco from Anchester stopped by to see

IVY BLUFF NEWS

By Bonnie Stacy

their aunt Bonnie Stacey on day last week.

Get well wishes to all the sick in the community.

There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone up.

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

We can't all be shinning examples, but we can at least twinkle a little.

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

If it isn't right; don't do it. If it isn't true; don't say it.

2017-18 TENNESSEE WILDLIFE CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST UNDERWAY



The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is now accepting entries for its 2017-18 photo contest for publication in the Tennessee Wildlife's annual calendar issue. All interested photographers are invited to submit up to 10 of their best photos on fishing, hunting, boating, and wildlife species native to Tennessee.

The photos will be reviewed for publication in the annual calendar edition of Tennessee Wildlife, which is the summer issue. If a photo is selected for the calendar edition, the photographer will receive a cash stipend of \$60.

Interested photographers must submit their photo entries by the March 17, 2017 deadline. Photos must be horizontal (landscape), in JPEG format, and submitted on a CD. They must be sized to print no smaller than 8-1/2x11 and resolution should be as least 300 pixels/inch.

Photographers must be sure to provide their name, address, phone number, and e-mail address with their disk. Disks cannot be returned.

Entries can be mailed to: Tennessee Wildlife
Calendar Issue
P.O. Box 40747
Nashville, TN 37204

Tennessee Wildlife is the official magazine for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Subscription rates are \$10 for one year, \$17 for two years and \$25 for three years.

New Year, New You: Resources to Help You Keep Your Resolutions



Making and keeping resolutions is difficult without direction or the advice of experts. Luckily, there are plenty of great resources to help, no matter what you are trying to accomplish.

Here are four books that can help you stick to your goals throughout the year.

Clean Eating

From quinoa and chia seeds to spinach and pomegranate, "Super Clean Super Foods" is a colorfully illustrated, comprehensive guide that shows readers how to incorporate unfamiliar ingredients into everyday dishes. The book explores the incredible health properties of each super food and includes tips on how to maximize its health benefits, allowing readers to work toward specific goals. For instance, you can create a food plan to boost energy, have a healthier pregnancy, limit jetlag, reduce aging, and more.

Achieve More

Whether you are seeking improvement in your career, relationships, or in your overall performance, "Success: The Psychology of Achievement," can help equip you with the tools you need to drive yourself toward success using proven psychological strategies and expert advice. From positive thinking to work-life balance to learning how to

say "no," the lessons in this dynamic infographic guide, authored by an organizational psychologist, are tailored to your personal situation through questionnaires and self-analysis exercises.

Smart Meals

Bowls are a delicious way to lose weight and eat healthy, but they can also be laden with hidden calories. Inspired by the very latest bowl food trend, "100 Weight Loss Bowls," features color-coded recipes engineered to come in at under 400, 500, or 600 calories, allowing you to easily build a nutritious meal plan that meets your daily target for gradual and sustained weight loss.

Workout Buddy

The first full-color fitness book that teaches you how to actively engage a partner in your workout routine, "Partner Workouts" features bodyweight exercises, yoga positions, cardio and more. Three long-term, comprehensive exercise programs provide regimens so you and your partner can motivate each other to achieve your fitness goals over a period of time. From choosing your partner and setting your goals to tracking your progress and nutrition, this guide doesn't require a gym membership or expensive fitness equipment.

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CRIME & COURTS

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Christmas Decoration Stolen

Gregory Forst reported he was sitting in his living room on Hollow Springs Road when he heard a car door open and shut. Looking outside, he

noticed a LED Christmas decoration had been taken from the tree it was hanging in.

Burglaries Reported

Melissa Jones said four rings and some hand tools were stolen from her home on Jim Cummings Highway. The rings include a yellow gold three ruby ring, valued at \$2,500.

Allen Hayes reported that TVs, a 25 gallon gas air compressor and other assorted tools were taken from his home.

Missing Car Tag

Lucinda Stepp reported a missing/stolen car tag.

Arrest

Robert Russell Stem, violation of probation.

Driving on Suspended

Jeffery Mattingly Fink of Murfreesboro was stopped for not having tail lights on his Chevy Cavalier. He was charged for driving on a suspended license.

Arrested in Murfreesboro

Manda Rae Wagner of Bradyville Road in Readyville was placed under arrest after Murfreesboro Police observed her driving on John Bragg Highway without her seat belt on.

A warrants check showed Wagner had warrants for violation of probation, warrants for theft under \$500 and a warrant out of

Cannon County for VOP. Wagner was arrested and booked into the Rutherford County Jail.

Woodbury Police

No Report This Week

Major new anti-crime legislation among 29 new Tennessee laws set to take effect January 1

Major legislation, which addresses the most serious offenses driving Tennessee’s violent crime rate, is among 29 new Tennessee laws set to take effect on January 1. The Public Safety Act of 2016, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris (R-Collierville) and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Brian Kelsey (R-Germantown), establishes mandatory minimum sentences for those convicted of three or more charges of aggravated burglary, especially aggravated burglary or drug trafficking.

The legislation originated from Governor Bill Haslam’s Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism on which Kelsey served. “The primary duty of government is to protect its citizens,” said Senator Kelsey. “This new law will keep people safer in their homes by increasing the time served by those who repeatedly break into homes.”

“Providing for the peace, safety and happiness of Tennessee is paramount. Effective enforcement of the law is fundamental,” added Senator Norris. “This Public Safety Act serves both purposes and is a significant next-step in the right direction.”

The new law sets the

mandatory minimum period of incarceration to 85 percent for third and subsequent convictions for aggravated burglary, especially aggravated burglary, and Class A, B, and C felonies for the sale, manufacture, and distribution of controlled substances. It also changes the felony thresholds for property theft for a Class A misdemeanor from the \$500 to \$1,000, Class E felony from \$500-\$1,000 to a range of \$1,000-\$2,500 and a Class D felony from \$1,000-10,000 to a range of \$2,500-\$10,000. On domestic violence, the new law allows a law enforcement officer to seek an order of protection on behalf of a domestic abuse victim. If a law enforcement officer makes an arrest for a crime involving domestic abuse, then an automatic order of protection will be issued under the new law when there is probable cause to believe that the alleged assailant used or attempted to use deadly force against a domestic violence victim. A hearing should be held within 15 days of the automatic order of protection being issued.

“Unfortunately, Tennessee is ranked among the worst states for its high incidence of domestic violence,” added Sen. Kelsey. “This legislation makes significant changes to help protect Tennesseans from

domestic violence.” The new statute provides that a third and subsequent domestic violence conviction becomes a Class E felony. Third and subsequent domestic violence convictions were previously a misdemeanor. This change maintains the current minimum 90-day sentence for a domestic violence conviction.

In addition, the measure retools community supervision to reduce the number of people returning to prison for probation and parole violations when their noncompliance does not rise to the level of a new criminal offense. The move is expected to save the state \$80 million. Of the 12,588 people entering state prison last year, 5,061, or 40 percent, were probationers or parolees sent to prison because they violated supervision conditions. This legislation authorizes the department to utilize a robust, structured matrix of both sanctions and incentives to facilitate compliance with the conditions of supervision by the more than 71,000 state probationers and parolees.

The new law is funded by an \$18 million appropriation in the 2016-2017 state budget.

Bring in the Birds for Winter Beauty and Entertainment

By Melinda Myers



Brighten your winter days by inviting birds into your landscape. Their beauty and motion help enliven the garden and lighten your spirit. Not only do they provide entertainment, but also an opportunity for all ages to stay involved with nature year-round.

Increase the number of visitors to your yard by including all the essentials these winged visitors need; food, shelter and water.

Plants are the easiest way to bring birds into your landscape. These natural feeders provide seasonal food and shelter for the birds. Take a walk through your yard and look for trees, shrubs and perennials that provide food and evergreens that provide year-round shelter. Plan on adding a few of their favorites that provide food and shelter and seasonal beauty you can enjoy.

In the meantime, add a few feeders. This is a great way to increase the number and diversity of birds visiting your garden.

Place feeders in a quiet, sheltered location where you can easily watch these visitors come and go. Avoid placing feeders too close to plants that provide easy places for squirrels to jump onto the feeders and cats to hide while hunting for a meal.

Select feeders to attract the type of birds you want to bring into the garden.

Tube feeders with metal ports keep the seeds

fairly clean and dry and are somewhat squirrel resistant. Feeders with short perches attract small birds like chickadees, titmice, and finches. Those with the perches above the feeding port are suitable for birds like goldfinches, chickadees and pine siskins that can feed upside down. Thistle feeders and socks have extra small openings designed to hold the small seeds of thistle. You'll find small songbirds like finches feeding at these.

Suet feeders hold blocks of high energy food made of animal fat filled with seeds and berries. They attract woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, titmice, jays and starlings.

Platform feeders attract the greatest variety of birds, but give squirrels easy access to the seed. Plus, the open environment subjects the seeds to spoilage from damp weather and droppings from feeding birds. Enclosed hopper or house feeders are attractive to most birds, but once again the seed can be exposed to the weather and spoil.

Be sure to thoroughly clean the feeders monthly to avoid the spread of disease. Cover droppings and spoiled seed on the ground with a fresh layer of mulch.

Add additional feeding stations by dressing up your evergreens with bird-friendly ornaments. You can purchase seed coated ornaments or make your own. Roll an evergreen cone in peanut

butter or suet and coat with birdseed. Coat a stale bagel with peanut butter and seed. Hang these on the tree with colorful yarn. Add a few orange slices and strings of cranberries for added food and color.

And once the holidays are over move a discarded holiday tree into your bird feeding station. It provides shelter from cold winter winds and makes another place to hang a few edible ornaments.

Keep the birds coming by adding a birdbath for a constant supply of water for drinking and bathing. Shallow birdbaths with sloping sides and a maximum depth of two inches in the center provide easy access for all birds. Keep the water flowing despite cold temperatures with the help of an immersion heater designed for birdbaths or purchase a birdbath with a built-in thermostatically controlled heater.

And once you create a bird-friendly environment you'll be enjoying them year-round. Listen for their songs, watch them raise their young and thank them for helping keep garden pests under control. Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone.” Myers’ web site is www.melindamyers.com.

Domestic Violence Program & Sexual Assault Services mourns the loss of program founder, Deborah Johnson

Friday, December 23rd, Deborah Johnson, Domestic Violence Program founder and recently retired Executive Director, passed away peacefully in the care of Hospice.

Ms. Johnson, recently diagnosed with leukemia fought a hard battle with very high spirits even on the toughest of days; typical of her always uplifting demeanor.

Ms. Johnson served as the founding director of the Domestic Violence Program, Inc. She started the program in 1986 and retired as Executive Director on October 31, 2016 after 30 years of service. She was a critical moving force in the county's efforts to assist victims of violence, as evident through the growth of the Domestic Violence Program and Sexual Assault Services, which now serves over 5000 clients a year through crisis hotline calls, court advocacy, counseling and offering safe sheltering at one of the larger domestic violence shelters in the state.

Her death is a tragic loss to the program's staff, many of whom who worked closely alongside her for over 10 years. Ms. Johnson is fondly remembered by staff as someone who has



given selflessly for the program, the community and others.

Ms. Johnson was passionate about a number of causes, including animals, homelessness, the elderly and equality and human rights. She served on the Homeless Task Force, was an active member of AAUW, and long-time volunteer supporter of Uncle Dave Macon Days. She devoted her life to helping others and did so with grace, compassion, and sensitivity.

Memorial Service. A memorial service celebrating Deborah Johnson's life will be held

on Thursday, January 5th at Woodfin Memorial Chapel at 7:00pm. Visitation will begin at 3:00pm. Ms. Johnson asked prior to her passing that in lieu of flowers, for all to please make a donation to the Domestic Violence Program & Sexual Assault Services; a program which she loved so deeply. Gifts in Ms. Johnson's memory can be directed to the Domestic Violence Program, Inc. Endowment Fund at The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, 3833 Cleghorn Ave. Suite 400, Nashville, TN 37215 or to DVP at PO Box 2652, Murfreesboro, TN 37133.

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Estate of Eleanor Blanche
Watkins

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that on the 16th day of
December, 2016, letters
of testamentary or letters
of administration with
respect to the estate of
Eleanor Blanche Watkins,
deceased were issued to
the undersigned by the
Chancery Court of Cannon
County, Tennessee. All
persons, resident and
non-residents, having
claims, matured and
unmatured against the
estate are required to file
same with the Clerk of
the Chancery Court on or
before the earlier of the
dates prescribed in (1) or
(2), otherwise claims will
be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months
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as the case may be) of

this Notice if the creditor
received an actual copy of
the Notice to Creditors at
least sixty (60) before the
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from the date of the first
publication (or posted); or
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date that is four (4) months
from the date of the first
publication (or posting) as
described in (1)(A): or
(2) Twelve (12) months
from the decedent’s date of
death.

This 16th day of December,
2016.

Henry Sitzman, Executor
of the Estate of Eleanor
Blanche Watkins, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS
CLERK & MASTER

MATTHEW COWAN
ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CHANCERY COURT OF
CANNON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE

Estate of Paul Lester Seal

Notice is hereby given
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December, 2016, letters of
testamentary or letters of
administration with respect
to the estate of Paul Lester
Seal, deceased were issued
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County, Tennessee. All
persons, resident and
non-residents, having
claims, matured and
unmatured against the
estate are required to file
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the Chancery Court on or
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dates prescribed in (1) or
(2), otherwise claims will
be forever barred:

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as the case may be) of
this Notice if the creditor
received an actual copy of

the Notice to Creditors at
least sixty (60) before the
date that is four (4) months
from the date of the first
publication (or posted); or
(B) Sixty (60) days from
the date of the creditor
receiving an actual copy
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if the creditor received the
copy of the Notice less than
sixty (60) days prior to the
date that is four (4) months
from the date of the first
publication (or posting) as
described in (1)(A): or
(2) Twelve (12) months
from the decedent’s date of
death.

This 20th day of December,
2016.

Avery Trenton Seal ,
Executor of the Estate of
Paul Lester Seal, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS
CLERK & MASTER

MATTHEW COWAN
ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CHANCERY COURT OF
CANNON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE

Estate of Wallace Winnett
Parton

Notice is hereby given
that on the 13th day of
December, 2016, letters
of testamentary or letters
of administration with
respect to the estate of
Wallace Winnett Parton,
deceased were issued to
the undersigned by the
Chancery Court of Cannon
County, Tennessee. All
persons, resident and
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claims, matured and
unmatured against the
estate are required to file
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sixty (60) days prior to the
date that is four (4) months
from the date of the first
publication (or posting) as
described in (1)(A): or
(2) Twelve (12) months
from the decedent’s date of
death.

This 13th day of December,
2016.

Shannon Garrett ,
Administratrix of the
Estate of Wallace Winnett
Parton, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS
CLERK & MASTER

MATTHEW COWAN
ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF CIRCUIT COURT CLERK VACANCY

A vacancy in the office of the Cannon County
Circuit Court Clerk has occurred following the
retirement/resignation of Lynne Foster
effective January 1, 2017.

The Cannon County Legislative Body has
been notified of the vacancy and will fill the office in
compliance with the provisions of TCA Section 5-5-111.

The public shall take notice of a meeting of the
Cannon County Legislative Body called for January 14,
2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cannon County Courthouse,
200 W. Main St, Woodbury, Tennessee for the purpose
of filling the vacancy in the office of the
Cannon County Circuit Court Clerk.

Mike Gannon
County Executive

The Cannon County Board of Commissioners will meet in
regular session, Saturday January 14 2017 at 10:00 AM
in the courtroom of the Cannon County Courthouse.

AGENDA for January 14 2017

- Call to Order
- Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- Reports of County Officials
- Approve Notaries
- Fill vacancy in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk
- Discuss Reach
- Budge Amendments
- Quarterly Reports by Departments
- Other Business
- Adjourn

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Many in Israel wondered if John might be the Messiah. Yet the last prophet declares with assurance that he is not even worthy to untie the laces of the Messiah's sandals (Matthew 3:11). John, the official herald of the coming king was waiting for the Christ to be revealed. The baptism of Jesus fulfills that need as the Messiah is identified to John by a special Theophany of the Holy Spirit. It is this identification which enables the Baptist to complete his task as herald (John 1:29-34). But the herald must wait his turn to announce the king's arrival; the first public announcement is made by God the Father himself.

Here at his baptism the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is first prefigured. It is here at his baptism that the perfect one intentionally identifies himself with repentant sinners, and demonstrates his full humility. It is at his baptism where the redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ begins.

It is from John 1:32 that we discover the baptizer did not know for certain that Jesus was the Messiah until after he saw the dove come upon him. Therefore there was something else about the nature and character of Jesus which caused John to seek baptism from his cousin. These collective hints, together with Matthew's account combine to display and explain the baptism of Jesus Christ.

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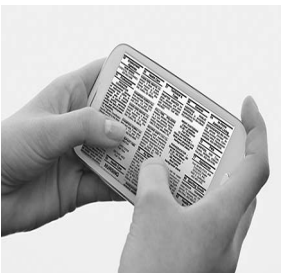
technologies. It is important that drivers understand how the technologies work in order to drive safely in winter conditions.”

In an effort to prevent crashes on the road this winter, MyCarDoesWhat, an NSC and University of Iowa initiative, is offering some major pieces of advice for driving in winter conditions.

- **Slow down.** Drivers frequently underestimate how long it takes to brake and how difficult it can be to steer on slippery roads.
- **Don't use cruise control** on slippery surfaces like ice and snow. It will diminish your control and reduce your reaction time in the event of a skid.
- **Remember, bridges and overpasses freeze before roadways**, so be alert in cold weather when approaching one.
- Many new **safety technologies** (like back-up cameras) have outside sensors that can freeze or fog up. Always make sure they are clear so they work their best.
- MyCarDoesWhat also reminds drivers of the safety technologies that can help vehicles adapt in slippery and changing conditions.
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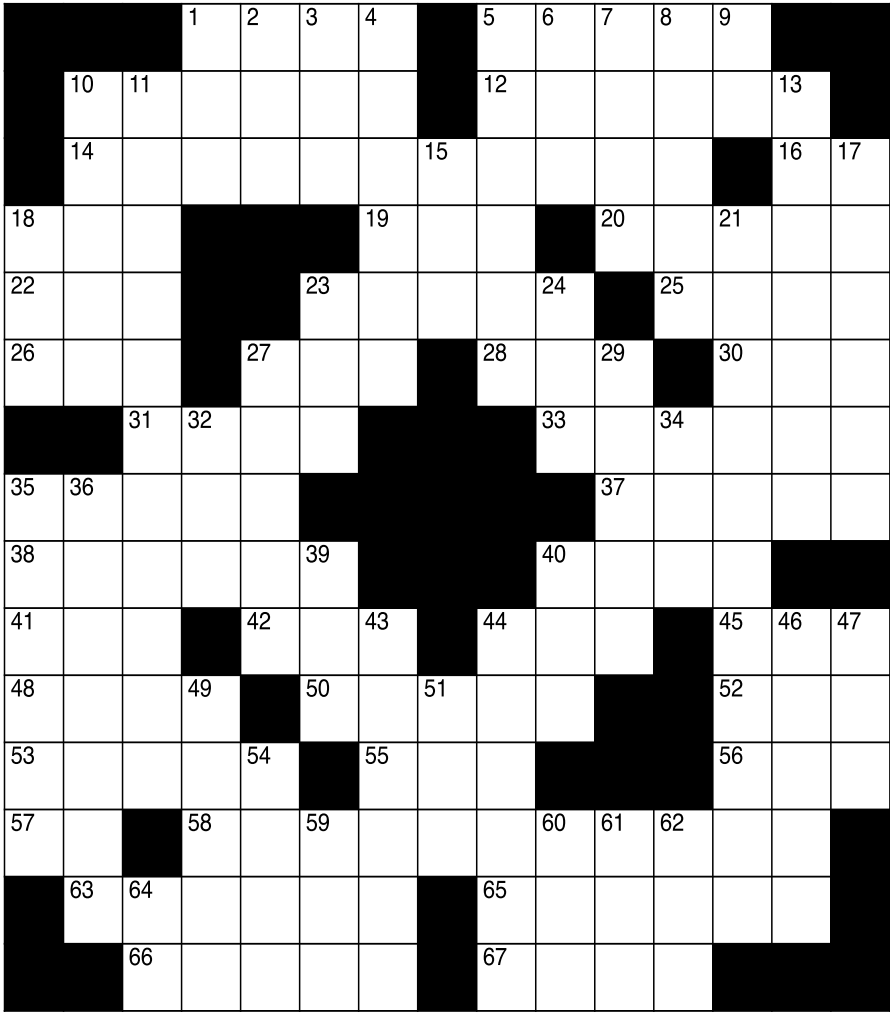
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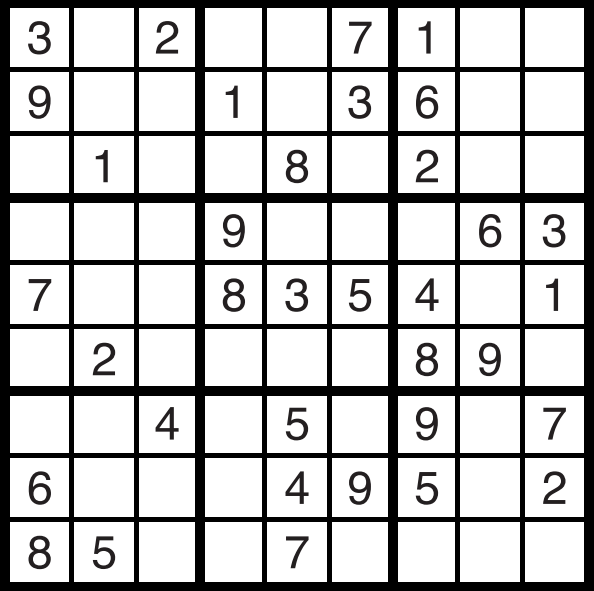


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GEMINI **Ð** May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, doors are opening for you all over the place, but you don't know which one to choose. Speak with someone you trust who can serve as an advisor and mentor.

CANCER **Ð** Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you have a need to be emotionally connected to others at this time, but you also want to exert your independence. You might have to make some decisions.

LEO **Ð** Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, others are on your mind this week. You feel a need to help in any way you can, so use this week to explore volunteer opportunities in your community.

VIRGO **Ð** Aug 24/Sept 22
You may need an adjustment period to tackle a new assignment, Virgo. This is not something to rush, so take your time even if the results are slow to come along.

LIBRA **Ð** Sept 23/Oct 23
Prior commitments this week may prevent you from doing something you've long wanted to, Libra. Keep your head up and another opportunity will present itself.

SCORPIO **Ð** Oct 24/Nov 22
It could be now or never, Scorpio. You want to make your mark but are cautious in keeping your intentions to yourself. Eventually your master plan will come to light.

SAGITTARIUS **Ð** Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you're increasingly busy this week, but things are not what you expect. You could be running around for all of the wrong reasons. Reexamine your plan, if necessary.

CAPRICORN **Ð** Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, your focus may be on personal gains this week, but you might want to shift it to something else. An unforeseen opportunity awaits if you can recognize it.

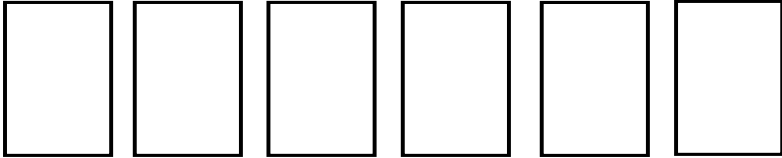
AQUARIUS **Ð** Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, it's difficult to contain your excitement the next few days. But keep your cool so others do not start to look at you strangely. Your time to shine is coming.

PISCES **Ð** Feb 19/Mar 20
You have a secret to share, but you must wait to do so, Pisces. Do your best to avoid spilling the beans before the time has come.

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Answer: Weight

WORD SEARCH

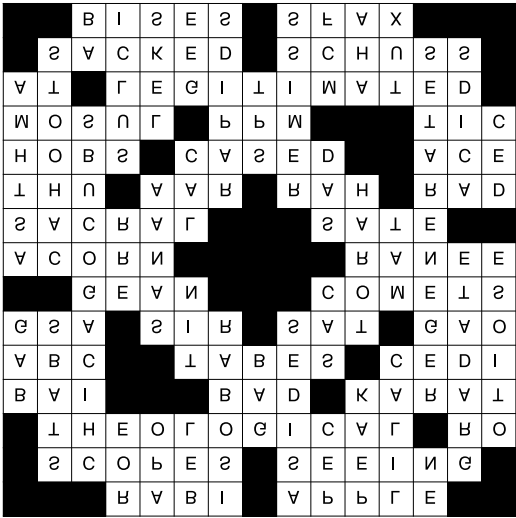
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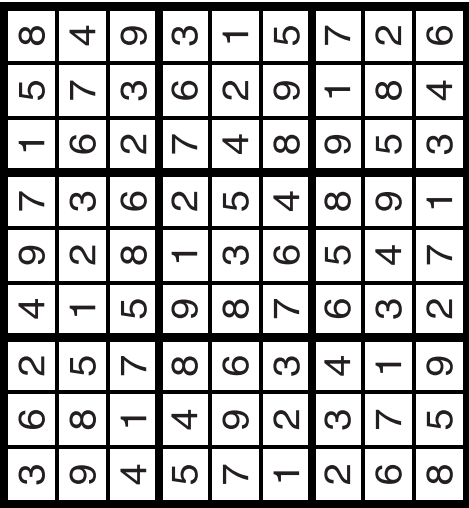
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Hope for the best in 2017 for CCHS

Cannon County High School’s basketball teams are at the unofficial midway point of the season as the calendar transfers to 2017.

Honestly, it has been tough sledding at times for both teams, but there is a lot of promise heading into the new year. Here are my thoughts on the season so far from both squads.

CCHS Lionettes--So far, this season, this team has shown the most promise at 5-7, not including last week’s Winterfest Shootout in Sevierville. Second year head coach Jonathan Odom has not been afraid to give the freshman most of the minutes along with junior post Maleah Scott.

Scott has become the ultimate team leader for the Lionettes both on and off the floor, even while missing some games earlier this season.

Of course, five freshmen, Taylor Meeks, Jessie Kauffman, Anna Grace Sissom, Kristen Fann and Madison Gaither have handled the transition to high school basketball well. However, they have made some mistakes, but remember they will only get better as they continue to grow as players.

I will also give credit to the only senior on the team Samantha Gaither, and sophomores Tori Knox and Olivia Walkup, who are the other three players beside the five freshman and Scott who receive significant playing time during games.

The Lionettes have shown what being a real team is all about, and their chemistry with each other as they face their district opponents again during 2017 could make this a season to remember.

CCHS Lions-- This season has been good at times for the Lions, but it also has been a struggle, too as they played in the King of the Smokies at Pigeon Forge last week. Heading into the tournament the Lions were 2-10, and winless in the district. Hopefully, a new year will change their luck, and help them get some payback on the district teams who beat them during the winter of 2016.

The group of senior Anton Knox, juniors Austin Duggin, Trey Fann, Cole George, Lane Willis along with sophomores Brandon Miles and Charlie Parrish and freshmen Wade Love and Blake Bush hopefully will continue to grow their individual skills, and their chemistry with each other along with the rest of the team.

Honestly, I see a turnaround coming in 2017 for the Lions, but they know they have a lot of work to do. Last week, the Lions played three games in three days, while the Lionettes played four in four days on a long road trip. History has shown long trips like this one can change a season either positively or negatively. I just hope for the best for CCHS in 2017.



CCHS Lionettes- Samantha Gaither, Maleah Scott, Hannah Haley, Lindsey Bowman, Maggie Cook, Allie St. John, Tori Knox, Olivia Walkup, Erika Taylor, Katie Gunter, Ashlyn Nokes, Taylor Meeks, Jessie Kauffman, Kristen Fann, Anna Grace Sissom, Madison Gather, Caroline Blanton, Madison Blanton, Abby Maynard.

CC heads East to Smokies

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The Lions and Lionettes high school basketball teams made one of their longest road trips of the season, three hours all the way to the Great Smokey Mountains. The CCHS girls team won two of their three games at the Winterfest Shootout in Sevierville, while the CCHS boys team lost two out of three games at the 2016 King of the Smokies Christmas Classic at Pigeon Forge.

“It has been good for us,” Lionettes head coach Jonathan Odom said. “We have been able to see a variety of styles and some teams we are not familiar with, and that has been good for us to play outside competition, and see a multitude of different styles. It has given us a chance to work on different things that you could not work on during the district season. I have been very proud of their focus. It is very easy to get distracted when you are on a trip

like this. You want to have a good time, but I have been very happy with their focus. It has been very business-like, and that has been their approach.

The Lions fell in their opener in the Orange Bracket 72-46 to Meigs (OH) on Dec. 27, and they lost again 60-56 to Seymour in the loser’s bracket on Dec. 28. A day later, they played the host Pigeon Forge in the consolation third place game in their last game of the event winning 58-53.

As for the Lionettes, they enjoyed mixed success as they fought through every emotion possible during their first three games of the tournament.

In their first game, the Lionettes came from behind to narrowly defeat Cullman High (AL) 60-59 on Dec. 27. Junior post Maleah Scott had 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, while freshman Kristen Fann added 13.

The wide range of emotions for the Lionettes continued a day later against the

host Sevier County in the quarterfinals. They led for most of the game, but SCHS fought back in the fourth quarter outscoring the Lionettes, 12-4 as they held on for the 43-34 win. Scott had 13 points, while sophomore Olivia Walkup added 8, and freshman Anna Grace Sissom chipped in with 7 in a losing effort.

CCHS got back on track in the loser’s bracket with a 58-44 win over Pleasant Valley (AL) on Dec. 29. Scott led the way with 26 points and 11 rebounds, while Fann added 11 and Sissom had 9.

The Lionettes faced district rival Upperman for fourth place on Dec. 30, but the results were unavailable at press time.

Besides the action on the court, the Lionettes had a chance to strengthen their bond with each other with fun activities at the hotel and in the area. CCHS head coach Jonathan Odom mentioned the players got a chance to swim

inside the indoor water park at the hotel, and they also got some shopping done, too.

“That has been the primary focus, but we stayed at the Wilderness of the Smokies,” Odom said. “So, they have had a lot of fun at the indoor water park. With the way, the schedule has been with both the boys and girls playing, it has been mostly all basketball. We haven’t had a lot of time to see a lot of sights.”

It has been a successful Christmas break for the Lionettes as they went 5-2 during this tournament, and last week’s Sonic Shootout in Sparta. Odom was pleased with their success, and it will only help them down the road when they face hated neighbor, Warren County on Jan. 3, and take on the district during the rest of the season.

“They are invaluable,” Odom said. “We have really in the three games we have played to this point we have been in

almost every type of situation that you can be in. We really had to learn from situations that we have been in all season. I feel like the success we have had in these tournaments, we really are starting to turn a corner. We are starting to see the potential that we do have to do a lot of good things. That is the best thing about these type of tournaments, you are playing outside competition, and you get to work a lot on situational things. We have been fortunate, two out of these three games have been close, we have been able to come out on the winning end of them.”

CCHS opens 2017 on Jan. 3 in their final non-district game of the season at Warren County with tipoff of the girls’ game at 6 p.m. A week later Jan. 10, the Lions and Lionettes get back in district action at Macon County with tip off also at 6 p.m.



CCHS Lions- Maika Fonoti, Josh Walkup, Jake Walkup, Quentin McMackins, Anton Knox, Cole George, Austin Duggin, Treyton Fann, Lane Willis, Dale Thompson, Brandon Miles, Charlie Parrish, Jacob Raines, Justin Whited, Dalton Hillis, Brady Sissom, Mason Meade, Jacob Brock, Braxton Gilley, Luke Jakes, Brad Phillips, Blake Bush, Wade Love, Luke Alexander, Duncan Cook, Brady Cunningham, Brady Smithson.



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