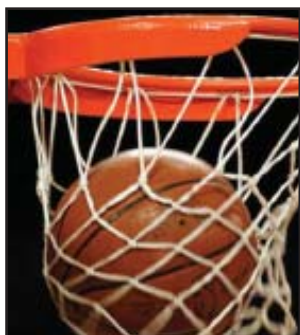


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2015: Basketball tops charts, both girls, boys in TSSAA play

From Cannon Courier Staff reports

Cannon County's basketball teams celebrated a historical 2014-15 one last time with the annual postseason banquet inside Robert A. Harris Gymnasium on March 28. It was a chance for the players, coaches, and parents a chance to reflect on the magical season by both the boys and girls team.

Of course, we all remember the Lionettes starting the postseason on Feb. 13 as a No. 5 seed in District 8AA, while the boys were in the middle of a long winning streak since New Year Eve's 2014. For both squads, it a special journey through the postseason, which included long road trips, two snowstorms, and several schedule changes. However, through it all, both teams will be remembered for its success for a long time as the Lionettes advanced to its third state tournament in four years, while the Lions was one game away from earning a trip to the Murphy Center for the first time in 30 years.

"It is really important to me because everyone doubted us as far as we got," Lionette senior Erin McReynolds said. "It just means that 10 times more special, because we were not supposed to make it as far as we actually did. It made our team closer because we really had to dig down."

"It is very special," Lions senior Jacob Nave said. "We did accomplish a lot this year. We won the most wins in Cannon County history and won the region. I am really happy about it."

The night was not about what could have been, especially for the Lions after coming so close to tasting history and ending a 30-year curse, or the Lionettes trying to win another state title with the first and only coming back in 1989. Instead, it was a chance for everyone to come together, especially those who played such an important role in the success of the team this season.

Magical run ends for CC girls

The magical run though the postseason ended at the 2015 TSSAA State Tournament for the Cannon County girls' basketball team. Its season concluded with a 69-48 loss to Martin Luther King during the Class AA quarterfinals. The Lionettes finished the season with a 24-10 record



Kendra Maynard speeds down the court during the Lionettes' Girls State quarterfinal outing against Martin Luther King.

and Region 4 champions.

Coming into the tournament, CCHS had been on a magical ride through the postseason after a less than stellar regular season, in which they earned the No. 5 seed in District 8. During the next two weeks, the Lionettes defeated the top four seeds ahead of them to win the Region title. They could have won the district also, but the title game was cancelled because of the ice storm a few days ago. However, their Region title earned them a home sectional game against Sequoyah on March 1 at the Robert A. Harris Gym in front of a standing room only crowd, which the game sold out in 15 minutes. At stake was a third consecutive appearance, and fourth in five years to the Elite Eight in Murfreesboro. The Lionettes knew they had to fight with everything they had in order to reach their goal, but by now they were already used to it since hardly anybody gave them a shot before the postseason started to make it back to the Glass House inside the Mur-



RONNIE BURKS photos

Under the new lights, Cannon County High School football team opened the 2015 home portion of their schedule on Aug. 28 against Jackson County. It was also throw-back night as the Lions wore jerseys from back in the day honoring those former players in program history.

phy Center.

CCHS had five players in double figures to help them return to the state tournament. Kristen Hale led the way with 14, Autumn King had 13, McReynolds and Davis each had 12, and Kendra Maynard chipped in with 11. With the win, CCHS was heading back to its 14th state tournament, and fourth in the past five years. Of course, it was hoping for its first state title since 1989.

The Lionettes quarterfinal opponent was Martin Luther King, based out of the Music City. This was the first ever meeting between the schools, and the Lady Royals were hoping to make some history of their own. MLK qualified for the state tournament for the first time ever last season, but it was eliminated in the quarterfinals. However, they were coming off a huge upset victory over No. 2 ranked and once-beaten CPA in their sectional game. Early in the opening quarter, CCHS hung in with MLK and the score was tied at 10 after a layup by Hale with 1:28 left. However, the Lady Royals took the lead for good when six foot senior guard Jordan Majors blocked a Lionettes shot, and fel-

low senior guard Briana Smith converted a three-point play with :53 seconds left in the first quarter to put them ahead 13-10.

That would be the closest CCHS would get during the rest of the game. "I am proud of these kids, no matter what happened tonight," Dodgen said after the loss. "Obviously, you come here wanting to win it, and you want to do everything you can to win it. Sometimes it just does not happen. You cannot lose three starters, and three of our leading scorers when you are trying to make a run to cut it to seven. I am proud of our kids' effort, and I thought they played hard. They gave it everything they had, and that is all you can ask for. Senior Kendra Maynard led CCHS in scoring with 15 points, while McReynolds added 11 in a losing effort. MLK got 22 from Smith and 21 from Majors in the win.

Hannah Whited wins acclaim

Most of the attention this school year on the CCHS athletic field belonged to a well-rounded, very talented senior class, including the McReynolds, Josh Ruehlen
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GA magazine features Dillard

Woodbury native LaShonda Dillard was recently honored for her leadership in Clayton County, Ga.

A 1993 Cannon County High School graduate, she's the daughter of Jeanette Dillard of Woodbury. Dillard, Waffle House operations manager, was recently featured by Clayton magazine as an "Overachievers 40 & Under."

The former paralegal has made great contributions to various public organizations and institutions, sparking the interest and involvement of others with her enthusiasm.

"Leadership has always been near and dear to my heart," she says. Dillard, a 2012 graduate of the Clayton County Grass Roots Leadership Institute, uses her talents to push forward and help the organizations that she truly believes in.

When asked where she finds her passion for leading others to

success, Dillard cites her childhood as the influence for her drive. "My parents were always leaders. My mother has always served as an advocate for my sister, who has special needs. She's always led the path towards her development, finding programs and assistance despite what could have stood in her way," Dillard shares.

Dillard held an early passion for assisting with legal projects, beginning her career in legal research and paralegal work as a legal secretary in 1997. "During my tenure as a paralegal, I managed antitrust compliance matters, workers' compensation cases, conducted expert witness interviews, and assisted counsel with all aspects of litigated matters," she recalls.

Such comprehensive work earned her a position serving the National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc.'s Board of Directors. She was appointed

to serve as Region III Director, where she trained local representatives on increasing their membership numbers, conducted meetings, and kept members abreast of national news affecting the paralegal industry. Following her time as a paralegal, Dillard decided to take a turn into a role more fitting of her aptitude for management. She embarked on a new journey as an Operations Manager at Waffle House. "In my current position, I manage a staff of hourly employees in a 24 hour restaurant environment," she explains. The store has enjoyed great success under her guidance, as she was recently recognized for having the highest sales increase in her division.

In 2013, she was appointed by District Commissioner Shana M. Rooks to serve a three year term as Secretary on the Clayton County Library Board. In this role, Dillard has kept meetings in order, and



LaShonda Dillard, formerly of Woodbury, uses her talents to help organizations she believes in.

taken important notes for executive review. She has also become a 2015-16 participant of Leadership Clayton, a program sponsored by the Clayton Chamber of Commerce that hosts workshops pertaining to the development of
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89-year-old dies in rain storm crash

A 89-year-old Woodbury pedestrian died the night of December 16 when she was struck by a truck while crossing South McCrary Street in a heavy rainstorm.

Nannie Bell Mears, 89, was declared dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred shortly after 10 p.m. Mrs. Mears was using an umbrella when she was struck by the truck.

She was struck by a 1999 Chevrolet S14 pickup truck driven by 40-year-old Jason D. Johnson.

The accident was investigated by State Trooper Rodney Whiles.

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Jack Hopson Turney

Jack Hopson Turney, 98, passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Woodbury Health Care Center. He was a native of Wilson Co., Tn.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Mabel Hawkins Turney of Auburntown; children, Roger (Shirley) Turney of Auburntown, Dennis (Sue) Turney of Cookeville, Jackie Sue (James) Waterfall of Nevada City, CA. and Kenneth (Scarlett) Turney of Murfreesboro; 14 Grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Turney was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Nannie Kennedy Turney; Brothers and Sisters, Hugh Turney, Jasper Turney, Ralph Turney, Ray Turney and Mary Patterson and Daughter-in-law, Lois Turney.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and automatic welder. Mr. Turney loved to garden and was an antique milk glass collector.

Funeral services will be 2 pm Sunday, December 27, 2015 at Auburn Church of Christ with Bro. David Dunn officiating. Interment will follow in the Prosperity Cemetery. Pallbearers includes Todd Turney, Cory Turney, Travis Turney, Scott Turney, Darrell Turney and Cole Turney. Visitation with the family will be Sunday, December 27, 12 PM until 2 PM at Auburn Church of Christ Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or www.woodburyfuneralhome.net

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Ralph "Buddy" Mooneyham

Ralph "Buddy" Mooneyham, 75, died Monday, December 28, 2015 at Centennial Medical Center following a sudden illness. He was a native of Cannon Co.

He is survived by his siblings, Roy Mooneyham, Maude Rebecca (Charles) Davenport, Betty Jean (Ralph) Reed, Lovie George Phillips, Annie Marie Bosworth all of Woodbury; Sister-in-law: Mable Mooneyham of Woodbury; Close Friends: James & Sally Brown and Earl Dawson; Several Nieces and Nephews also survive

Mr. Mooneyham was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Oscar and Maude Rebecca Moody Mooneyham; wife, Helen Marie Bain Mooneyham; Siblings, James Paul, Jessie, Mack, Charlie Bratten, Frank and John L. Mooneyham, Willie Matt Merriman, Janie Katherine Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Mooneyham.

He was retired from Slatton Brothers as a machine operator. Buddy lived all of his life in the house he was raised in. He was a happy go lucky man that loved his family and his animals.

Funeral services will be 11 am Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Richard Haley & Bro. Ray Patrick officiating. Interment will follow in the Prater Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 11 am until 8 pm Wednesday, December 28, 2015.

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

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Betty Lou Shoemaker

Betty Lou Shoemaker, age 78, died December 26, 2015, at Alive Hospice Residence in Nashville. She was a native of the Gassaway Community in Cannon County and was the daughter of the late Lytle and Evelyn Melton Witty. She was preceded in death by her husband Delmar Shoemaker, Sr., who died in 1990, a sister, Nell Summar and her husband Gordon, and two brothers, James and Charles Witty.



Mrs. Shoemaker is survived by children, Al Williams (Brenda) of Mt. Juliet, Eve Williams McClure (Gary) of Brentwood, Linda Overall Jenkins (Walter) of Murfreesboro, Shirley Shoemaker Seput (Gary) of Burlingame, CA, and Delmar Shoemaker, Jr., of San Diego, CA; siblings, Howard Witty (Barbara) of McMinnville, Ann Fortner (Bob) of Nashville, and Rosemary Geddes (Don) of Nashville; sisters-in-law, Janie Witty and Ellene Witty; grandchildren, Hart, Robert, and Frances Williams, Evan, Sarah, Peyton, and Elliot McClure, Lisa Taylor (Jan Reese), Amber Overall Jordan (Buddy), and Benton Overall (Katie); and four great-grandchildren, Ginny and Zachary Jordan, Addison Overall, and Madelynn McCall.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Woodfin Memorial Chapel in Murfreesboro. Bro. Ron Harper and Bro. David Dunn will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Reeves, Ross Spielman, Don Greever, Gordon Wilken, and John Whitmore. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Woodfin Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Shoemaker was a member of Salem Creek Church of Christ (formerly Minerva Drive Church of Christ). Throughout her life, she enjoyed Bible study and participated in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for seven years. She worked for the regional office of State Farm and retired from there after 36 years. She was a volunteer with the American Cancer Society, Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro, Inner City Ministries, and Alive Hospice Camp Forget-Me-Not. She traveled extensively for missions work and for enjoyment.

Family was very important to her; in addition to being part of their lives as much as possible, she prayed for them daily. She was known for showing grace and compassion, even in her last few years, especially to those who needed help.

The family offers special thanks to Vanderbilt Hospital Palliative Care, Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital, and Alive Hospice for their exceptional care. We are forever grateful.

Memorials may be made to Alive Hospice and Salem Creek Church of Christ in memory of Mrs. Shoemaker. Woodfin Memorial Chapel. 615-893-5151. www.woodfinchapel.com

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Surveys to be conducted to benefit local communities

As the regional catalyst for economic development, the Upper Cumberland Development District is busy assisting local communities throughout the 14 county region as they apply for the 2016 round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Established in 1974 by Title I of the Community Development Act, the CDBG program is used to address critical or unmet community needs. Primarily, CDBG funds are used to expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for persons of low and moderate income. In order to determine if a community meets the eligibility requirements, UCDD staff conducts surveys or interviews of local residents and compiles data for the grant application. Over the next few weeks residents may be contacted by telephone or in-person in as information is gathered for the next round of funding.

2,500 rural communities benefited from these federal funds. Currently in the Upper Cumberland there are CDBG projects underway in many communities including Van Buren County, Clay County, Gainesboro, and Cravenstown, to name a few. Last year Van Buren County received CDBG funding to reduce water loss and improve its water system. Earlier this year, the City of Algood wrapped up a housing rehabilitation project. This past October, Clay County received a CDBG which will allow them to purchase a much needed ambulance to better serve their citizens. Applications for the 2016 funding round are due the end of February and awards are typically announced in the fall each year.

If you have questions about the CDBG program or the application process, please call 931-432-4111 and ask to speak with someone from the Economic Development Department for more information.

CDBG funding can be used for a variety of projects including housing rehabilitation, emergency services, fire protection, or water and sewer line improvements. In 2013, more than



Customer Peter Parker that won the Christmas Case Knife Give-Away drawing at Potter's Ace Hardware of Woodbury. Potter's Ace Hardware would like to congratulate Mr. Parker on winning the knife and wish all our customers a Happy New Year! Potter's Ace Hardware would also like to thank everyone for their business during 2015 and say they look forward to helping their customers with all their home improvement projects in 2016

USDA Removes Farm Program Payments to Managers Not Actively Engaged in Farming

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today finalized a rule to ensure that farm safety-net payments are issued only to active managers of farms that operate as joint ventures or general partnerships, consistent with the direction and authority provide by Congress in the 2014 Farm Bill. The action, which exempts family farm operations, closes a loophole where individuals who were not actively part of farm management still received payments.

"The federal farm safety-net programs are designed to protect against unanticipated changes in the marketplace for those who actively share in the risk of that farming operation," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "To ensure that help goes to those who genuinely need it, such as America's farm families, the Farm Bill authorized USDA to close a loophole and limit payments from those not involved on a daily basis in nonfamily farm management." Since 1987, the broad definition of "actively engaged" resulted in some general partnerships and joint ventures adding managers to the farming operation, qualifying for more payments, that did not substantially contribute to management.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmland. To learn more about Farm Service Agency, visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Nannie Bell Mathis Mears, age 88

Survived by daughter Mazel P Mathis & son Robert L Mathis. Preceded in death by son Charlie B Mathis and husband John Mears.

Nannie Bell Mathis Mears lived at 927 South McCrary Street, Woodbury TN; died on the 16th, December 2015, 10:00 pm, due to being run over by a S10 Pick-Up.

She was fully dressed, held a flashlight in her hand with the light on, was knocked 112 feet and was dead on the scene. The flashlight was still on, laying close to eight inches of the sidewalk where the impact started.

Her son and daughter really miss their mother extremely. If anyone can help them out it would be appreciated. Ms. Nannie was a member of the Church of Christ and a house wife.

From the family of Jerry Lynn Brandon:

We can't begin to express how blessed, humbled, and overwhelmed we have been by the outpouring of love and support shown to our family during the loss of our husband, father, and grandfather. You will never know how much your calls, texts, messages, prayers, offers of help, food, hugs, and standing in a long line to offer comfort have meant to us. Thank you. The Brandon Family

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News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



Warm temperatures spoiled us

Weather's finally changing after today's heavy rainfall and we will be getting back to what winter weather is supposed to be like. We have all been spoiled by the summer-like temperatures we have been having in the 70s. The 40s for highs and the mid-20s for lows will soon be giving us a reality check.

I can't remember a Christmas when it wasn't cold so this one will be for me a Christmas to remember and put down on my calendar. Maybe we will have snow and cold weather next year at Christmas time. Now that would be ideal -- so keep your fingers crossed.

Are you getting ready to have some New Year's resolutions that you just know you are going to keep this time? Cleaning out some clutter in our house would be a nice gesture I imagine. If I don't do it now while I'm being held hostage in our house, it will not get done for sure if Spring comes early. Everyone around here gets "cabin fever" especially when March 20th, the first day of Spring, officially arrives. Getting out of prison probably describes it best as so many of us take to our lawns to remove debris and get the mowers all cranked up and ready for duty.

The smell of wild onions with the first mowing will take you away better than "Calgon" ever did to only a few of us according to a random phone survey made in February 2014 to make a new phone answer

their phone because some just don't care for telemarketers.

Saw a ton of people at Short Mountain Market/the meeting place on Thursday, Christmas Eve. Ralph Gunter, Barry Bogle, Chloe Evelyn Bogle, Joe Gunter, Ralph's mom, Sonya, Matthew and Eric and Ralph and Debby. Some of the people at the tables I did not know. It was a full house for sure. Just like at Thanksgiving, customers were served a treat with a plate of great food for their patronage to the store during the year. This is an annual tradition for Ralph and Debby to do. My hat is off to you guys for your generosity to so many people.

People we need to keep praying for the family of Kathy "Kat" Martin, Mai Nell Melton's daughter. She passed away December 16, 2015. Kathy had cancer and was only 47 years old. She had accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior so we know she was celebrating His birthday on December 25. No better place to be than in the presence of Jesus. All of us who have accepted Jesus Christ want to make that "victory lap" someday like Kathy, don't we?

Others to keep in prayer: Ruth Brown, Chloe Evelyn Bogle, Fay Pitts, Tracy Neal, Edith Miller, Denise Stanton, Luther Lawrence, the families of Wanda Zeh and Brenda Vanderpool, and also Carlon Melton.

We have some January birthdays to let you know about: Tony Neal, 1st, Faye

Ferrell, 1st, Melvin Ferrell, 9th, Houston Parker, 14th, Debby Harvey, 21st, Rodney Young, 21st, our grandson, William "Aubrey" Fryar, 22nd, Fay Pitts, 24th, Reese "Liz" Mendenhall, 24th, Nancy Clement, 26th, Henry Fisher Melton, 27th, and David Melton, 31st.

Visitors at hour house recently were Rick and Beverly Hubler and granddaughter Kayla. Also, Lynn and Brenda Underwood, Katie and Hunter.

Christmas Day brought quite a monsoon with a raging river of water in the ditch behind our house and another river in front of the house going down the road with some in the yard. It was probably too wet for even the "little green men" or that "invisible cow" as they would have likely drowned with that kind of conditions.

I guess they are a lot more cautious about getting out in the open after Bobby captured them a little while back. They could have pulled off that caper (to disrupt our party and would not have been noticed if it had been Halloween night with so many people in costumes. Lady Luck was on our side December 11 thanks to Bobby's quick action on the matter.

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

In all these things we are more than conquerors though Him that loved us. Romans 8:37

New Accelerant Detecting K-9 Joins State Bomb & Arson Team

K-9 Scooter Will Sniff Out Accelerants in Middle Tennessee



if a fire has been set with an ignitable liquid," Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance Deputy Commissioner Gary West said. "Special Agent Zimmermann and K-9 Scooter will be crucial in helping investigate fires throughout Middle Tennessee."

Scooter, who was provided to the State Fire Marshal's Office through a cooperative agreement with ATF, will live with Zimmermann and his family when she is off duty.

"I'm honored to be working with Scooter," Zimmermann said. "She's a great partner, and we immediately connected. She's going to be a tremendous asset to the Bomb and Arson Section and the entire State of Tennessee."

A Lewis County native and resident of Hohenwald, Zimmermann formerly worked for the Hohenwald Police Department before joining the Bomb & Arson Section. His wife of 16 years is Joy Zimmermann and their son is Bryson.

The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office Bomb & Arson Section welcomes Special Agent/K-9 Handler Michael Zimmermann and K-9 Scooter as the newest accelerant detection K-9 team for the Middle Tennessee region.

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) Canine Training Center in Front Royal, Va. K-9 Scooter, who is a 1-year-old Golden Labrador, is an accelerant detection K-9 and trained to detect the odors found in flammable liquids.

Zimmermann, 37, and Scooter recently completed intensive training courses at the Bureau of Alcohol,

"Accelerant detection dogs' keen sense of smell are a fast and effective way to help technicians determine

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Burt Burgen Road
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MLS #1535024



Will Daniel Road
5 acres
MLS # 1644070



Kennedy Creek Road
5.6 Acres off Hwy 96
MLS# 1121480



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Patrick Nelson and sons Emerson and Beckett reside on historic farm land in Giles County, where their ancestor John Lafayette Nelson, donated acreage for the permanent graves of nine of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest's fallen soldiers in his "Southern Raid" at Pulaski.

Courier Columnist Forrest's fallen rest in bosom of donated land



Words of Wisdom
 DAN WHITTLE

Forrest's Fallen Soldiers Rest in Bosom of Land Donated by Pulaski Farmer
 It was during research for accurate history about Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest that I discovered wife Pat's great grandsons, Beckett and Emerson Nelson, ages 6 and 4 respectively, are descendants of prominent Giles County farmer John Lafayette Nelson who donated the land where the remains of nine of Forrest's fallen soldiers are resting into eternity.

L. Nowlin, Sergeant Jack Waddell, Private Thomas Handberry, Sergeant James Hatchell, Private John Hanelin, Private John Oliver, Private John Wilson and one unknown Mississippian.

J.L. Nelson is the boys' great-great grandfather in family lineage. Beckett and Emerson are sons of Patrick and Amanda Amick Nelson, who reside on the historic Nelson farm today. Patrick and family are former residents of Rutherford County.

"Known today as Forrest's 'Southern Raid' on the west side of the Elkton Pike is the small cemetery which is the final resting place of nine Confederate soldiers who gave their lives in battle as General Forrest approached Pulaski," Wamble documents. "The remains of these young men were removed from their original battlefield graves and placed in this plot some years after the war."

Notable author/historian Bob Wamble, of Pulaski, shared the documentation about the small cemetery that is viewable from Highway 64 south of present-day Pulaski.

Patrick Nelson, who recently retired from public school education to enter the property development business with brother Nathan, said his grandfather, John Nelson, was age 10 in 1912 when his Great Grandfather J.L. Nelson deeded the property over for a permanent resting place for Forrest's soldiers who died in the now famous "Southern Raid" when Forrest and troops temporarily recaptured the railroad from occupying Union military units.

"On Oct. 26, 1912, J.L. Nelson, a former Confederate soldier, and his wife, Mary Mason Nelson, deeded this 20 feet by 52 feet plot to the United Daughters of the Confederacy," historian Wamble confirmed.

It was wartime control of railroads between Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta that first brought Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest to Pulaski, Tenn.

The fallen soldiers' remains rest in the small cemetery located behind a historic highway marker depicting Forrest's "Southern Raid" designed to destroy rail lines, trestles and bridges to hinder the Union Army's march through Tennessee to Atlanta and the sea.

"To understand why there was so much War Between the States' activity in Giles County," accounts historian Wamble, "one must understand the importance of the Central Southern Railroad Company which crossed Giles County, beginning at Columbia and ending at the Alabama state line."

The late J.L. Nelson's own words convey the former Confederate soldier's sentiment: "The consideration for this conveyance and for this deed of Gift is set out as follows: (During) September 1864, General Nathan Bedford Forrest in an engagement at and near Tarpley with the Federal Forces stationed at Pulaski, lost about nine soldiers killed, chiefly of Confederate Colonel V.Y. Cook's command, and they are buried by the road side in my field and on the lot of land now herein conveyed - and it is for the love and respect I have for the memory of my dead Comrades, and the reverence I bear for the CAUSE for which they fell, that I now donate this spot of hallowed land, and commit it to the loving care and protection of the Giles County Chapter #257, United Daughters of the Confederacy, as a spot sacred to the Memory of the Comrades buried here ..."

"Three separate railroad companies linked together to complete a railroad from Nashville to the Tennessee River in northern Alabama," Wamble confirmed. "The Tennessee and Alabama Railroad Company spanned from Nashville to Columbia. The Alabama and Tennessee Central Railroad Company completed the link from the Alabama/Tennessee state line to the Tennessee River."

Patrick Nelson acknowledged subsequent generations of Nelsons had heard rumors that farmer J.L. Nelson had donated land for Forrest's fallen soldiers. Patrick's parents, Dave and Sulynn, and brother Nathan and family, continue to reside on historic Nelson farm acreage in the Tarpley community.

"Sometime before the War Between the States a railroad was built somewhat parallel to the Tennessee River in northern Alabama, so that goods could be transported around the shoals when river transportation was not possible," Wamble records. "...the railroad from Columbia to Pulaski was completed in January 1860. A turntable and switching rails were built near Pulaski so that the locomotive could be turned around to pull the train back to Nashville."

A monument to the fallen soldiers was paid for by Confederate Colonel V.Y. Cook which is inscribed: "Died in the performance of a faithful service, on the morning of September 27, 1864, the Seventh Kentucky Mounted Infantry, Forrest's Cavalry, Confederate States Army, engaged the enemy on this field, and the following is a list of its dead whose remains repose near this stone: Captain Joel T. Cochran, Captain David

Wamble records the "momentous arrival" of the first train to Pulaski, as described by Pulaski citizen (the late) G.W. Woodring in 1895: "An immense crowd congregated on the spot where the depot stands to witness the arrival of the first train to Pulaski ... I went to Nashville in the first coach that ever left Pulaski. It took five hours to make the trip."

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Courier Editor

Crazy weather keeps us on the move

Talk about some crazy weather... It's the New Year and spring is here. Or is it summer?

At any rate, the air conditioner was on most of the Christmas holiday week. While we managed to avoid most of the truly bad weather, it certainly was wet and stormy.

Typically this time of year, we are bundled up and wishing for warm weather. But while it was warm in Tennessee, it was snowing in Texas. So what's a feller gonna do?

I checked my Farmers Almanac and discovered all sorts of predictions dealing with Christmas week.

If there's thunder during Christmas week, the winter will be anything but meek.

That doesn't sound good.

If it rains on Christmas, there will be four weeks with no sun.

Yuck! That's depressing.

But most of the news from Farmers Almanac was good and uplifting.

A windy Christmas is a sign of a good year to come.

If there is much wind on Christmas Day, trees will bear much fruit.

A green Christmas brings a heavy harvest.

Yep, that is all good news.

Unfortunately on Monday (December 28), the cold, gloomy weather began to return.

So probably as 2016 wanders in, the weather will return to typical January conditions. Hopefully, I will be able to find my gloves and winter coat. (Surely I didn't toss them?) They're probably in the backseat of my car after I ditched them.

Wonder if it will snow this winter?

If Christmas day be bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year.

Well anyway, wasn't that rare full moon pretty on Christmas Eve?

The nearer the New Moon to Christmas Day, the harder the winter.

Durn it! We'll just have to wait and see what this winter will bring.

Ever notice how those lite and brite Christmas songs sound horrible after the holiday is past? Heck, I even enjoyed the TV spots featuring that little bearded goggle-head car dealer.

The same is true with those TV commercials that caught your attention before Christmas. You can't switch the channel quick enough. Or at least I can't. Give me that remote!

All of this rain, what would it have measured if the weather was freezing and the rain was snow?

That's an interesting question. Most of us have heard the old statement that one inch of snow would equal a foot of snow. Well that's not necessarily true.

The National Weather Service says on average, 13 inches of snow equals one inch of rain in the US, although this ratio can vary from two inches for sleet to nearly 50 inches for very dry, powdery snow under certain conditions.

On Christmas Day, Woodbury received 2.46 inches of rain. So when you throw in the national average that would equal nearly 32 inches of snow. You know what its like when we get 1 or 2 inches of snow in Middle Tennessee. The area is paralyzed. There's a rush for milk and loaf bread. Cars and trucks wreck left and right.

Now think what it would be like if we got 32 inches of powdery white stuff? We would be struck with winter paralysis. We would be stuck until good, ol' Tennessee weather flopped it around again.

Man-o-man, but can't you just imagine Snowmageddon in the Volunteer State.



My Take
 MIKE WEST



2016 SEC Primary Ballot Now Set



Today marks an important milestone on the road to the White House, which will cross Tennessee during the 2016 election cycle. Secretary of State Tre Hargett has now certified the names of presidential candidates for the March 1 presidential preference primary, or "SEC Primary," when Tennessee will join six other southern states to help decide who will be the next president of the United States.

It is likely one of these men or women will hold our country's highest elected office. Hopefully Tennesseans understand how much of an impact their votes will make," Secretary Hargett said.

It's important to note that once a candidate is certified for a party primary they are unable to appear on the November 8 general election ballot as the nominee of a different political party.

Hargett presented the list of 14 Republicans and three Democrats to the State Election Commission December 1.

The following candidates will be placed on the March 1 ballot:

Republican Primary Ballot

Jeb Bush
Ben Carson
Chris Christie
Ted Cruz
Carly Fiorina
Jim Gilmore
Lindsey O. Graham
Mike Huckabee
John R. Kasich
George Pataki
Rand Paul
Marco Rubio
Rick Santorum
Donald J. Trump

Democratic Primary Ballot

Hillary Clinton
Martin J. O'Malley
Bernie Sanders

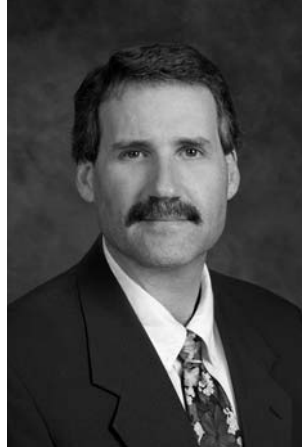
Noon CST was also the withdrawal deadline for 2016 presidential delegate candidates. Delegate candidates cannot be considered qualified unless the Division of Elections received a letter from a presidential campaign identifying them. The finalized list is posted at: sos.tn.gov/elections.

Both the Tennessee Republican Party and the Tennessee Democratic Party have their own rules about how someone becomes a presidential delegate. The Republican presidential delegates are decided by election, which is coordinated through the division. The Democratic presidential delegates are decided by party rules. More information can be found here: sos.tn.gov/products/elections/qualifying-procedures-2016-presidential-delegates

Tenn. consumers holding steady on economic outlook: MTSU survey

While Tennessee consumers are slightly more optimistic about their economic futures, that upbeat view is countered by concerns about present finances that could impact holiday shopping, according to the statewide consumer survey results released Wednesday (Dec. 16) by Middle Tennessee State University.

The Tennessee Consumer Outlook Index came in at 18, up slightly from a score of 15 from the inaugural statewide survey released in October. The Office of Consumer Research in the MTSU Jones College of Business conducts the survey, which measures areas such as how consumers feel about the local, state and national economies as well as their personal financial situations and the job market.



Dr. Tim Graeff, director of the Office of Consumer Research, (pictured above) said consumers continue to be anxious about the current economy, the job market and the ease with which jobs can be found (especially consumers in West Tennessee), and their level of financial security if they lost their job or primary source of income.

"Given that consumers still have a number of concerns about the economy, it is unlikely that we will see significant improvements in consumer spending in Tennessee heading into the ever important Christmas and holiday shopping season," Graeff said.

The index was measured from online surveys of 626 randomly selected adult Tennesseans Dec. 1-11 and has a margin of error of 4 percent. A pdf copy of the full report is available at <http://bit.ly/1O6W7yT>.

Regional summary

According to the latest survey results:

West Tennessee consumers have become more upbeat, showing the largest improvement for a region in the index. But it still lags behind the other two regions when it comes to consumers' outlook, especially their views of the current economy. Middle Tennessee consumers have grown increasingly anxious about the current economy. East Tennessee consumers showed mixed results, leading to no significant change in overall perceptions of the economy.

Holiday spending to drop?

The percentage of consumers expecting to increase spending from last year dipped to 32 percent from 36 in September. Conversely, the percentage expecting to spend less rose to 31 from 27.

"This is not the cheerful news that many retailers were hoping to hear given that the Christmas and

holiday shopping season can account for a significant portion of annual sales for many retailers," Graeff said.

When asked if they did any shopping over the Thanksgiving weekend (including Cyber Monday), most consumers either did not do any shopping (31 percent), shopped online (30 percent), or shopped at a big box retailer (17 percent). This mirrors the year-to-year drop in Black Friday sales for retailers nationwide as consumers shift to online shopping.

As far as spending on Christmas and holiday gifts, 22 percent of consumers statewide expect to spend "more than they spent last year," 39 percent expect to spend less and 37 percent expect to spend about the same. This pattern is consistent across the three regions of the state, Graeff said.

About the Consumer Outlook Index

The Tennessee Consumer Outlook Index, which will be measured four times a year, expands upon MTSU's previous consumer survey that captured a snapshot in three Middle Tennessee counties. The expanded index is based on responses to a set of 11 core questions, with the overall index score computed by adding the percentage of favorable responses to each question and subtracting the percentage of negative responses.

For more information, contact Tim Graeff, professor of marketing and director of the Office of Consumer Research, at 615-898-5124 or Tim.Graeff@mtsu.edu. Or visit www.mtsu.edu/consumer.

Tennessee Agricultural Producers Urged to Apply for ACEP Program by January 15, 2016

Other funds available for Wetland Protection

Tennessee producers are urged to apply for ACEP program by January 15, 2016. Funds are available to help landowners protect and restore key farmlands, grasslands and wetlands across the nation. The funding is provided through the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), created by the 2014 Farm Bill to protect critical water resources and wildlife habitat, and encourage private owners to maintain land for farming and ranching. Through the voluntary sale of an easement, landowners limit future development of farms, wetlands and grasslands.

ACEP's agricultural land easements not only protect the long-term viability of the nation's food supply by preventing conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses, they also support environmental quality, wildlife habitat, historic preservation and protection of open spaces. Native American Tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs are eligible to partner with NRCS to purchase conservation easements.

"NRCS helps farmers, ranchers, private forest landowners and partners to achieve their conservation goals using our technical expertise, Farm Bill funding and sound conservation planning," Kevin Brown, Tennessee State Conservationist, said. "Conservation easements are an important tool to help these landowners and partners voluntarily provide long-term protection of our nation's farmland, ranchland, wetlands and grasslands for future generations."

ACEP-ALE (Agricultural Land Easement), Tennessee has over \$300,000 available in matching funds.

NRCS provides financial assistance to eligible partners for purchasing Agricultural Land Easements that protect the agricultural use and conservation values of eligible land. In the case of working farms, the program helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. The program also protects grazing uses and related conservation

values by conserving grassland, including rangeland, pastureland and shrubland. Eligible partners include Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs.

Under the Agricultural Land component, NRCS may contribute up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement. Where NRCS determines that grasslands of special environmental significance will be protected, NRCS may contribute up to 75 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land easement.

ACEP-WRE (Wetland Reserve Easement), funds are available in Tennessee under the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI). \$6 million in funding is available for the unprotected lands along the Mississippi River. Almost \$2 million is available for the general signup.

NRCS has purchased 295 wetland easements in Tennessee covering 43,524 acres in 38 counties. Tennessee has over 6,800 acres of flood damaged property along the Mississippi River which has been placed under Wetland Easements creating valuable habitat to migratory species and reducing the risk of crop losses due to flooding, among a host of other benefits.

In FY 2014 and FY 2015, NRCS invested more than \$600 million in ACEP funding to help landowners engage in voluntary conservation to provide long-term protection of an estimated 250,000 acres of farmland, grassland, and wetlands through more than 750 new easements.

To learn about ACEP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted or your local USDA Service Center.

You may also contact Laura Persinger, Realty Specialist, at (615) 277-2597. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps America's farmers and ranchers conserve the Nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the

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The Tennessee Consumer Outlook Index and Components

Increase / Decrease from September 2015

	TN Dec. '15	Change	West TN Dec. '15	Change	Mid TN Dec. '15	Change	East TN Dec. '15	Change
Overall Outlook Index	18	3	-26	36	89	-19	-5	-1
Current Situation Index	-57	-8	-86	6	-24	-17	-60	-9
Future Expectations Index	36	9	30	16	57	-1	26	15
Purchasing Index	39	2	30	14	56	-1	29	-7



Tennessee Poison Center Names its "Top Five" Poisons of the Year and Offers Safety Tips

The leading cause of injury death in Tennessee is not motor vehicle crashes, gunshot wounds or drowning—it is poisoning.

And the main source of that poisoning is not the furniture polish or drain cleaner stored under the kitchen sink (dangerous as those are)—the main source of poisoning is analgesic drugs, according to Donna Seger, M.D., Tennessee Poison Center Medical Director.

"In the past year, more than 33,000 poison cases reported to the Tennessee Poison Center were for pharmaceutical substances—59 percent of our total cases," she said. "Opioid analgesic pain relievers are involved in a substantial proportion of drug poisoning deaths," Seger said.

Opioid analgesics include natural and semisynthetic opioid analgesics such as hydrocodone, morphine and oxycodone, as well as other opioid analgesics such as fentanyl and methadone.

In order, the top five substances for poison exposure in Tennessee are:

1. Analgesics
2. Cosmetic/Personal Care Products

3. Household cleaning products
4. Sedative / hypnotics/ antipsychotics
5. Antihistamines

Using information from the National Vital Statistics System, which compiles deaths due to drug poisoning nationwide, Seger notes that in the past 15 years, the age-adjusted drug poisoning death rate has more than doubled, and that 81 percent of those deaths from drug poisoning were unintentional.

The Tennessee Poison Center offers these guidelines for avoiding poisoning by storing and using poisons safely:

Store Poisons Safely
 Store all medicines away from household products and food.

Never put any medicine or chemical in a cup or soft drink bottle.

Keep medicine and household products in their original containers.

Use child-resistant packaging. But remember – nothing is childproof.

If you have a young child who is able to walk or

crawl, keep household plants and products stored above floor level, not beneath the sink.

Use Poisons Safely
 Read the label on all medicines and household products and heed warnings and cautions.

Are children in the home? Take the product or medicine with you to answer the door or the phone.

Lock up products and medicines after using them. If it's medicine, call it medicine, not candy.

Children learn by imitation. Take your medicines where children can't watch.

Always turn on the light when giving medicines. Never take medicines in the dark.

If you suspect a poisoning, call Tennessee Poison Center for treatment advice about any kind of poison. The Poison Help toll-free number is 1-800-222-1222. (Save this number in your cell phone so you will be sure and have it if there is an emergency.)

Stones River: A bitter night ends walk to gates of hell

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

It was a bitterly cold New Year's Eve and the wounded from the Battle of Stones River were freezing to death.

Union Maj. Gen. William S. Rosecrans ordered that no fires were to be built. Many of the wounded were to die of exposure that frigid night.

Confederate Brig. Gen. William Preston had lost a third of his men attacking the Round Forest.

"The frost, the dead and dying and the dark cedars among which we bivouacked were wild enough for a banquet of ghouls," Preston wrote.

Harrowing stories followed the battle with Union and Confederate soldiers tending to their opponents' and own wounded whose moans and cries made the long night even more miserable.

Exhausted Federal and Rebel troops searched for the wounded and conducted burial parties. Col. William B. Hazen, risking sniper fire, looked for the body of his friend Col. Julius Garesché, who had been beheaded by a cannon ball near the Round Forest.

Not too far away, Confederate soldiers conducted a burial ceremony for a Union officer, Col. George W. Roberts, who had been killed leading Sheridan's 3rd brigade.

The Confederates from the 4th Tennessee scratched out a grave in the cedars and limestone outcroppings for Roberts, who had been the hero of the Union victory at Island No. 10. Maj. Luke W. Finlay, a Memphis lawyer, covered Roberts' body with his own cloak and conducted a brief service. A large, smooth stone with Robert's name chipped on it was placed over the grave.

Union soldiers, used to regular meals, had lost most of their supplies during Confederate cavalryman Joe Wheeler's raid on their supply lines and were making do with scant rations including horse meat.

While they suffered, Rosecrans and his generals met to determine their next course of action.

Confederate commander Maj. Gen. Braxton Bragg was confident the Union army would retreat. In Murfreesboro, he ordered all churches and public buildings converted into hospitals.

"God has granted us a Happy New Year," Bragg telegraphed Richmond.

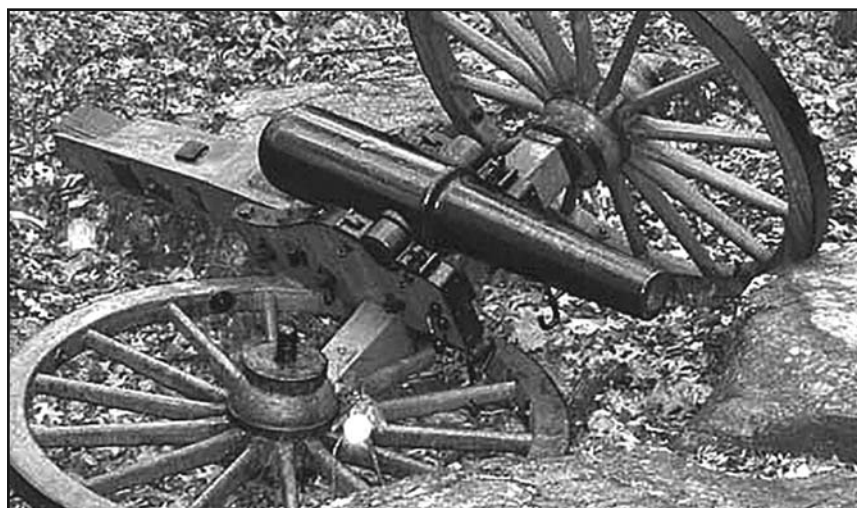
In his mood of triumph, Bragg threw victory away.

After some discussion of retreat, the Union Army of the Cumberland was ready to fight. There was some indication Rosecrans felt his army was surrounded and he had no choice.

On New Year's Day, the Army of Tennessee rested. The only action was to move Col. Joseph B. Palmer's Murfreesboro troops back across Stones River.

But Rosecrans acted decisively, ordering Gen. T.L. Crittenden to take the high ground overlooking McFadden's Ford on Stones River. That move made the difference on the second day of Stones River.

Supplies began to trickle in, and the Army of Cumberland began to strengthen its lines.



As the morning of Jan. 2, 1863 dawned cold and gray, Bragg saw Rosecrans wasn't going to fade away and that a sharp, decisive movement would be necessary to force the Union troops back to Nashville.

The delay had made Union lines along the railroad and in the Round Forest virtually impenetrable. The soldiers were well dug-in, and artillery was placed to rake the open fields with cannon fire.

Bragg knew that the only untested part of the Union line was its left flank on the east bank of Stones River and said his army needed to push them back and gain control of the high ground taken by Crittenden.

From that position, Confederate artillery could easily bombard Union positions.

Bragg ordered Maj. Gen. John C. Breckinridge to attack and told the former vice president of the United States he could pick the time. By this time, the two generals had a history of quarreling. On the first day of Stones River, Breckinridge failed to respond to orders and had delayed sending reinforcements until late in the afternoon.

After hearing Bragg's plan, Breckinridge conducted his own surveillance of the Federal position and came to the conclusion that the terrain across the river was masking a strong force. And the delay he was creating was allowing that position to be reinforced.

Bragg called Breckinridge to his headquarters at noon on Jan. 2. Under a huge sycamore at the river's edge (near the current Bragg Trailhead on Murfreesboro's Greenway), Bragg explained his plan.

Growing angry, Breckinridge drew a map in the dirt showing how dislodging the Federal troops would push them into an even stronger position.

Bragg was not swayed by Breckinridge and ordered him to attack at 4 p.m., just an hour before dark.

Returning to his corps, Breckinridge stirred them into action, which didn't escape already suspicious Union eyes. Col. Samuel Beatty had been keeping Crittenden and other superiors informed. And it appeared for a period that the Confederates were preparing to attack the Round Forest once again.

Gen. Leonidas Polk had moved five Confederate batteries below the Round Forest shortly after daybreak on Jan. 2 and opened fire at 8 a.m. The Union Chicago Board of Trade battery was repositioned in what is now the southeast corner of the National Cemetery and ordered to return fire. They mistakenly fired on an Ohio battery in the confusion. For whatever reason, the Confederate salvo just lasted 30 minutes.

Meanwhile Beatty's lines on the left side of the river are being reinforced with infantry and artillery.

Miller's, Stanley's, Cruft's and the powerful Pioneer Brigade were moved up along with the 7th Indiana, Battery F of the 1st Ohio, and Capt. Charles Parson's U.S. Regular Army Battery were lined up on the west bank of the river.

At 3 p.m., Breckinridge was pulling his troops together. A cold rain turned into sleet. First in line was Breckinridge's 1st Kentucky, the Orphan Brigade, led by Brig. Gen. Roger Hanson and Benjamin Hardin Helm. President Abraham Lincoln was Helm's brother in law.

Hanson, called 'Old Flintlock' by his men, limped from a wound from a duel that had happened years before. He had just been promoted to brigadier general two weeks before.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Adams' Brigade of Louisiana and Alabama group was placed behind the Kentuckians.

Col. Randall Gibson was leading them because Adams was wounded during the first day's fighting.

Then there was Gen. Gideon Pillow. The opportunistic, incompetent and generally hated Pillow had shown up on the battlefield only an hour earlier. Bragg immediately gave him a brigade command in Breckinridge's division... Col. J.B. Palmer's brigade.

Palmer, Murfreesboro's former mayor, was given the option of withdrawing from the field. He instead resumed command of his original regiment, the 18th Tennessee.

The Tennesseans were to be on the Confederate right on the front line of the assault, a serious mistake with Pillow in command. Brig. Gen. William Preston's four regiments were to follow Pillow but had to return from their position near the Round Forest.

Hanson was enraged when he first heard Bragg's orders: load, fix bayonets and advance within 100 yards of the Union position before opening fire and charging them with bayonets. The Rebels had to move through 700 to 900 yards of open territory.

Hanson said Bragg's order was nothing but murder. He had to be physically restrained from killing Bragg himself.

At 4 p.m. a single cannon shot announced the attack.

The Confederates were immediately under attack from Union artillery.

Aerial bursts mowed down large clusters of troops, but the Kentuckians continued to advance on the silent Union infantry, which rose to fire volleys at 90 and 60 yards. With Hanson leading the way, the Confederates took the hill at the cost of their commander's life. Hanson was hit by a shell fragment in his leg and quickly bled to death.

Breckinridge himself tried to stop the bleeding while still under fire.

Meanwhile, Pillow was hiding behind a tree. Breckinridge ordered him forward with a blast of obscenities. Pillow's brigade, with Palmer at the head of his regiment, was heavily involved with two Indiana brigades. In the confusion and heavy fire, the Confederate advance slowed, but some of the Union troops continued to fall back.

Rosecrans, once again directly involved in the action, scouted for units to bolster the Federal line. He discovered Brig. Gen. William Carlin's brigade and sent them to the river.

"I beg you for the sake of the country and my own sake to go at them with all your right," Rosecrans told Carlin.

But Capt. John Mendenhall, acting upon Crittenden's orders, was to be the hero of the day. He quickly gathered artillery to join the 7th Indiana artillery, which was already firing from the hill overlooking McFadden's Ford on Stones River. Soon the Chicago Board of Trade and other units gathered on the hill.

By 4:45 p.m., Mendenhall had grouped 40 (for a total of 58) more cannons on the hill that overlooked all of the surrounding territory and arranged them in a way they all had an unimpeded field of fire.

They were ready to fire en masse when the Confederates crested the hill overlooking the ford in pursuit of retreating Union troops.

"In a moment's time it was as if the Rebs had opened the door of hell to be greeted by the devil himself," wrote Dr. Bob Womack in his "Call Forth the Mighty Men."

"If a soldier ever saw the lightning and heard the thunder bolts of a tornado, at the same time the heavens opened and the stars of destruction were sweeping everything from the face of the earth, if he was in this battle he saw it," wrote W.J. McMurray of the 20th Tennessee.

More than 1,800 Confederates were mowed down in less than an hour. Stones River, at McFadden's Ford, ran red from their blood.

The Battle of Stones River was over. All was left was the Confederate retreat and the finger pointing of blame.

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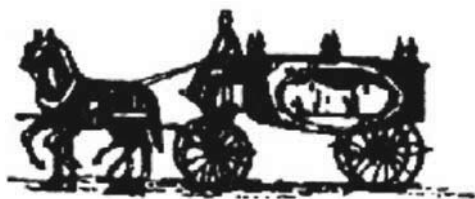
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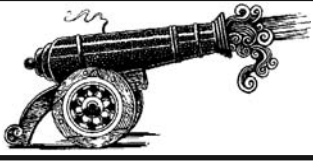


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Country Music Jam Session Pocahontas Community Center 1st and 3rd Fridays

A country music jam sessions is set for the first and third Fridays of each month at the Pocahontas Community Center, 1441 Pocahontas Road, Morrison. Musicians sign up at 5:30 and the music starts at 6 p.m. Open to the public, spectators and dancers are welcome. Admission is free. For more info call Ray at 615-765-7835 or John 931-588-1229.

Celebrate Recovery

For hurts, habits and hang-ups. Every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Church. Contact: Hunter Hay 615-542-2132 musclers66@yahoo.com

Community Dinner Sycamore Baptist Church

Sycamore Baptist, 7165 Sycamore Creek Road, will hold a community dinner the first Wednesday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations accepted with the funds going for a new church building.

Arts Center of Cannon County Will Be Closed December 24 through January 4 Happy Holidays!

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Let WIC Help You and Your Family this Holiday Season

The holiday season can be a time for increased stress and worries about money. If your family is struggling, support for your health and your child's health is especially important. Tennessee WIC can help provide resources to ensure a healthy diet for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5. If you make less than \$3,739 each month for a family of 4, please call the Cannon County Health Department at (615)563-4243 to see if you qualify for this program and schedule an appointment today!

Coat Donations Sought St. Thomas Hospital

St. Thomas Stones River Hospital will be accepting donations of coats, hats & gloves to be given out to people in need as well as The Trading Post on Short Mountain Hwy.

Art Center Season Tickets

The Arts Center of Cannon County has set its 2016 season with tickets going on sale Nov. 2. Season Tickets are just \$60 for six shows. The 2016 Season features: Memphis, The Musical- The Tony Award Winning Musical about the birth of rock 'n' roll in the turbulent 1950s.(Rated PG)
Always...Patsy Cline- The musical based on Patsy Cline's true story with 27 classic songs. (Rated PG)
Disney's The Little Mermaid- The all-new full length version based on the animated 1989 Disney film of the same name. (Rated G)
Rock of Ages- Take a trip back to the 1980s in this rock musical featuring the music of Journey, Whitesnake, Styx, Bon Jovi, and many more. (Rated PG13)
The Odd Couple- Neil Simon's classic buddy comedy. (Rated PG)
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang- The new stage musical based on the 1968 film. (Rated G)

Volunteer Mentors Needed for Local TN Promise Students

Cannon County's partnering organization for TN Promise needs 20 local volunteer mentors to work with high school seniors from the Class of 2016. The time commitment is small, about one hour per month, but the impact is significant as volunteers assist students navigating the college-going process and encourage them to reach their full potential. For more information about becoming a mentor, visit www.tnachieves.org or contact Graham Thomas at (615) 604-1306 or graham@tnachieves.org. The deadline to apply is Nov. 20, 2015.

Donate Furniture for Starving Artists

The Short Mountain Trading Post is now accepting donations of used furniture and household items that folks no longer need. Our Starving Artists appreciate these donations very much and are creating wonderful pieces from these throw away items. Call: Savannah at 615-464-7824. Thanks so much !!

"Wedding Dresses Through the Decades" January 10-March 6 Oaklands Mansion

Step back to yesterday and see the common threads that weave together the lives of women through the decades in middle Tennessee and across the country. Enjoy traveling through time as you walk among over fifty gowns that are being placed on loan and exhibited, most for the first time. The "Wedding Dresses Through the Decades" exhibit at Oaklands Mansion in Murfreesboro is presented in partnership with the Human Sciences Department of Middle Tennessee State University and sponsored in part by Encore Bridal & Formal Wear. This includes wedding dresses from every decade: 1847 through today. Also on display is the 2008 handmade gown of Demetria Kalodimos which is an original design by Rosie Woodruff of Textile Fabrics in Nashville. Wedding gowns will be on display in Maney Hall and open to the public at Oaklands Mansion from January 10 through March 6, 2016. During this exhibit, guests will have the rare opportunity to view items from, not only the museum's collection, but also elegant and fashionable wedding dresses worn by ladies from Murfreesboro and around the country. Many of which have been stored for decades under beds and in the back of closets. The exhibit will be open during regular hours, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Groups of 20 or more may also schedule private after hour's viewings of the gowns by appointment, by calling Mary Beth Nevills at 615-893-0022. Admission to the exhibit is \$8 per person and is open to the public. Group tour rates are available upon request. Special evening openings of the elegant and fashionable wedding dresses will take place on the following Friday evenings: January 22, February 5 & 19, and again March 4th from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, January 8

The Road West Band will appear at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. A soup supper is planned at 6 p.m. with soup, cornbread and desert. Admission is \$5.

Adams Memorial Library Announces Trivia Week (Jan 4-9)

January 4 is National Trivia Day and the Cannon County Library System is celebrating by hosting a trivia competition! From January 4 - 9, patrons can pick up the trivia sheets of fifty questions to test their knowledge. The questions include the topics of pop culture, presidents, Cannon County history, and questions about the library. If you answer at least ten questions correctly, your name will be placed in a drawing for the grand prize. If you answer all fifty questions correctly, you automatically receive a prize! It's a fun way to earn a prize and you might learn something new!

The King's Birthday is Jan 8—Pin the Hair at Adams Memorial Library

Of course we mean the King of Rock and Roll, Elvis. Adams Memorial Library will celebrate this auspicious day by having a Pin the Hair on Elvis Game. Come to the library and try your hand at getting some hair back on the King. Anyone can play. If you get the King back together you get a prize. Let's not leave the King of Rock and Roll without any hair. Come on down and help him out. "Thank you, thank you very much."
- Elvis Presley

Internet and Wi-Fi Basics I and II (Jan 19 & 21 at 9:30 am)

Internet and Wi-Fi Basics I and II for beginners will cover internet service for Woodbury including speed, costs, and data limits; Wi-Fi Basics; Privacy; internet browsers; and more. Classes are Tues and Thurs at 9:30 am, Jan 19 & 21. Please call Adams Memorial Library 615-563-5861 to sign up or for more information.

Winter Reading Program Is Back! (Jan 19-Feb 12)

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 279 Thursday, January 21

American Legion Post 279 will meet on Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 6:30PM, at the Senior Citizens Center. (No meal will be served prior to the meeting)

National Headquarters and State Headquarters has increased their annual dues for 2017 to a combined total of \$31, this is \$1 more that we are currently paying. For 2016 we pay \$30 and get back \$6.50 for each paid member. For 2017 with their increase, the minimum dues for the Post would be \$31 with nothing coming back to the Post, all going to National and State. The Executive Board voted to recommend that Post 279 raise our dues to \$40, for 2017, which means that \$9 will be returned to the Post for each paid member. Post 279 has 110 members, if they all pay their dues for 2017, that would equate to \$990 coming back to the Post, which would be used to fund our scholarship program which provides a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a Veteran's dependent for college, a community college, a technical school, truck driving school, an EMT course, medical course or any special training course.

The increase is only .83 cents a month, and every legionnaire can be proud that he or she is providing support to Post 279 and providing a Veteran's kid with the much needed funds for a better education.

We will present our 2016 Budget, as well as, Projects approved for 2016 and beyond, discuss plans for our meals, and vote on the 2017 dues increase. A GREAT TEAM DOING GOOD THINGS FOR OUR VETERANS,OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMUNITY.

Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, January 15

The Gilley Brothers will appear at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, February 5

Lonnie Jones and Tennessee Shine will appear at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

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 2016 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 4th. First Distribution is February 11th. 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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To see more photos from these holiday events, join their facebook pages: Saint Thomas DeKalb Hospital / Saint Thomas Stones River Hospital

Cannon County Senior Center Music Night Friday, February 19

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

What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

- January 6th & January 7th - Woodbury Grammar—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.**
- January 8th & January 11th- Woodland—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.**
- January 12th Westside & Auburn—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.**
- January 13th- Eastside—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.**
- January 14th -Short Mtn.—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.**

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championship. "Last year, I learned from my mistake, because I took more time off," CCHS sophomore Hannah Whitened said. "This year I went straight from cross-country to track, and I felt like that helped me a lot, because my body stayed in shape more."

The sophomore continued her success on the paths and track this season even though she had to do it for two different schools. Last season, Whitened qualified for the cross-country state meet as a freshman, but she was the only member of the Lionettes to achieve this feat. This season, her success continued as she was the top finisher for CCHS at all of the cross-country meets, which included two overall wins. At the same time, Whitened was a member of the Lionettes which made history as the first team in school history to advance to the state meet as a team. During the state meet, Whitened finished 11th, and the Lionettes as a whole completed the season with a 6th place placing overall.

"(Hannah) Whitened is a very tough blue-collar runner," CCHS Cross-Country head coach Marc Larson said. "She always shows up and gets the job done. I never had to worry about her performance. Her consistency was due to her work ethic. Her attitude matches her ability. She is extremely supportive of the other runners. With all of her success, she stays grounded and loved by everyone on the team."

Dream comes true for Jonathan Odom

CCHS's Jonathan Odom experienced a literal "dream come true" when he was hired as Cannon County's new girls basketball coach. Odom takes over the successful program after previous head coach Michael Dodgen left to take the same position at White County. Odom had spent the previous seven seasons as an assistant for the CCHS boys' basketball team.

"The biggest dream anyone could have is to be a head coach and I am no different," Odom said on June 11. "I feel very blessed to have my first opportunity with a program like CCHS that has so much history and tradition. To be able to do it in my hometown and that just adds to it. I think that it is a big plus and just the knowledge of the fan base here and how passionate they are and knowing the history and tradition and the expectations is invaluable." During Dodgen's decade at CCHS, he helped lead the Lionettes to four state tournament appearances in five seasons including last season's surprising run to the Elite Eight after finishing fifth in the district during the regular season. Odom understands the player's mindset of wanting to continue the program's winning expectations.

"They are so used to winning and they do not know anything different," Odom said. "That is a credit to Dodgen and the previous staff. That is so huge, because a lot of times when a coach take over a program they've got to change

the culture." "The culture is already here. That makes my job easier in one way, but also challenging to have that pressure to keep that going. The girls are very driven, and they do not expect to take a step back. I am not going to put any guarantees that we are going to make it back to state, or how many games we are going to win. The girls expect that and I expect that," he said. Jonathan Odom

Dodgen honored by Courier

At the 5th annual Cannon Courier Hall of Fame and All Sports Banquet girls basketball coach Michael Dodgen made his final night on the job memorable.

Not only was Dodgen inducted, but one of his legendary former players, Emily Sissom, was also selected for the honor. Also, the school decided to retire the jerseys of not only Emily, but her sister Abbey. It was a perfect night for Dodgen to end his tenure as coach of the Lionettes before moving to White County to take the same position.

"It is a unique thing, and special situations to have one of your players go in at the same time you did," Dodgen said a few weeks before the event. "(Emily) Sissom was a kid that was the foundation of when we started the success eight years ago. She was a part of the first group that got to go to the first region finals, eight years ago, and one of the first groups to go to the state tournament. To be able to share that moment with her family and my family it means a lot."

As for Dodgen, when he took the Lionettes job 10 seasons ago, he knew the history of the program, including the team's 1989 state title, but it had not been to the state tournament since 1992. By the time he left, the program was back on top, including four trips to the state tournament out of the past five seasons.

"Cannon County is a special place to me, my family and kids for the simple fact when you have been somewhere for 10 years you establish a lot of friendships," Dodgen said the day after the ceremony. "I have been able to be the coach at CCHS, and have a great group of young ladies that have played for me over the last 10 years, which have built back a program to one of the top programs in Class AA and to be able to do that is rewarding in itself. It is so much about what these young ladies allowed me to accomplish as a coach, because of their work ethic and how hard they wanted to be good."

During his time at the helm of the Lionettes program, Dodgen amassed over 200 wins, and he helped coach two All-State players, one Miss Basketball, two District MVPs, and over 50 All-District players. However, some say his best coaching job came this past season as the Lionettes advanced back to the state tournament even though the team finished fifth during the District 8AA regular season.

Once the postseason started, CCHS used their winning tradition to defeat the top four teams in the district during both the

district and region tournaments earning them a spot back at the Murphy Center for the 2015 TSSAA Class AA state tournament. Unfortunately, the dream ended in the quarterfinals by eventual state champion MLK.

"This year's team provided a lot of memorial moments," Dodgen said. "A lot of people counted this year's team out, and they did not think they could accomplish a lot. For this team to get back to the state tournament is great."

Those Lionettes were led by several award winners, including girls' basketball player of the year, Kelli Davis, Kristen Hale and Erin McReynolds. It was a memorial way for Dodgen to end his career at CCHS.

Of course, coaching runs in the family tree for the Dodgens, as the person who inducted him into the Hall of Fame, his father, Donald, taught him the game of basketball, especially the coaching side growing up. Currently, Donald is the athletic director at Knoxville Farragut High.

After getting his college degree at Tennessee Tech, Dodgen coached at Smith County for three seasons, which included an overall record of 52-45 and their first trip to the regions since 1989. In June 2005, he was named CCHS girls basketball coach, which he stayed until May of this year.

However, he admitted one of the toughest things he had to do was tell the Lionettes he was moving on. He has nothing but fond memories of his time here in Cannon County.

"One of the toughest things a coach has to do, especially when you have put everything into a program for 10 years, and you have watched these current players since junior pro, and grammar school basketball. I have watched them grow up, and turn into great young ladies. To have to tell them I was leaving was probably one of the hardest things I had to do. Everybody here has been nothing but wonderful to me and my family. It was a move and an opportunity to get closer to my family. It gets me close to that situation where I could help out there. It is one of the hardest things you have to do. Cannon County will always have a special place in my heart. I will always check in and watch in on the program from a distance. I appreciate everything everyone has done for me."

CC gridiron opens under new lights

The Cannon County High School football team opened the 2015 home portion of their schedule on Aug. 28 against Jackson County. It was also throw-back night as the Lions wore jerseys from back in the day honoring those former players in program history. However, the Blue Devils shutout the Lions, 47-0. "I think specialty games like this are a fun thing to do," senior lineman Eldon Resko said before practice last week. He wore No. 50, which is his normal jersey number, in honor of Gary Northcut. Some of the players wore different numbers than normal during the game to honor those famous former players who wore them back then.

"It is pretty exciting and we have not done anything like this in a long time," Senior lineman Bo Bryson, who wore No. 40 instead of No. 10 in honor of Mark Roberts added. The home opener was also the debut for the CCHS football team with the new lighting system at Fred Schwartz Field. Several other sporting events have taken place since the lights were put in last year, but this was the first high school football game under the new lights. "These projects are advertised for bid, then bids are approved by the school board at a regular meeting," Cannon County Director of Schools Barbara Parker said via email on Aug. 28. "The football stadium lighting project was a project that the school board felt was badly needed, and the board included funding for this project in the budget for the 2014-15 school year. The former lights were given to CCHS and had been used for many years and did not lighten the field as much as were desirable."

Cross-country roars back

The Lionettes high school cross country team are roaring back to the state meet after finishing third at the Region 4A-AA event, while the Cannon County middle and elementary teams finished up the season by competing at the state meet in Knoxville.

The Junior Lions and Lionettes made three-for-three in state meet appearances during the short but successful run in program history, while elementary team made the state in their first try.

"It was really exciting just being there with the whole team," Lionettes middle school runner Madison Gaither said. "I thought we did really well." The state meet was held at Victor Ashe Park in Knoxville in which the team faced a challenging course and the toughest competition in the state. However, the middle and elementary school teams went down a day early to practice on the course, and make final adjustments before the meet the following morning.

"We had a compact course, which was choppy, and hilly," CCJL head coach Brian Elrod said. "It was one of the toughest courses in the state. We were prepared for it, and we did great. We had the ideal conditions for running."

Also, the team was inspired by watching the Disney movie, *McFarland*, which is a true story about a successful built from scratch cross country program with Kevin Costner playing the head coach.

"The movie boosted us up, because they did the same things we did," CCJL runner Zettie Elrod said. "They make mistakes and they come back from them." The Lionettes finished 16th overall out of 26 teams with five runners finishing the season on a strong note. The CCJL runners included Zettie Elrod (66th), Amanda Blanco (95th), Hannah Higgins (159th), Lauren Knox (172nd), and Madison Gaither (178th) out of 294 runners.

The Lions was 21st overall out of 30 teams in a meet which featured 312 runners, and CCJL included Duncan Cook (69th), Tyler

Southworth (110th), Colin Reed (122th), Matthew Elmy (147th) and Tristan Davis (300th).

The elementary school runners included AJ Armstrong (116th), James Hawkins (118th), Boone Elrod (127th), Nick Foster (180th), and Gunter Pitts (150th). The boys finished 15th out of 19 teams, which included 232 competitors. The girls was represented by Maddie Reed (113th) and Georgia Hawkins (115th). While on the high school level, the Lionettes advanced to state with a third place overall finish, while the Lions were eliminated with a fifth place finish in a very tough region at Camp Jordan in East Ridge.

"We are really excited, and we were hoping to make it this year," CCHS Lionette Alayna Reed said. "At first, we were really nervous, because we were not for sure if we made it. As soon as they announced it, we were screaming and jumping."

Besides facing the toughest competition in the region on a brutal course with a state berth on the line. The weather conditions were horrible with rain from the hurricane that hit Mexico last weekend, and the course turned into a mud bath. However, both teams used the bad weather to their advantage.

"We were covered from head to toe in mud," Reed said. "We made sure before we started our shoes were tied tight, if not we were going to lose them. The Lionettes who made state included Hannah Whitened (5th), Isabella Russo (20th), Alayna Reed (22nd), Elva Magana (26th), Samantha Gaither (27th), Tyger Kennedy (31st) and Flor Magana (34th).

While, the Lions missed advancing to state with a fifth place finish, they were led by Devin Gilpatrick (22nd), Justin Whitened (26th), Austin Duggin (27th), Corey Seymour (28th), Reece Wisdom (39th), and Alex Sergouiano (41st).

"It was a sick part of my stomach about that, because those guys are good,"

CCHS head coach Marc Larson said. "They got the best average Top 5 running time that I had since coming to CCHS, and for them to do as good as they did this year and not make state it hurts a little bit. I know how hard they have worked, and they are good. It is an extremely good region."

Abbey Sissom vital for MT success

Former Cannon County standout Abbey Sissom has played a vital role in Middle Tennessee's success at the outset of the 2015-16 season, and the sophomore standout says she is excited to be part of something special with the Lady Raiders.

Middle Tennessee Head Coach Rick Insell, a Cannon County native and five-time Hall of Famer, including the Cannon County Sports Hall of Fame, said "Cannon Countians will be glad to know Abbey Sissom is a big part of what our team is doing. She continues to improve."

"Abbey is stronger and now she is not only a strong outside shooter, but she is slashing to the basket, penetrating. She is a complete player. Cannon County takes pride in their basketball and they should be proud of Abbey Sissom. She is doing a great job for us."

Sissom was a prolific scorer at Cannon County High School and finished her career second on the all-time scorer list with 2,606 points.

Sissom said putting in extra work and getting stronger in the offseason have aided her performances.

"I put in a lot of time in the weight room and in the gym putting up shots this summer," Sissom said. "I can see the hard work paying off in a lot of areas. I feel like I am rebounding better and playing better defense."

While she has been one of the team's leading scorers this season, it has been Sissom's defense that has been a strong facet of her game.

"Abbey is one of our best perimeter defenders," Insell said.

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Johnson "was traveling southbound on state Highway 53 during heavy rainfall with limited visibility," Whiles reported. Mrs. Means "was walking westbound, crossing state Highway 53" when she was struck, the trooper said.

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the community. For Dillard, guiding local progression is more than a resume builder; it's a way of life. "I often speak to youth within the community regarding leadership initiatives," she says. Her strong interest in

Historical Society sets 'Show & Tell'



policy and strengthening our society has also led to even loftier goals. "I would like to be a Georgia State Representative one day." Clayton is located in the mountains of Northeast Georgia and is home to a beautiful downtown.

The Cannon County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cannon County Senior Center, 609 West Lehman St., in the small dining area.

January, it seems, has become the annual "Show and Tell" meeting. In the past, "Show and Tell" has been a favorite with many members.

The featured presenters will be the members of the Historical Society.

Please bring anything you consider to be a matter of interest including family heirlooms, documents,

pictures, books, old hand tools, historic relics or anything interesting to share. Please be prepared to "share a tale."

The Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. for snacks and refreshments. Bring your favorites.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. Come and bring someone with you. And don't forget your "show and tell" item.

"Remember, everyone is welcome. Looking forward to seeing you January 12," said Joe Davenport, Historical Society president.

Best Wishes for a Blessed 2016 from Auburntown

Well by the time you read this, another Christmas has come and gone and a new year is so close we can smell it! Happy 2016 to each of you.

And there have been Christmas parties galore. Thursday the 17th, Ernestine Tate enjoyed the season with her family. Enjoying the festivities with her were John and Kim Francis and Callie Francis, Jenny Francis, Brooklyn and Londyn, Megan Davis, John and Angie Davis and Justin, Ann Bryson, Sherry and Tony Young and Grady George.

Friday night it was off to coaches Tim and DeAnna Reed's home for the basketball girls' annual "chocolate Christmas Party". Enjoying a good time were Mary Beth Patterson, Katie Hancock, Destiny Wood, Katelyn Duggin, Baleigh Fulkerson, Caitlyn

Crook, Hannah Junker, Kiley Hughes, Olivia Robbins, Leighanne Dodd and Sara Wheeler.

It was off to Cedar Grove for Terry and Betty Thomas and Madison Gaither. They enjoyed the annual "Christmas Barn Party" hosted by son Patrick Thomas and Howard and Clarenita Hamilton.

The house of Gene and Wilma Harris' was full Christmas Eve when Martye Harris, Nick and Leah Wilson, Allie, Eli, Maya and Isaiah, Josh and Rebecca Tate, Maggie and Levi and Jerry and Beverly Bryan gathered in for their annual good Christmas times.

Both Auburn Baptist and Prosperity Baptist churches presented their Christmas programs Sunday the 20th. Auburn's was held that night with the theme "The Christmas Promise". It included

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both adult and children's choirs.

Prosperity's adult choir performed "There's a New Kid in Town" for the Morning Service. For the Evening service, the children presented "Happy Birthday Jesus" and the youth did interpretive movements to "Mary Did You Know" and Casting Crown's "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day".

You never know who will show up at JimBo's for coffee and or good breakfast food. Two "old" natives, Dwight Hancock and Mike Dutton, strolled in Tuesday for some good chats. You can learn a lot (none of it really useful but funny) about those who come in.

Losing a loved one is never easy but, as I have stated before, it seems around the Christmas holidays is especially hard. Our thoughts, prayers and love to the family and especially wife, Mable, of Hop Turney. He was a great man.

It is such good news that Dawn Maier did not (as far as I know) suffer life-threatening injuries in a head-on collision which happened Wednesday. She is in a Nashville hospital and was to undergo surgery for broken bones - both arms and both legs according to some I have talked with. We send her a speedy recovery.

Shirley Young was another who had surgery Christmas Eve.

It was a one-day back surgery. Praying this works for her and she's back on her feet in no time.

Christmas Eve guests at our house were Mark and Karen Stinnett of Brush Creek, Patrick Thomas of Cedar Grove, Robbie Owen, Brad and Stefanie Leach and Joyce Leach. Coming in later after the meal were Tim, and DeAnna Reed, Alayna and Adrianna Reed, Janna and Ryan Womack and Samantha and Madison Gaither.

Also as usual there are lots of viruses attacking people. Jordan Blackburn had type A flu which developed into pneumonia. Lots of our children are also experiencing viral maladies. Sure hope Santa takes these back to the North Pole and freezes them.

It's a birthday the 30th for Brian Leyhew, brothers Dustin (1996)

and Dalton (1999) Lack Dawson Reed and Lindsay Cooper. Now we begin all over again with a birthday the first day of the new year - they are: Stacy Baines, Doug Gaither, James Paul Davenport and Kathy Hayes. Joey Reed celebrates his the 3rd and winding up the week on the 5th are Ann Whitaker Thompson and Erica Melton Garrett. Happy birthday!

Susan and Todd Turney celebrate their 22nd anniversary the last day of the year. It is the 11th for Brian and Terri Jackson the 1st day of January. Happy anniversary to both couples.

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

Upper Cumberland seniors receive holiday food

Seniors across the Upper Cumberland received food to make hot meals this holiday season thanks to generous canned food donations and contributions from multiple community organizations.

Each December, the Area Agency on Aging and Disability, a division of the Upper Cumberland Development District, coordinates a canned

food drive for seniors in need across the Upper Cumberland. Holiday food bags are created from the canned food donations and contain ingredients for seniors to prepare a hot holiday meal. The bags are distributed by AAAD staff to low-income, home-bound clients throughout the region.

This year, AAAD staff teamed up with the

Sunset and Noon Rotary Clubs of Cookeville, First Volunteer Bank, F&M Bank, Citizens Bank, Middle Tennessee Curb, and Pioneer Credit Company branches of Cookeville and Smithville to collect canned food donations for the holiday food bags. Through canned food donations and \$1,350 in contributions, AAAD staff were able to assemble and distribute 250 holiday food bags to seniors in need. Each senior received a bag containing canned ham, corn, green beans, yams, fried apples, and a stuffing mix or rolls.



AAAD staff members and volunteers assemble holiday food bags from canned food donations and contributions. Pictured left to right: Holly Williams, Clare Farless, Jessica Pruett, Alana Huddleston, Kelly Clarkson, volunteer Landon Krauss, Jennifer Birdwell, Katie Cunningham, and Meghian Moore.

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Here's some gift return, exchange tips from TDCI

NASHVILLE - It's likely you'll be visiting retail counters this month to return or exchange those gifts that weren't quite right. The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance's (TDCI) Division of Consumer Affairs wants to make consumers aware of Tennessee laws regarding retail returns and offer a

few tips to prevent hassles and headaches at the cash register.

Here are some tips to consider:

If you know you intend to return a gift, keep original tags and bar codes on items to ensure ease of returning that item. You are more likely to receive a refund or the full value

in store credit for packages that are unopened and in brand-new condition.

Some retailers have varied return timeframes for fresh food, electronics and holiday items. Also, return policies for clearance merchandise may be different than merchandise sold at full price.

Some retailers may

charge a restocking fee for returns of electronics or large-ticket items.

Look up the return policies when buying online or from catalogs to find out if you have to pay a return shipping fee. Sometimes merchandise can be returned to a store instead of the online merchant.

No Progress on Farm Payment Limit Reform Center for Rural Affairs rebukes USDA "actively engaged" proposal

Today the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued their final rule to define what it means to be actively engaged in farming, and therefore eligible to receive federal farm payments. The final rule made no progress from the proposed rule issued last May, and it not only ensures access to unlimited farm program payments for the majority of the largest farms in the country, it goes one step further by writing loopholes directly into regulation.

"The purpose of revising the actively engaged definition was to make farm payment limits more effective," said Traci Bruckner, Senior Associate at the Center for Rural Affairs. "The USDA is, however, clearly more interested in defending the interests of mega-farms by preserving loose definitions that will continue to allow the nation's largest farms to avoid meaningful payment limits."

"This is not reform" added Bruckner. "In 2007, while campaigning in Iowa for his first election, President Obama promised to close these loopholes. He said that "every President since Ronald Reagan has had the authority to close this loophole without action by Congress, but has failed to act." noted Bruckner. "Well, now we can add President Obama

to that list of Presidents that have failed to act."

"The lack of effective payment limitations has resulted in federal farm programs financing farm consolidation and the elimination of many mid-size family farms.... Barack Obama and Joe Biden will close the loopholes that allow mega farms to get around the limits by subdividing their operations into multiple paper corporations. They will take immediate action to close the loophole by proposing regulations to limit payments to active farmers who work the land.... Every President since Ronald Reagan has had the authority to close this loophole without additional action by Congress, but has failed to act." President Barack Obama, writing as a candidate for President in his rural platform - Obama-Biden: Real Leadership For Rural America

According to Bruckner, the USDA stated in the final rule that the 2014 Farm Bill language prohibits them from applying any new rule to farms structured solely of family members.

"We disagree with that premise, and this rule does nothing more than say the largest and wealthiest farms structured solely of family members are not subject to this new rule or any payment limitation,"

argued Bruckner. "In fact, if USDA would have interpreted the 2014 Farm Bill language correctly, they would have crafted a rule that says farms structured solely of family members can only qualify for farm programs payments if they provide labor - meaning they actually work on the farm," added Bruckner.

"That is what happens when Congressional leaders throw the will of the House and the Senate under the bus, in the dark of night, behind closed doors... you get messy language. The USDA makes matters worse by choosing to interpret the intent of Congress only in ways that lack reform and are easily evaded by the nation's largest and wealthiest farms," said Bruckner. "And of the few farms this rule would impact, those structured as non-family member operations, most will surely work with an attorney to reorganize their operations to be structured solely of family members to evade any payment limitations."

Bruckner also explained that the new rule affects less than four percent of farm operations. And leaves the loophole door wide open for the other 96 percent, the USDA has issued an invitation to farm reorganizations undertaken to maximize subsidies beyond the payment limit. Even for those

farms who choose to keep their business structures organized as part of the four percent, the new rule provides for a limit over \$1 million in subsidies per year for the largest farms. This is the antithesis of reform.

"The proposed rule makes one improvement, tightening the farm management definition by requiring recordkeeping to back up management claims and adding a quantifiable test for farm management," added Bruckner. "This small step forward could serve as a key ingredient for real reform if a future Administration should decide to enforce payment limits and actually close the loopholes."

"However, overall this final rule is fatally flawed, lacks real reform, and will result in few changes other than mega-farms scrambling to reorganize their business structure to fit within the loopholes," Bruckner concluded.

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Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues

SPORTS

Injuries, size difference hurt Lionettes in tourney

KEITH READY
For The Courier

The Lebanon High School Lady Blue Devils used a size advantage in the post to get out to an early lead on the Cannon County Lionettes in the first round of the Sonic Shootout at White County High School in Sparta Monday, December 28 as the Wilson County team coasted to 71-37 win over the Lionettes.

Former Riverdale coach and Cannon County alumni Cory Barrett, who is now at the helm of the Lebanon program, watched as his team got out to a 40-19 halftime lead as they pounded the ball inside. Lebanon's roster consists of four players 6'1" and above, all of which received deep minutes in the game.

"Their post play was really the difference" said Lionette head coach Jonathan Odom. "We just didn't have an answer to that. When they were able to rotate two at a time with no drop-off in the size, it really hurt us on the boards," he continued.

Missed free throws also plagued the Lionettes. Cannon got to the line 36 times during the contest and only hit 16 from the charity stripe.

Lebanon 71
Cannon County 37
CC: Davis-16, Knox-11, Scott-5, King-3, Haley-1, Walker-1
FG: 6-30 3PT: 3-11 Total: 9-41, FT: 16-36

A hand injury suffered in the game against Lebanon Monday, kept Cannon County Lionette leading scorer Kelli Davis out of the second round game of

the Sonic Shootout against Warren County Tuesday. The Lionettes were also without the services of post player Haylee Mooneyham who was ailing from a respiratory infection. The Lionettes responded as best as they could against the AAA school from McMinnville keeping it close in the first quarter. Warren County was able to break it open in the second and coast the rest of the way to a 61-49 win.

"Very proud of the effort that the team gave being as shorthanded as they were" Lionette head coach Jonathan Odom said. "We meet them January 5th and should have both players back and the outcome will hopefully be different."

Maleah Scott and Autumn King carried the team in scoring with 18 and 14 points respectively. Warren County used a 18-0 run at the end of the beginning of the second quarter to provide the big cushion.

They led by 17 in the fourth quarter when Cannon began a run of their own and got as close as 5 before the Lady

Pioneers responded and put the game away.

Warren County 61
Cannon County 49
CC: Scott-18, King-14, Knox-7, Gaitner-5, Haley-3, Walkup-2
FG: 13-29, 3-PT: 3-14,
Total: 16-43, FT: 14-23

As a result of the two previous losses, the Lionettes were in the 7th place game of the Sonic Shootout Wednesday.

Their opponent McMinn County out of Athens Tennessee came into the game a little disappointed after a heartbreaking two point loss to Portland Tuesday afternoon. The Lionettes showed fatigue after two difficult games and as a result spent most of the game making fundamental mistakes, missing free throws while McMinn County took their frustrations out on the Lionettes collecting a 64-41 win and seventh place in the tournament. Cannon County committed 30 turnovers in the game which was uncharacteristic of them coming into the contest.



MIKE WEST photos

Carolyn Burnett, chief cook and bottle-washer at Parsley's Market, puts a birthday kiss on Coach Robert A. Harris in honor of his 92nd birthday celebrated at the market.



Ben Cates, a former coach himself, congratulates Robert A. Seated under the birthday balloon is Cannon County Schools Director Barbara Parker, who shares a birthdate with Robert A. "He's 92 and I'm 29 and holding," Mrs. Parker says.



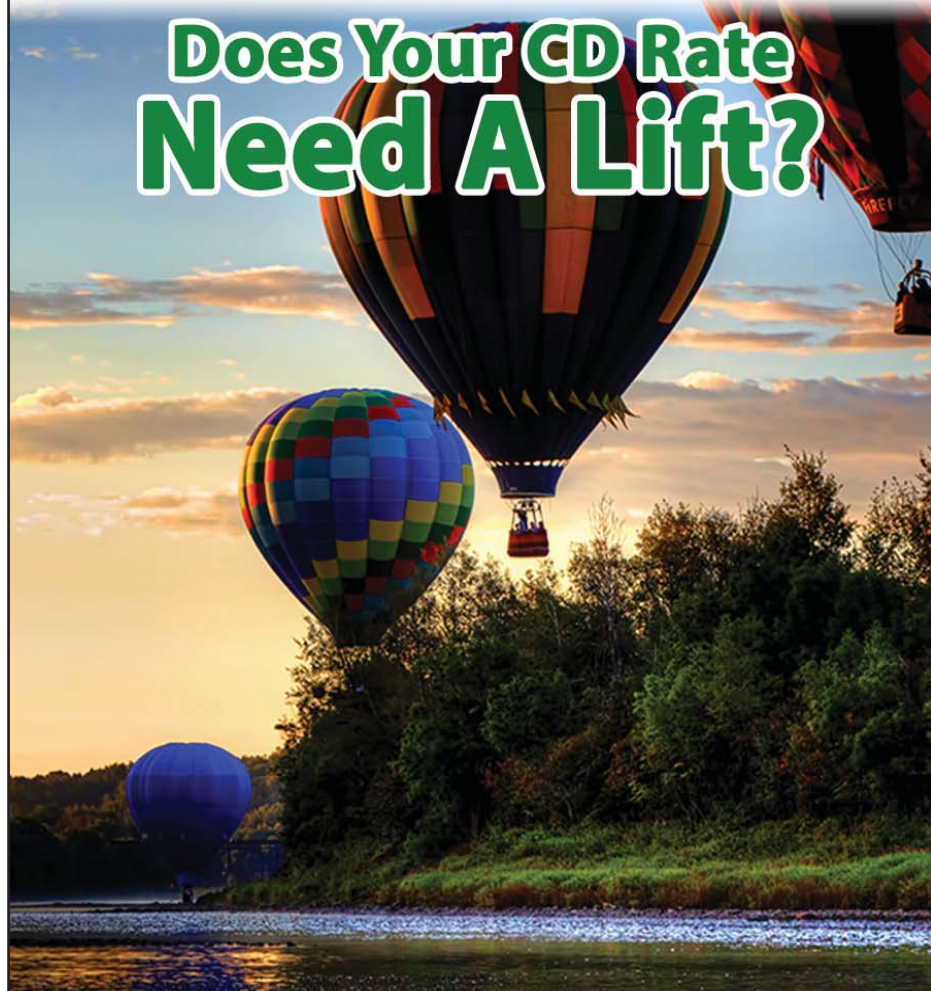
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MTSU Ranked as Top Best Value in Tennessee Among Public Universities



Middle Tennessee State University is listed the top-ranked public university in the state by a national website that focuses on what it considers the best values in higher education. MTSU was ranked No. 2 overall, behind Vanderbilt University in Nashville, by BestValueSchools.com in a list of 20 institutions evaluated for 20-year net return on investment, net price and graduation and acceptance rates.

The website noted MTSU's growth from a teacher school to a major comprehensive university, saying that it "now offers dozens of degrees in a wide range of unique academic and vocational fields." It also singled out MTSU's "specialized" departments of Recording Industry, Aerospace and Concrete Industry Management, saying they represent the university's "commitment to student success after

graduation by preparing them for promising careers in vital, local industries." The website said the ranking offers prospective students "a premier selection of universities to help get you started on your search for an education in Tennessee." You can see the Tennessee rankings at: <http://www.bestvalueschools.com/rankings-by-state/tennessee>

FIRSTBANK NAMES GORDON AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER; BUNCH TAKES NEW CFO POSITION AT FIRSTBANK VENTURES

Financial services veteran James R. Gordon has been named chief financial officer of FirstBank, effective Jan. 1, 2016, the Company announced today.

Winnie Bunch, CFO for the past 20 years, is moving into a newly created position as chief financial officer for FirstBank Ventures, which operates FirstBank Mortgage, FirstBank Investments and FirstBank Insurance.

FirstBank President and CEO Chris Holmes says the moves reflect the growth experienced in banking and mortgage operations across the bank's footprint in the Southeast.

"It became necessary for us to expand our executive team, and we are fortunate to be able to attract someone with the experience and talent of James Gordon to take over as FirstBank CFO. He is a great addition to our executive management team and, importantly, a great fit with our corporate culture," Holmes said. "We are also fortunate that Winnie will be leading the financial team at FirstBank Ventures. She has done a tremendous job in helping us manage our growth, and she is the perfect person to take over this new role."

Gordon's career includes 25 years of diversified accounting experience, both in public accounting and in the private sector. Previously, he was a partner with the international accounting firms of PricewaterhouseCoopers and BDO. He most recently was the partner in charge of Horne LLP's Memphis



office. Horne has offices throughout the Southeast and Colorado, including Nashville, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.

Gordon also served on the executive management teams of three separate financial institutions in the Southeast. He was chief risk officer at Union Planters Bank and chief accounting officer at National Commerce Financial Corp., the holding company of National Bank of Commerce, both in Memphis; and was chief financial officer for Greenville, South Carolina-based The South Financial Group.

Holmes and Gordon worked together at National Commerce Financial and later at The South Financial Group, where Holmes served as director of corporate financial services and chief

retail banking officer prior to joining FirstBank in 2010.

An Oxford, Miss., native, Gordon is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the Barret Graduate School of Banking and is a certified public accountant in Tennessee. As CFO, Gordon will be based in Nashville and will oversee FirstBank's finance and accounting division as well as the bank's asset and liability management.

Bunch, a native of Lexington, Tenn., joined FirstBank in 1993 as accountant and director of internal audit and was named CFO in 1995. Prior to joining FirstBank, the 1984 graduate of the University of Tennessee worked as a public accountant in Atlanta and as fiscal director for two large nonprofit agencies in Jackson, Tenn.



United Way's Community Baby Shower, in partnership with the Rutherford County Health Department presented by Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital, is set for February 5, 2016 at Patterson Park Community Center.

With a goal of 400 diaper bags, United Way is looking for companies and organizations to collect baby supplies for the Community Baby Shower. A Team Leader Training for collection site representatives will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016, beginning at 8 a.m. at the United Way office. Email Lisbeth Couser or call (615) 893-7303 x 111 to sign up as a collection site and for more details!

State Fire Marshal Reminds Tennesseans to Heat Homes Safely Heating Equipment Fires Caused 42 Deaths, \$31 Million in Property Losses Since 2010

The State Fire Marshal's Office is reminding Tennesseans to keep safe and warm as colder weather becomes more common across the state. Residents are urged to use extra caution with the use of alternate heat sources.

"The arrival of colder weather means many people will begin to heat their homes with fireplaces, woodstoves, and space heaters," said Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Julie Mix McPeak. "The drop in temperature traditionally brings a rise in fire deaths and injuries due to the use of these alternate heat sources."

Heating equipment is a major cause of home fire devastation. The Tennessee Fire Incident Reporting System reports that Tennessee fire departments

responded to 2,924 home structure fires that involved heating equipment from 2010-2014.

These fires caused 42 civilian fire deaths, 54 civilian fire injuries and over \$31 million in direct property damage. Heating equipment fires accounted for 8 percent of all reported home fires and 9 percent of home fire deaths.

Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening:

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.

Never use your oven to heat your home.

Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water

heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

Burn only dry, seasoned wood in fireplaces and woodstoves. Never burn garbage or use flammable liquids to start a fire.

Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

If the pilot light of your gas heater goes out, allow 5 minutes or more for the gas to go away before trying to relight the pilot. Follow manufacturer's instructions when relighting the pilot. Do not allow gas to accumulate, and light the match before you turn on the gas to the pilot to avoid risk of flashback.

Don't forget to install smoke alarms on every level of your home and to test them monthly. Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your home. The plan should include two ways out of every room and a designated meeting place outside where everyone can be accounted for.

Visit us online and download a free complete home fire safety checklist.

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CRIME & COURTS

3 arrested for vandalizing East Side School yard

Cannon County Sheriff's Office

School Vandalism

Three persons were arrested in conjunction with vandalism with the school yard at East Side Elementary School.

Charged with destruction/damage/vandalism of property over \$500 were Johnathan Cody Clendenon and Ronald Jernigan Jr. Abby Gail Fann was charged with making a false report.

Deputy Andrew Colwell was dispatched to Center Hill Road to speak to East Side Principal Karen Wimberly who said substantial damage had been done to the playground area in front of the school.

After reviewing videotape from the school's cameras, a black pickup truck and a light-colored SUV were identified.

Jernigan was also charged by warrant with a previous vandalism offense and

with driving on a revoked license.

Hearings are set for February 2 in General Sessions Court.

Burglary


Deputy Michael Agee investigated the theft of several firearms and other items from the home of Mike Wiley. Among the items taken were a Ruger .22 caliber pistol and holster, a Marlin .22-caliber rifle, a Colt 22-caliber Peacemaker, a 12 gauge Agent Arms shotgun, a Remington Model 870 shotgun, a .32-caliber Walter pistol and 1,000 rounds of .22-caliber ammo. The missing items were valued at more than \$2,300.

Seat Belt Stop

A seat belt stop by Deputy Thomas resulted in DUI charges against Rustin Means. A hearing is set for March 1 in General Sessions Court.

Aggravated Assault

Kerry S. Belcher was



Arrests and Inmate Count at Cannon County Jail

Date	Males	Females	Total
12/18	43	11	54
12/19	42	8	50
12/20	45	9	54
12/21	42	8	50
12/22	40	8	48

ARRESTS:
Vandalism of County School Property 1
Vandalism over \$500 1
Driving on Revoked License 1
Filing false reports 1
Criminal Trespass 2
VOP 1
Amended VOP 1

charged with aggravated assault following an incident on Hollow Springs Road. His alleged victim was transported to Saint Thomas Rutherford for a concussion.

Weapon Charge

Deputy Gregory Pauls was dispatched to a report concerning a pickup truck in a field with shots fired. Terry Kieth Dailey was discovered running from a blue Chevy 4x4. He was charged with public

intoxication, possession of a handgun while under the influence and resisting stop, frisk and halt.

Warrant

Timothy Ryan Lawson, violation of community corrections.

Woodbury Police

Driving on Revoked

Michael Lynn Underwood was charged with driving on a revoked license by Patrolman Jimmy Hayes. A hearing is set for January 12 in General Sessions Court.

Criminal Trespass

Zachary Taylor was charged with trespassing on the property of TLC Apartments. Making the arrest was Patrolman Tracey Stoetzel. A hearing is set for January 12 in General Sessions Court.

TDCI sets exams for brokerages

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCI) announces the launch of a new three-year cycle of comprehensive examinations of Tennessee-based brokerages and investment firms. As the regulator of Tennessee investment advisers and broker-dealers, TDCI's exams will enhance protection for Tennessee investors by preventing regulatory violations and non-compliance with investment guidelines. "Tennessee investors deserve to have peace of mind about the qualifications, record-keeping and oversight of the investment firms and brokerages where they are investing their life savings," TDCI Assistant Commissioner Frank Borger-Gilligan said. "Tennessee brokers and investment advisors deserve to know that the State of Tennessee is fairly and effectively enforcing securities regulations." The three year exam cycle will be conducted through announced or unannounced field exams or "desk exams" which can be conducted remotely. These exams require registered brokers and investment advisors to provide detailed documentation. The Securities Division can review a firm's financial records. There are currently 46 broker-dealer firms and 222 investment advisor firms.



Driver's licenses extended to 8 years

To help cut down wait times

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security announced beginning January 4, 2016, Tennesseans will be able to renew their driver license every eight years instead of five years. The change will include all classifications of driver licenses and identification licenses. The legislation to increase the renewal years was proposed during the 2015 legislative session. Senator Nicely and Representative Goins introduced the bill to help decrease wait times and improve customer traffic flow at driver services centers. "This is another step to improve the quality of our driver services and help better serve the existing population as well as plan for future growth here in Tennessee," Commissioner Bill Gibbons said. "It's our goal to enhance our driver services and provide convenient options for our customers." The new eight year license will include all forms of driver licenses and identification licenses, including commercial driver license and motorcycle license. "We are pleased with the support of the Governor and the members of the General Assembly who continue to work with our department to improve our driver services division to better serve our growing state," Gibbons said. The mission of the Driver Services Division is to promote safe, knowledgeable, and competent drivers in the State of Tennessee. For a full listing of center and kiosk locations, visit our website at www.tn.gov/safety and click on our Driver Services page.

TDCI Securities Division Releases Top Investor Threats

Investors Urged to Approach Unsolicited Offers with Caution

The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance's (TDCI) Securities Division is releasing a list of top investor threats and urges investors to use caution when approached with unsolicited investments, especially those involving promissory notes, oil and gas deals and real estate investment opportunities, including non-traded real estate investment trusts. "Education and information are an investor's best defense against investment fraud," TDCI Assistant Commissioner for Securities Frank Borger-Gilligan said. "Investors should always be wary of unsolicited financial advice or investment opportunities." The top threats to investors were determined by surveying members of the North American Securities Administrators Association, of which the Tennessee Securities Division is a member, to identify the five most problematic products, practices or schemes. The following were cited most often:

1. Unregistered Products/Unlicensed Salesmen: The offer of securities by an individual without a valid securities license should be a red alert for investors. Con artists also try to bypass stringent state registration requirements to pitch unregistered investments with a promise of "limited or no risk" and high returns.

2. Promissory Notes: In an environment of low interest rates, the promise of high-interest-bearing promissory notes may be tempting to investors, especially seniors and others living on a fixed income. Promissory notes generally are used by companies to raise capital. Legitimate promissory notes are marketed almost exclusively to sophisticated or corporate investors with the resources to research thoroughly the companies issuing the notes and to determine whether the issuers have the capacity to pay the promised interest and principal. Most promissory notes must be registered as securities with the SEC and the states in which they are sold.

3. Real estate-related

term notes that appear to be exempt from securities registration have been the source of most - but not all - of the fraudulent activity involving promissory notes identified by regulators.

4. Oil/Gas Investments: Many oil and gas investment opportunities, while involving varying degrees of risks to the investor, are legitimate in their marketing and responsible in their operations. However, as in many other investment opportunities, it is not unusual for unscrupulous promoters to attempt to take advantage of investors by engaging in fraudulent practices. Fraudulent oil and gas deals frequently are structured with the limited partnership (or other legal entity) in one state, the operation and physical presence of the field in a second state, and the offerings made to prospective investors in states other than the initial two states. As a result, there is less chance of an investor dropping by a well site or a nonexistent company headquarters. Such a structure also makes it difficult for authorities and victims to identify and expose the fraud.

Investments: Troublesome real estate-related investments identified by securities regulators included non-traded real estate investment trusts (REITs), timeshare resales, and brokered mortgage notes. These types of products often carry higher risk. For example, non-traded REITs are sold directly to investors and are not traded on exchanges (as are conventional REITs). Non-traded REITs can be risky and have limited liquidity, which may make them unsuitable for certain investors.

5. Ponzi Schemes: The premise is simple: Pay early investors with money raised from later investors. The only people certain to make money are the promoters who set the Ponzi in motion. Before making any decisions with your money, ask questions, make sure you understand the risks, and contact the Tennessee Securities Division for detailed background information about those who sell securities or give investment advice, as well as about the products being offered. The Securities Division can be reached at 1-800-863-9117 or via our website.

BE WARY of Potential Price Gouging Following the Storms and Tornadoes on December 23 & 24, 2015



violations of the act are up to \$1,000 per violation. Additionally, the Tennessee Attorney General in conjunction with TDCI's Division of Consumer Affairs can request that a court issue injunctions and order civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for each violation. The state can also seek refunds for consumers. "We expect most Tennesseans will lend a hand to help their neighbors who were affected by the December storms," TDCI Deputy Commissioner Bill Giannini said. "However, there may be some who seek to take advantage of others during this emergency. We urge consumers to make informed choices when buying goods and services during a disaster and report

suspected price gouging." In addition to home repair services and building supplies, some may need gasoline and emergency supplies and services. These goods and services are also subject to the price-gouging laws. Problems that sometimes arise after a natural disaster include price gouging (in which a business unreasonably raises rates on essential goods and services during a state of emergency or in response to a disaster), as well as fraud or misrepresentations in the areas of home repair and debris removal. For example, a fraudulent operator may take upfront monies promising to complete a home repair or to remove debris and

vanish without completing the work. Consumers may also get shoddy repairs from unlicensed contractors, or they do not receive the goods and services at the promised price. Here are some tips for consumers to remember in the aftermath of December's storms:

- Avoid high pressure sales tactics urging you to act quickly before signing a contact. Take time to make a good decision.
- Do not pay money upfront. Wait until the job is finished.
- Ask questions and get references from people you trust before hiring someone to do work for you.
- Get the whole deal



in writing. If a contractor promises you something, get it in writing. Keep a record of your property damage and any repairs made to your property. Take photos during the repair work and afterward. You should also take photos of any repair work you believe was not done correctly. If you have a problem with a business, you can file a complaint at www.tn.gov/consumer or call toll-free 1-800-342-8385.

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The Temptation of Jesus

After his baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus Christ was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil. Jesus fasted there 40 days.

Satan said, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." (Luke 4:3, ESV) Jesus replied with Scripture, telling Satan man does not live by bread alone.

Then Satan took Jesus up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, saying they were all under the Devil's control. He promised Jesus to give them to him, if Jesus would fall down and worship him. Again Jesus quoted from the Bible: "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." (Deuteronomy 6:13)

In the third temptation, Satan took Jesus to the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem and dared him to throw himself down. The Devil quoted Psalm 91:11-12, misusing the verses to imply that angels would protect Jesus.

Jesus came back with Deuteronomy 6:16: "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." (ESV) Seeing that he could not defeat Jesus, the Devil left him. Then angels came and ministered to the Lord.

Points of Interest from the Temptation of Jesus:
Matthew and Luke list the temptations in different order. Mark merely summarizes the event. The Gospel of John does not mention it at all.
Jesus' 40 days of fasting reminds us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, and the 40-day fasts of Moses and Elijah.
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, WHEREAS, on November 9, 2004, by Deed of Trust of record in Record Book 66, page 204, in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee, said instrument being recorded on November 12, 2004, CHRISTOPHER LEE BAIN and MISTY D. BRANDON and husband, JOHN GLENDON BRANDON, III, did convey in trust unto Ralph E. Mallicoat, Jr., Wilson County, Tennessee, TRUSTEE, the tract of land hereinafter described, to secure an indebtedness therein described to Liberty State Bank, as evidenced by a promissory note in said Deed of Trust, being incorporated therein by reference; and,

WHEREAS, the Trustee, Ralph E. Mallicoat, Jr. was unable to act and Bratten Hale Cook II having been appointed as Substitute Trustee in the place and stead of Ralph E. Mallicoat, Jr., Trustee, said appointment being of record in Record Book 164, page 92, Register's Office for Cannon County, Tennessee;

WHEREAS, default has been in the payment of said note, and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust and Note, and payment not having been made as demanded, and the holder and owner of said Note has instructed the undersigned Substitute Trustee to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested, under said instruments, I will, on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1:00 a.m., prevailing time, offer for sale at the west door of the Cannon County Courthouse, Woodbury, Tennessee, to the last, highest, and best bidder for cash in hand, and in bar of all equities of redemption, homestead, and all other rights and exemptions of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, the following described tract of land, the same being situated in the 10th Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee, said property being described as follows:

For property description, see Deed of record in Record Book 66, page 201, Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee.

Located upon the above-described property and being permanently affixed thereto is the following mobile home which is also conveyed herewith: a 1989 MARS Mobile Home, VIN #MHAL1441.

The above-described property has a street address of: 698 Blair Branch Road, Woodbury, TN 37190.

Map 9 - Parcel 53.00

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described Deed of Trust with the proceeds from the sale applied in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to postpone or set over the date of sale in the event the Substitute Trustee deems it best for any reason at the time of sale to postpone or continue this sale from time to time, with such notice of postponement as deemed reasonable by the Substitute Trustee. In the event the highest bidder at such sale fails to complete his purchase of the subject real property within the applicable time allowed, the undersigned

Substitute Trustee reserves the right to complete the sale of the subject real property, without further notice of advertisement, to the next highest bidder who is able to consummate his purchase of the property within the time permitted by the Substitute Trustee. This sale shall further be subject to any announcements made at the time of the sale.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid property taxes which exist as a lien against the property; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; and any prior liens or encumbrances that may exist against the property. This sale is also subject to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises would disclose.

The property is to be sold "As Is, Where Is," without representation of warranty of any kind whatsoever, whether express or implied. Without limiting the foregoing, THIS PROPERTY IS TO BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE.

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Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, this is an attempt to collect a debt and all information obtained may be used in any attempt to collect this debt.

DONE in Smithville, Tennessee, this 17th day of December, 2015.

BRATTEN HALE COOK II,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

FOR LIBERTY STATE BANK

cc: Mr. Christopher Lee Bain - Regular Mail & Certified Mail
698 Blair Branch Road
Woodbury, TN 37190

Ms. Misty D. Brandon - Regular Mail & Certified Mail
698 Blair Branch Road
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Mr. John Glendon Brandon, III - Regular Mail & Certified Mail
698 Blair Branch Road
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Mr. & Mrs. Danny Russell Fults - Regular Mail & Certified Mail
2399 Pea Ridge Dry Creek
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

W H E R E A S , by Deed of Trust dated October 4, 2007, of record in Record Book 103, page 735, Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee, HANNAH MARIE TRIMBLE AKA HANNAH M. TRIMBLE AND JIMMY DALE TRIMBLE AKA JIMMY D. TRIMBLE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, did convey unto T. Mike Estes, as Trustee, a certain tract of real estate hereinafter described, to secure a certain indebtedness set out in said Deed of Trust; and

W H E R E A S , FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA, FLCA (FORMERLY FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF MID-AMERICA, FLCA), is the owner and holder of

the note secured by said Deed of Trust hereinabove referred to; and

W H E R E A S , M. WYATT BURK was appointed Substitute Trustee by Appointment of Substitute Trustee of record in Record Book 163, page 381, Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the said real estate described in said Deed of Trust is as follows:

LOCATED, lying and being in the First (1st) Civil District of Cannon County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a Mag Nail (N) in the center of Porterfield Road, this being the northwest corner of the property described herein and the southwest corner of Dismukes (150/303) reference a Mag Nail (O) at the centerline intersection of Porterfield Road and Dement Hollow Road at N 04°31'31" E a distance of 332.28'; thence leaving the aforementioned center of road and with Dismukes S 74°38'00" E a distance of 206.14' to an Iron Pin (O) at a Hackberry Fence Corner, this being the southeast corner of Dismukes; thence leaving Dismukes and severing the lands of Jones the following courses and distances: S 87°44'53" E a distance of 485.34' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap at a 4" Cedar, this being the northeast corner of the property described herein; S 06°02'39" E a distance of 398.45' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap at a Fence Post, this being the Southeast corner of the property described herein; N 83°44'15" W a distance of 183.43' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap at a Utility Pole; N 82°09'52" W a distance of 120.07' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap at a Fence Post; N 69°36'45" W a distance of 250.35' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap at a Fence Post; N 74°48'51" W a distance of 181.55' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap; N 77°51'00" W a distance of 33.97' to a ½" Rebar (N) w/Sexton Cap; N 77°51'00" W a distance of 25.06' to a Mag Nail (N) in the center of Porterfield Road, this being the southwest corner of the property described herein; thence with the center of Porterfield Road N 08°34'22" E a distance of 289.60' to the point of beginning containing 5.67 acres, more or less, according to a survey performed by Mid-Tenn Surveying, LLC, Christopher Blake Sexton, RLS 2400, 2159 N. Thompson Lane, Suite B1, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 on July 16, 2007, Further, reference is made to Plat recorded in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 31, Register's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee.

FOR source of title to said realty reference is made to Warranty Deed from Alan C. Jones and wife, Candice

R. Jones to Jimmy D. Trimble and wife, Hannah M. Trimble, dated October 4, 2007 and recorded on October 4, 2007 in Record Book 103, page 733, Register's Office, Cannon County, Tennessee.

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

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was made to secure the payment of a note therein set out and contained the power to sell in the case of default in the payment of said note and interest at maturity; and WHEREAS, the makers of said note have defaulted in the payment thereof, and the owner and holder of said note has declared the entire amount due and payable and has requested the undersigned to foreclose said Deed of Trust according to its terms in order to collect said note.

N O W , THEREFORE, I, the undersigned, M. WYATT BURK, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE will, in accordance with the terms set out in the Deed of Trust above referred to, on January 29, 2016, at 11:00 A.M., at the door of the Cannon County Courthouse, offer for sale and sell the above-described real estate at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in bar of equity of redemption and free from homestead and dower, all in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust and the laws of Tennessee controlling such sales, subject, however, to all outstanding real estate taxes; any applicable easements and restrictions; and prior liens or mortgages, if any

Other interested parties: Alan C. Jones and wife, Candice R. Jones; Main Stree Acquisition Corp. (original creditor HSBC Bank Nevada, N. A.); Unifund CCR Partners (original Creditor Citifinancial, Inc.); Advantage Assets II, Inc, as assignee of CitiBank (SD), N. A.

Said property may be sold as a whole or by individual lots or tracts or groups of lots or tracts at the discretion of the Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day and time certain without further publication and in accordance with law upon announcement of said adjournment on the day and time and place of sale set forth above.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close the sale shall, at the option of the Substitute Trustee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected,

the Substitute Trustee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is ready, willing, and able to comply with the terms thereof. The proceeds derived from the sale of the property will be applied as provided for in said Deed of Trust. Said Deed of Trust is made a part hereof as if copied verbatim herein.

This sale of the Property shall be subject to any and all taxes, easements, restrictions, building lines, and assessments (plus penalty and interest, if any), and any redemptive rights of any governmental agency, State or Federal (including redemptive rights of any taxing authority by reason of any tax liens), plus any and all other matters and encumbrances superior in right to the lien of the Deed of Trust, as well as any priority created by fixture filing, and any applicable City and/or County zoning ordinances as now affect or as may later affect the parcel.

If the U. S. Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor and Work Force Development are listed as interested parties in the advertisement, then the notice of this foreclosure is being given to them, and the sale will be subject to the applicable governmental right to redeem the property, all as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 67-1-1433.

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

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THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This 22nd day of

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M. Wyatt Burk, Substitute Trustee

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ATTORNEYS FOR
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To be published January 6, January 13 and January 20, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Alvin Carl Smith

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of December, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Alvin Carl Smith, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This 28th day of December 2015.

Melissa Smith Hostetter, Executrix of the Estate of Alvin Carl Smith deceased.

NATHAN NICHOLS
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ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Howard Mike Grosch

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of December, 2015, letters of administration or letters testamentary in respect of the estate of Howard Mike Grosch, deceased were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Cannon County, Tennessee. All persons both resident and non-residents, having claims matured and unmatured against said estate are required to file same with the clerk of the above named court within four months of the first publication of this notice, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This 15th day of December 2015.

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NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO: Highway Markings, Inc. PROJECT NO.: 21945-3489-94, 08945-3461-94 CONTRACT NO.: CNP001 COUNTY: Cannon
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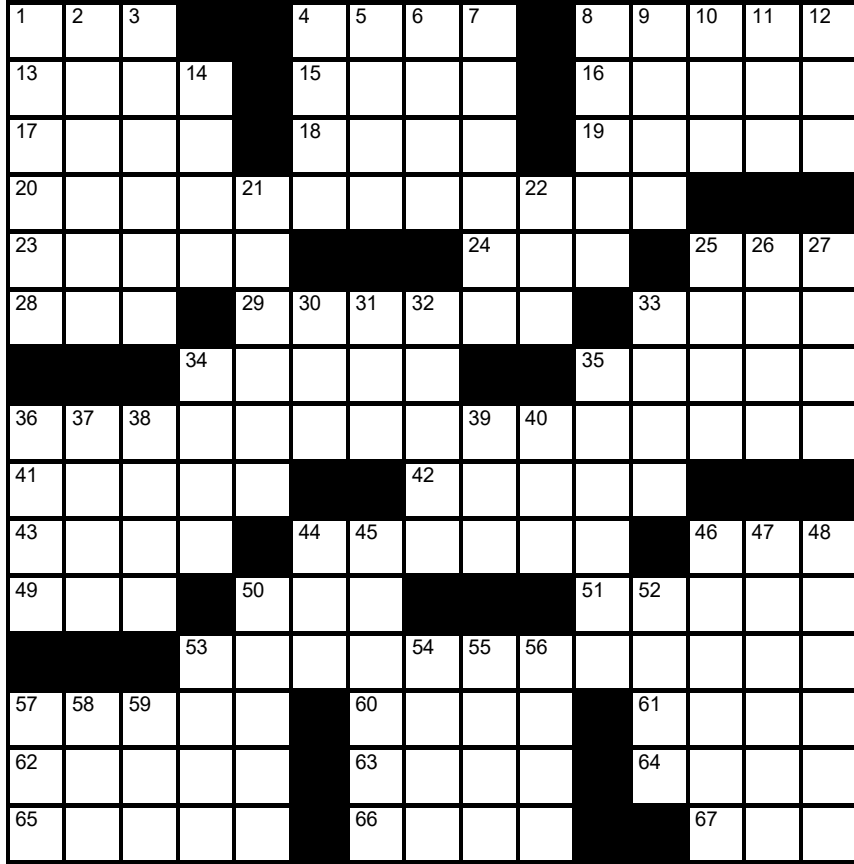
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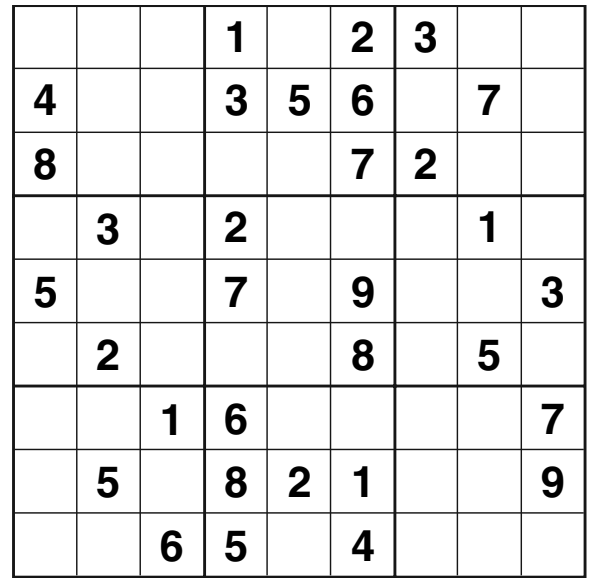
- 1 Beast of burden
- 4 1/1 game
- 8 Kick out
- 13 Very
- 15 Shock jock né Gregg Hughes
- 16 Regard highly
- 17 Poker declaration
- 18 Periscope part
- 19 DeGeneres of TV
- 20 Song to be sung at midnight
- 23 Fliers in V's
- 24 Snack
- 25 Stinger
- 28 Venerable
- 29 ___ public
- 33 Marshy area
- 34 Early priest
- 35 Bonkers
- 36 They're often exchanged on January 1
- 41 Many a navel
- 42 Togetherness
- 43 Slog (through)
- 44 ___ Yards (Baltimore section)
- 46 French beverage
- 49 Jabber
- 50 Unruly head of hair
- 51 None of the above
- 53 Annual greeting
- 57 Round after the quarters
- 60 Wagered
- 61 Mama's man
- 62 2002 Olympics venue
- 63 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 64 Supply-and-demand subj.
- 65 Cosmetician Elizabeth
- 66 Come across as
- 67 It's a blast



Down

- 1 Pungent cheese
- 2 Justice Alito
- 3 Said "cheese"
- 4 Gaucho's weapon
- 5 Store sign
- 6 Chicken order
- 7 Minor
- 8 Javelin, e.g.
- 9 Low area
- 10 Not well
- 11 Billiards stick
- 12 Prime time time
- 14 Heels
- 21 Delaware Indian
- 22 "I'm so glad!"
- 25 Objections
- 26 Bridge seat
- 27 They can be inflated
- 30 "... ___ mouse?"
- 31 Dress (up)
- 32 Per ___ (yearly)
- 33 Landing
- 34 In the thick of
- 35 "I'm busy!"
- 36 Ape
- 37 Maui dance
- 38 Above
- 39 Rear
- 40 Kinship
- 44 Bluecoat
- 45 Some computers
- 46 1977 Liza Minnelli musical
- 47 Add to a pile
- 48 Straying
- 50 Kind of jar
- 52 Sort
- 53 Queen's residence
- 54 Bush's alma mater
- 55 Shade of blue
- 56 Dutch treat
- 57 Place for sweaters
- 58 Goof
- 59 In style

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Medium

Savvy Senior

How To Write Your Own Obituary

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you provide any tips on how to write your own obituary? At age 80, I am in the process of preplanning my funeral and would also like to take a crack at writing my own newspaper obit too.

Still Alive

Dear Alive,

For many people, writing their own obituary can be a nice way to sum up their life, not to mention avoid any possible mistakes that sometimes occur when obituaries are hurriedly written at the time of death. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and tools to help you write one.

Obit Tips

Before you start writing your obit, your first step is to check with the newspaper you want it to run in. Some newspapers have specific style guidelines or restrictions on length, some only accept obituaries directly from funeral homes, and some only publish obituaries written by newspaper staff members.

If your newspaper accepts self-written obits, find out if they have a template to guide you, or check with your funeral provider. Most funeral homes provide forms for basic information, and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide.

You also need to be aware that most newspapers charge by the word, line or column inch to publish an obituary, so your cost will vary depending on your newspaper's rate and length of your obit - most range between 200 and 500 words.

What to Include

Depending on how detailed you want to be, the most basic information in an obituary usually includes your full name (and nickname if relevant), age, date of birth, date of death, where you were living when you died, significant other (alive or dead), and details of the funeral service (public or private). If public, include the date, time, and location of service.

Other relevant information you may also want to include is: cause of death; place of birth and parents names; your other survivors including your children, other relatives, friends and pets and where they live; family members who preceded your death; high school and colleges you attended and degrees earned; your work history and military service; your hobbies, accomplishments and any awards you received; your church or religious affiliations; any clubs, civic and fraternal organizations you were members of; and any charities you feel strongly about that you would like people to donate to either in addition to or in lieu of flowers or other gifts.

You'll also need to include a photo, and be sure to leave copies with your funeral director and/or immediate family members.

Need Help?

If you need some help writing your obituary there are free online resources you can turn to like legacy.com, obituaryguide.com or caring.com/obituary, which offer tips, templates and sample obits.

Or, if you want your obit to be more memorable, purchase the ObitKit (obitkit.com). This is a \$20 workbook that helps you gather the details of your life so you can write an obituary that will reflect your personality and story.



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- DINER
- CAROLINE
- JOHNNY
- EARL
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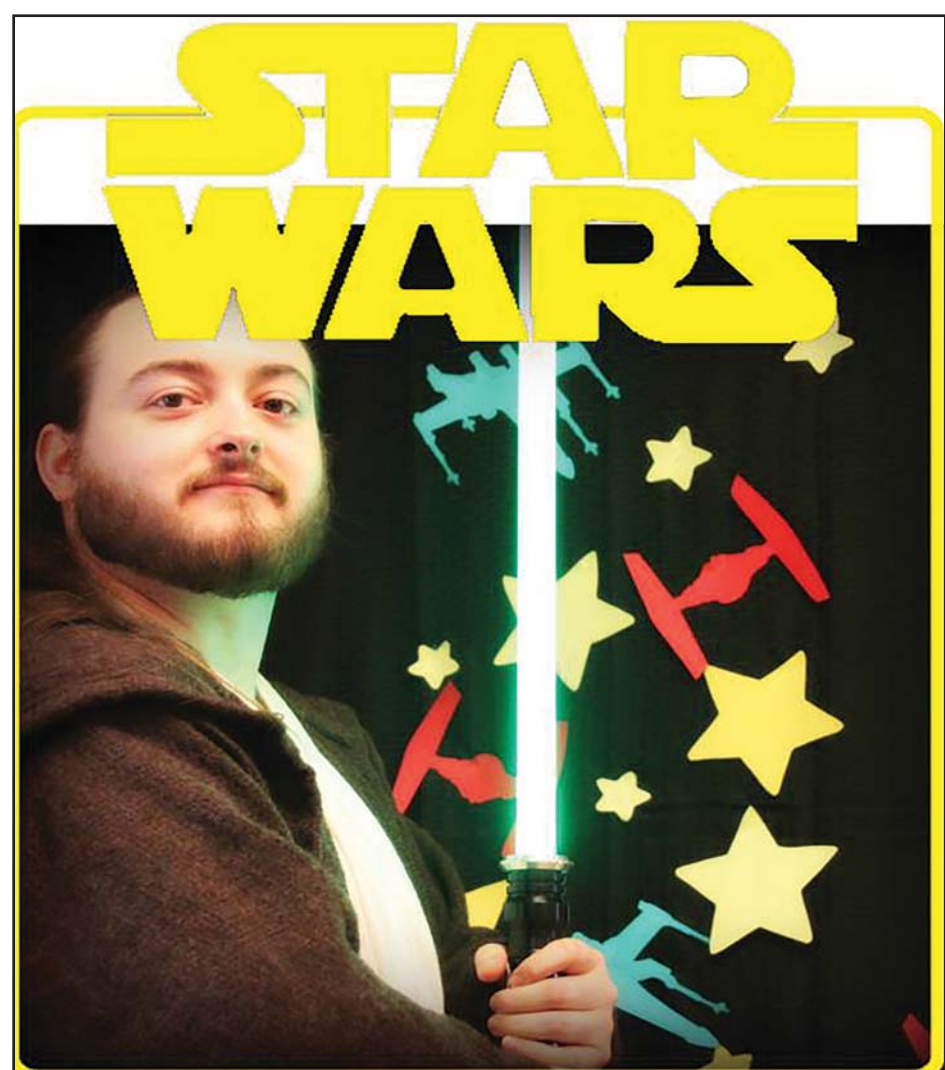
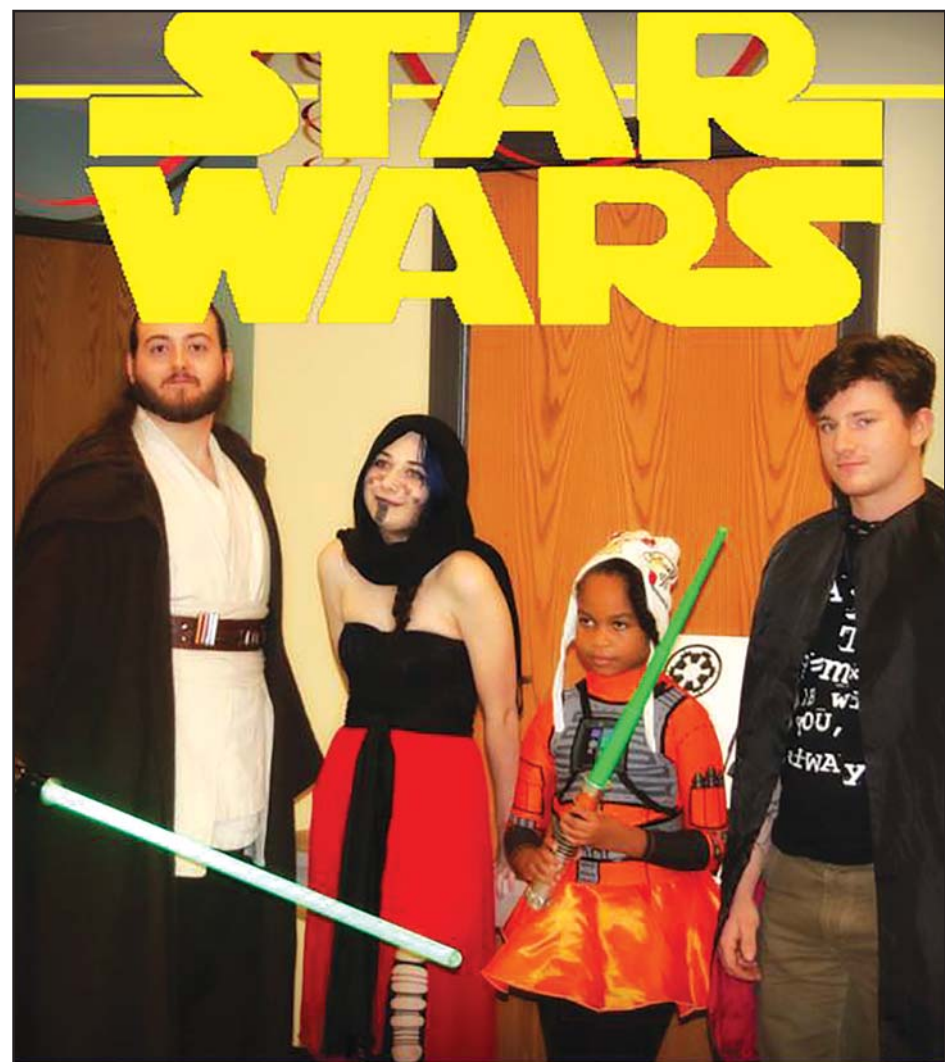


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Star Wars blasts away at Adams Library



It was Star Wars Day at Adams Memorial Library with readers and Star Wars fans dressing for the occasion which included crafts and contests. Osborne's Piggly Wiggly Market was sponsor for the event.

The grand, ol' man, Santa Claus and his missus, didn't get left out either. A special open house at the library featured those two, larger-than-life figures.

A spectacular day for a hike



Spectacular day at Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness Area for the Cannon County Outdoor Club for their winter hike Tuesday December 29. The creeks and waterfalls were full and beautiful! Hikers included Andrew Smith, Shianne Ashford, Corey Seymour, Devin Gilpatric, Darrell Tinsley, Kaylee Nemeth, Jacob Williams, Doug King, Marc Larson and Belle