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## Wheel tax OK'd on 2nd vote

### Taxpayers get final say on March 1

MIKE WEST  
Courier Editor

Cannon County Commissioners passed on second reading a resolution calling for an one cent sales tax hike.

"You have voted on this already," County Executive Mike Gannon told the commissioners during the brief meeting. "One-half goes to the school system and one-half goes to the county general budget."

Cannon County voters have the final say on the sales tax hike during the March 1 presidential primary election.

Cannon County's sales tax currently stands at 1.75 cents. The increase would put the tax at 2.75. Surrounding counties of Ruth-

ford, Warren and DeKalb already have the 2.75 rate.

"It won't bring in a lot of money, but it does help spread the cost across all of the public," Gannon said.

Generally, Cannon County government is financed by property taxes.

"For your information, the sales tax brought in 77,343 last year," said Budget Chairman Mark Barker. "I move that we adopt this."

Commissioner Jim Bush seconded the motion which passed 7-2 during a voice vote. Voting "no" were Commissioners Russell Reed and Brent Bush. Commissioner Todd Holandsworth was absent.

Voting "yes" were Commissioners Barker, Karen

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MIKE WEST photo

Woodbury firefighters sprang into action Friday, January 8 to extinguish a house fire at 119 Summit St. The stubborn blaze was believed to be electrical in origin and started in the attic area of the home.



## Tax scammers hitting Cannon

Cannon County residents are receiving fraudulent phone calls claiming to be from the IRS.

"This morning I received a phone call from the IRS stating that I owe them money. I know this was a fraud phone call cause I do not owe anything to the IRS," an Auburntown resident told the Courier.

"I have read articles on these types of phone calls and people being scammed out of a lot of money, I have been in the banking business for my whole working career and its amazing what you see," she said.

"It was a recording and they told me to call back asap, so I did. The number that they gave me was Des Moines, WA (253) 336-5442. It was the same number that came up

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## Conclusion: Forrest didn't 'found' Ku Klux Klan



Original Ku Klux Costume.

This is reported to be one of the original Ku Klux Klan costumes as designed by a Pulaski seamstress shortly after the conclusion of the War Between the States.

DAN WHITTLE  
Courier Correspondant

Fact: America's original Ku Klux Klan started in Pulaski, Tenn., shortly after the conclusion of the War Between the States.

Fact: Six Confederate Army veterans founded the KKK, but Forrest was not among them.

Fact: It is important that present-day researchers know Pulaski Citizen newspaper editor Frank O. McCord, brother to Citizen Publisher Luther W. McCord, was one of the founders.

Research indicates the McCord brothers evolved into publicists for the KKK, and helped spread the word, mainly in the South, while claiming publicly and privately to have no knowledge of the Klan's existence. Other founders were Pulaski citizens Richard R. Reed, John B. Kennedy, John C. Lester, Calvin Jones and James. R. Crowe.

Fact: In 1869, approximately two years after the KKK was started, Forrest ordered the group disbanded. This came after Forrest was installed, in absentia, as the KKK's Grand Dragon.

It has never been documented Forrest ever attended a raid, or wore regalia of the KKK.

Rutherford County Historian Gregory Tucker shared research about this: "There is no evidence that Forrest ever wore any Klan costume or ever 'rode' on any Klan activity. He did, however, on Oct. 20, 1869, order that all costumes and other regalia be destroyed and that Klan activity be ended.

"This was confirmed by the U.S. Congress in 1871. The natural tendency of all such organizations is to violence and crime, hence it was that General Forrest and other men of influence by the exercise of their moral power, induced them to disband." (See U.S. Congressional Committee Report of June 27, 1871).

Fact: As the KKK disbanded, President Grant ordered severe Republican "Re-

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Present-day Smyrna, Tenn., resident Sharon Holzmeyer shared a rare Ku Klux Klan "coin" from the 1920s-era. KKK that existed in Indiana.

(Author's Note: Cannon Courier Publisher Ron Fryar's assignment was to take all the resources that could be found to determine, once and for all, if Confederate Army General Nathan Bedford Forrest helped start the Ku Klux Klan. The assignment came after recent public debate started at Middle Tennessee State University whether to remove Gen. Forrest's name from MT-SU's ROTC building.)



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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

### Three Nobel Prize Winners

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



# OBITUARIES

## Jesse Lee Keel



Mr. Jesse Lee Keel, 57, of McMinnville passed away on January 6, 2016. He was born on October 23, 1958 in El Paso, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm Harold Keel, Sr. and Betty Sue Christopher Merritt; step-father, Rayburn Jim Merritt and a brother, James Merritt.

He is survived by his sister, Wanda (Larry) Smith of McMinnville; brother, Malcolm (Frances Stafford) Keel of Murfreesboro and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Jesse grew up and spent most of his life around Woodbury. He loved to be with his family. They liked to pick on and aggravate each other. He liked telling tall tales, laughing and having a good time. He enjoyed talking to family and friends on the phone. His dogs were his constant companions and he loved their company. He liked watching gameshows like the Price Is Right and Wheel of Fortune. One of his favorite places to eat was Joe's Place. When you would see him there he would tell one of those tales. He was a member of the Earlyville Church of Christ. Visitation was held at Smith Funeral Home on Thursday, January 7. Funeral services were held Friday, January 8 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. Interment followed in Cherry Cemetery. Share memories and condolences on the guestbook page at [www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net](http://www.smithfuneralhomewoodbury.net) Smith Funeral Home (615)563-5337

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## Dennis Roger Whitlock

Dennis Roger Whitlock, 81, Friday, January 8, 2016 at his home. He was a native of Christiansburg, VA.

He is survived by his daughter, Denise Whitlock Duke of Bradyville; Grandchildren, Konner & Kolby Duke of Bradyville; Sisters, Nellie Jo & Fred St. Clair of Morristown, TN. and Mary Alice & Leonard Firebaugh of Roane, VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dennis Ralph Whitlock and Blake Hall Whitlock; his wife, Janet Whitlock and his sister, Evelyn Sisson.

Mr. Whitlock owned a screen enclosure company for 28 years in Florida, drove a bus in Cannon Co. for over 20 years and also owned Hwy 53 Market. A member of the Methodist church, he was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Funeral services will be 2 pm Sunday, January 10, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Greg Mitchell and Bro. John Sadler officiating. Interment will follow at Midway Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4 pm until 8 pm Saturday, January 9, 2016 and Sunday from 11 am until time of services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Mooretown Fire Dept.

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## Charles Evans Todd, Jr



Charles Evans Todd, Jr., was born March 3, 1918 near Woodbury, Cannon County, Tennessee and died December 29, 2015 in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 97. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles Evans Todd, Sr. and Anna Louise Douglas, and by a daughter Sandra Elaine (Todd) Corey. He is survived by his wife Patricia, to whom he was married in Hawaii on April 27, 1940. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in April 2015. He is also survived by one daughter Terry (Todd) Ferl of St. Louis, Missouri, grandsons Matt, Mike and Jeff Corey and four great-grandchildren.

Charles was retired from military service in the U.S. Army, having served in both World War II and the Korean War. A memorial service with full military honors will be held at a later date. Burial will follow in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

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## Merrill McAllister

Merrill McAllister, 88, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2016 at Centennial Medical Center. He was a native of Ashburn, GA. and lived in Auburntown, TN.

He is survived by his children, Larry & Dianne McAllister, Connie McAllister and Robin Vance all of Woodbury; Grandchildren, Zachary, Sarah & Lance McAllister, Stephen & MSgt. Brian Blonder, USMC, Joshua, Justin & Rachael Vance; 6 Great Grandchildren: Tyler King, McCarlee & Nowlen Eubank, Lynley Gareth & Dalton Vance.

Mr. McAllister was preceded in death by his parents, Ottis & Rosa Willis McAllister; wife, Iva Louise Smith McAllister and 8 siblings.

He was Retired as a heavy equipment operator and a veteran of WWII where he served in the United States Marine Corp. He served as a Deacon at Woodbury First Baptist Church and was a member of the Woodbury Lions Club.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 07, 2016 at Woodbury First Baptist Church with Bro. Hunter Hay officiating. Interment followed in the Riverside Gardens Cemetery. Visitation with the family was from 4 pm until 8 pm Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Woodbury Funeral Home and Thursday, January 7 from 9 am until 10 am at Woodbury First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Wounded Warriors Project.

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## Alvie Joe Witty

Alvie Joe Witty, 81, who passed away Sunday, January 10, 2016 at his home. He was a native of Warren Co., TN.

He is survived by his Son and Daughter-in-law, Brian & Dawn Witty of Morrison; Daughter-in-law, Cheryl Witty of Morrison; Grandchildren, Ashley (Keith) Brown, Jeremy (Chesney) Witty, Bailey, Malia and Zoe Witty; Great Grandchildren, Cade & Analyn Brown, Cadence, Ashton, Tucker Witty; Sisters, Margie (Wayne) Helton and Judy (Homer) Young both of Woodbury, Hazel (David) McFalls of Roanoke, VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ollie Joe & Lena Mai Walker Witty; his wife, Evelyn G. Witty; his son, Michael Lynn Witty; siblings, Ruth Arledge, Lorene Byford, Beatrice Burlason, Everett Thomas Witty and Jerry Dale Witty.

Mr. Witty was a member of the Smith Grove Church of Christ and an Industrial Sewing Machine Mechanic. He loved to fish, ride horses and gardening but most of all he loved his family.

Funeral services will be 1 pm Wednesday January 13, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Al Bugg, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in the Shady Grove Cemetery in Coffee Co. Visitation with the family will be from 3 pm until 8 pm Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

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## Clyde Phillip Jones

Clyde Phillip Jones age 100, passed away on January 1, 2016 at his residence. He was a native of Dekalb County, but has lived in Murfreesboro since 1962. He was a Church of Christ preacher, farmer and also worked in the auto repair business. He was a 1934 graduate of Liberty High School. He was a member of the Salem Creek Church of Christ. Clyde served in the U. S. Army during World War II as a Sergeant in the 45th Infantry Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. While serving in the Army he received the following declarations Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts, European Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Medal with 3 Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

He is survived by his wife of 78 years, Opal M. (Cripps) Jones, son Larry (Gail) Jones of Phoenix, AZ, sons Michael and Roger Jones of Murfreesboro, and daughter Debbie (Jim) Fuller of Murfreesboro; 6 grandchildren, Karen (Frank) Soto of Edgewood, NM, Susan Jones, of Phoenix, AZ, Brian (Carole Ann) Jones of Las Vegas, NV, Kevin Jones of Murfreesboro, Josh (Jessica) Fuller of Gallatin, TN, and Victoria (Jason) Melhorn of Murfreesboro; and 9 great grandchildren, Dalton, Hunter, Matthew, Sidney, Riley, Leah, Greysen, Averie, and Jaxson. He was preceded in death by his parents, James A. Jones and Hassie May (Smithson) Jones, daughter-in-law Shirley G. Jones, granddaughter Angela (Jones) Maraschiello and sisters Bessie (Jones) Bell and Jessie (Jones) Adamson.

Visitation with the family was held on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home. A chapel service was Monday, January 4, 2016 at Jennings & Ayers with Ron Harper officiating. Burial followed at Milton Cemetery with Military Honors. Friends and family will serve as active pallbearers. Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home, 820 S. Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please online condolences for the family at [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com)

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## Sam Jerry Jones

Sam Jerry Jones, 69, died Friday, January 1, 2016 at his home in Murfreesboro. He was a native of Cannon Co.

He is survived by his children, Kelly Jones and Laura Bielaczyc of Nashville, and Steven Jones of Murfreesboro; Grandchildren, Caiden, Knox, and Ellie Cayton; Sister, Myra Sue Kastor of Statesville, NC.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents, Sam & Georgia Golden Higgins Jones; Siblings, Avanelle George, Edwina Hamilton, Bobby Jones, and Annette Miller.

He was owner and operator of Century 21 Records in Murfreesboro. Mr. Jones was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the Army.

Funeral services were 1 PM Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. David George officiating. Interment followed at Leoni Cemetery. Visitation with the family was from 2 PM until 8 PM Monday, Jan. 4, 2016. Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-5378 or [www.woodburyfuneralhome.net](http://www.woodburyfuneralhome.net)

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## Irene Trail Gilley

Irene Trail Gilley, 93, of Bradyville passed away Saturday, January 9, 2016 at St. Thomas Stones River E/R following a sudden illness. She was a native of Coffee Co.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Clarence Gilley, Sr. of Bradyville; her children, Linda (Wallace) King and Clarence (Dianne) Gilley both of Woodbury, Martha Jo (Rick) Matthews of Rockvale, Dewayne Gilley of Bradyville and Albert Wilson of Murfreesboro; Grandchildren, Tracy King, Jeff "Skillet" Gilley, Marvin Gilley Jennifer Stem, Jason & Coty Gilley; 17 Great Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Thomas Trail & Beulah Crosslin Trail; siblings, Robert Trail, Myrten Trail ad Ardith Trail.

Mrs. Gilley was a member of the Church of Christ and a homemaker. She loved to sew, make quilts and crochet.

Funeral services will be 2 pm Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Tony Burnett and Bro. Greg Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow in the Midway Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4 pm until 9 pm Monday, January 11, 2016.

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# News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



## Thinking back to days of childhood

Here it is Monday, January 4th, and school is officially back in session and kids are probably deliriously happy about that don't you imagine; well, not really, as I do remember my school vacation at Christmas and I dreaded going back.

It was for worse when fall came around and the beginning of the new school year began. You were used to having so much fun playing outside on those warm and beautiful days till way after dark. Sure was hard to get focused on being confirmed to a classroom after all the excitement that the summer vacation from school offered or it was for me.

When I think back on those carefree days of my childhood and the innocence found there, I smile and am so thankful to God for giving me the parents I had that were always there to help shape this girl into being somebody they could be proud of as I was of them.

Mistakes were made on the way but the values they taught me of being honest and respectful of others and of being a "help not a hindrance" in this life always come to mind for me each and every day.

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Left out an important birthday for January: Austin James Hall 10th.

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mai Nell Melton (in the loss of her daughter Kathy Martin), Ruth Brown (she had a checkup with her doctor

in Nashville on Tuesday and he gave her a good report on how well she was doing). I talked with Ruth on Wednesday and got the good news. Good News on 2 fronts for Ruth as she has a new great grandson Roman Montague Reed. He weighed 4 lbs 8 ozs. and is doing just fine. Proud parents are Coby and Monice Reed. Jody Reedy (cancer victim), Chloe Evelyn Bogle (she is doing some better), Fay Pitts (Fay is still doing a whole bunch better and gives God all the praise for taking care of her, Tracy Neal, Edith Miller, Carlon Melton, Luther Lawrence and Denise Stanton.

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It has been sort of quiet around here since the holidays are over. I guess a lot of people over ate like me and are gonna whip themselves back into shape in no time flat. Not me- that would be way too much effort to try that. I'll just cut back on my eating and hope that will get those extra pounds off.

Thanksgiving and Christmas meals can quite frankly 'do you in' if you let them. It seems like there is just so much delicious and out of sign food and so little time to try out each dish as you keep thinking the dishes will sprout little feet, scurry off and will not be seen again until the frenzy of eating starts back up next year at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

I think I will get a smaller plate of food like I suggested Mike West should do at those 2 special occasions.

Don't know if Mike followed my advice but I do believe anything is worth a try at this stage of the game that I'm losing fighting the bulge. Will try the smaller plate - after all, all I could lose would be some weight so this could be a win-win situation for me as I see it. Fighting the urge to go back for another smaller plate could be hardest thing for me to conquer but "where there's a will - there's a way."

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Nothing seems to be going on now with those 'little green men' or that 'invisible cow'. Maybe, just maybe they over did the eating at Thanksgiving and Christmas, also, and are quite miserable themselves. If they are in misery, that is a good thing for us. Clyde says they are just laying low and are eagerly awaiting the chance to spring something on us as they are quite rejuvenated after their New Year Eve's bash that only Clyde seems to know about. He said he was the only one they wanted there as he is, after all, the leader he claims. The location of the party Clyde says can't be known as they were trespassing on some farmer's land and farmers you know carry shotguns.

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

*Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1*

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33.78 acres (see listing)  
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Will Daniel Road  
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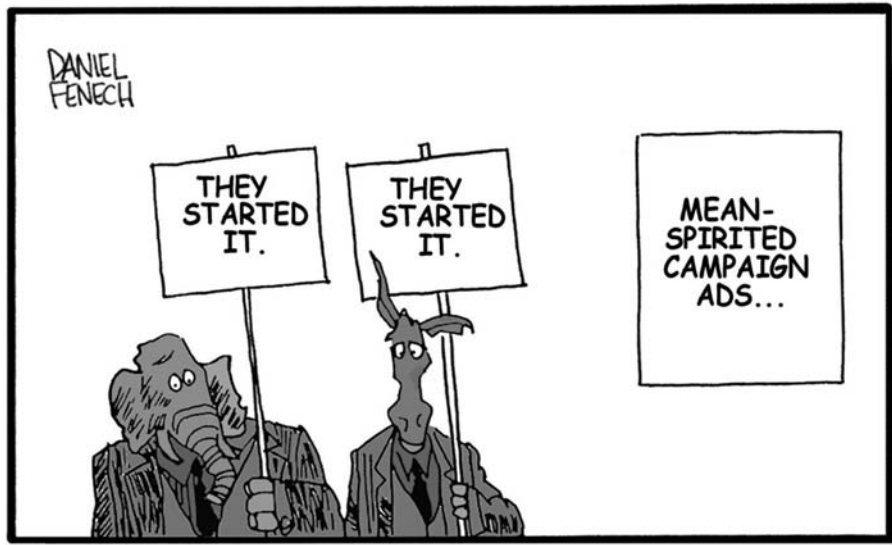
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## Courier Columnist

# It's time for a mule museum in Cannon Co.



Words of Wisdom  
 DAN WHITTLE

Don't you think - "Black-Smith Mule Museum" - has a nice "ping" to it? Excuse me while I lay my mulish-looking lop ears back and shout from Short Mountain ... **the time for a mule/walking horse museum in Woodbury is at hand!**

If indeed community leaders decide to establish a museum, what better name than "Black-Smith Mule Museum," named after Middle Tennessee Mule Skinners' Association founders Buddy Black and the late Bill Smith?

I can hear the "pings" in my soul as blacksmith Jimmy Simpson's heavy hammer slams against a big anvil in forming a hot new pair of mule shoes during an on-site demonstration. Simpson is also a certified bona fide and sanctioned in good standing card-carrying Mule Skinner.

Lifelong mule enthusiast Bill Smith's recent death, at age 97, can serve as a beacon of encouragement for a museum honoring those animals and the ancestors who labored to make our community what it is today, before the advent of mechanized power.

As a founding member of the Woodbury-based Mule Skinners that has members throughout Middle Tennessee, Mr. Bill was one of the first vocal local advocates for a mule museum.

A possible location is the historic Old Cannon County Jail on Woodbury's pristine Courthouse Square. A museum there could make the old jail even more historically significant.

Mr. Bill's respect for mules dates back to his own childhood, when his father, George Stanton Smith, taught him how to drive a team of mules through a field.

"I was big for my age, but Dad waited to when I was up around 10 or 11, before he'd trust me with a team of big and strong mules," Mr. Bill plowed back in time.

Mr. Bill described how mules impacted society's development in the Cumberland Foothills' region.

"Those trees that were logged to clear land for our ancestors' homes and farms, mules provided the power," Mr. Bill bragged as he penned his own ears back on behalf of mules. "That first nice new modern paved road that linked Woodbury and Murfreesboro up to Nashville to the east, and points east up in the mountains, mules did the heavy work."

How big did Mr. Bill become in his lifetime advocacy for mules.

"Upon seeing Bill Smith handle and direct multi-teams of powerful mules through a field, he reminded me of 'Paul Bunyon,'" eulogized Col. Jim Stone recently in the Cannon Courier about the banking legend's stature.

An active museum could bring new tourism dollars to the Woodbury

business district, which could make the Chamber of Commerce happy.

Plus, a museum's spin-off benefit could be "education," especially to area school children not familiar with what the term "mule skinner" actually means.

"The term has nothing to do with the actual 'skinning of a mule,' but goes to the men and women who can work and get a mule to do its job, whether cultivating a field or hauling logs out of the woods," noted longtime Mule Skinner Danny Fraley of Rutherford County. "You got to be smarter than a mule, to get the animal to do its job."

Now, how about the "Black" part of the proposed "Black-Smith Mule Museum name?"

Who better than former Cannon County Chief Deputy Sheriff Buddy Black to serve as the co-namesake of a mule museum?

Mr. Buddy is perhaps the current "best known" mule man from Cannon County, having served a record 34 consecutive years as the Grand Marshal at Columbia's famous Mule Days' Parade.

"Buddy Black is among some of the most famous Tennesseans recognized at Columbia Mule Days," confirmed Mule Skinner Fraley.

Fraley also contends mules are smarter than horses.

"And they're sensitive," Fraley brayed on a mule Leroy and Lucky's behalf.

Back in boyhood hometown Canalou, Mo., in the annals of local law enforcement, there is a case listed of a "mule suicide."

In 1945, the small farm town was served twice a day by mail trains.

High mule-related drama began building the day that a mule named "Jack" parked himself on the railroad tracks and would not budge.

"Jack belonged to my grandfather," confirmed former farm town neighbor Les Landers. "The incident happened after Jack's long-term plow-pulling mate named Murt died of old age."

"A few days after Murt fell dead, lonesome Jack, who was getting up in years too, walked out of the barn, and into town where he gathered an audience while standing on the railroad tracks," Les pulled back in time. "Alarm and concern began building in the growing crowd of on-lookers, when they heard the train's whistle off in the distance."

We're talking some mulish high drama here ...

"No amount of encouragement could get the forlorn Jack to budge," Les noted. "Legend has it that a loud 'groan' went up in the crowd of onlookers, as Jack stood, and stared at the big ol' train as it ran over Jack there on the tracks."

Amen.

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*Plus, a museum's spin-off benefit could be "education," especially to area schools.*

## Courier Editor

# Reporting the 'news' from 150 years ago

Talk about some crazy weather... Some readers have probably been wondering why The Cannon Courier seems stuck on the Civil War. Well there are numerous reasons; the first being the recent controversy about Nathan Bedford Forrest.

We previously recounted, at length, how Forrest and his men saved the lives of a number of Cannon County citizens who had been taken prisoner by Federal occupation troops in Murfreesboro. Those citizens were scheduled to be executed the following day. Forrest swept in, liberated them and returned them to their families.

We're not sure how many Cannon County citizens were saved by Forrest and his cavalry, but men like James Calvin Carnahan went home to their families. A photo of Carnahan and his descendants was included during the 2015 "Portraits of Cannon County" exhibit at the Arts Center of Cannon County.

This raid from Woodbury to Murfreesboro resulted in a promotion for Forrest.

Later Forrest became enmeshed in controversy first in the Battle of Fort Pillow and then in the rise of the Klu Klux Klan after the Civil War, but that does not diminish his actions in Woodbury or Murfreesboro.

Forrest was brought back into the news by the Charleston church shooting on June 17, 2015.

During a prayer service at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 21-year Dylann Roof killed nine people. Roof told authorities he committed the shooting in hopes of starting a race war.

In the investigation that followed,

a website apparently posted by Roof, was discovered including several photos of Roof posing with the Confederate battle flags along with symbols associated with white supremacy. That triggered a push to do away with anything associated with the Confederacy, which in turn, included just about anything to do with Nathan Bedford Forrest.

So, after 150 years, Forrest is again "news." That development prompted efforts by some (chiefly politicians) to eradicate anything about the losing side of the Civil War.

In Memphis, this eradication of history reached a fever pitch with city council members wanting to dig up the remains of Forrest and his wife and move them to anyplace other than Memphis.

And so on ..

All of this turmoil has conflicted with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Important lessons from the past have been pushed aside in an attempt to avoid controversy.

And while we aren't immune from controversy, the Cannon Courier has continue to print articles about the Civil War in Middle Tennessee.

I'm glad to report there's been considerable interest in the "news" from 150 years ago.



My Take  
 MIKE WEST

## Courier columnist

# The question is 'what is truth?'

Let me start with what I think is true: information we got from newspapers, magazines, radio and television in the 50s, 60s and 70s was pretty accurate.

All of these media forms had matured, and there was a kind of self-checking process at work, fueled by the competing interests of a limited number of news outlets. So let's see if I have this right: a limited number of outlets; information you could trust.

Today, more and more, I'm reading about media experts trying to figure out how to help the public determine the truth and validity of information available on the Internet. One of the issues is how to verify the identity of people creating all of the web sites, blogs and social networking sites out there. In other words, how do you really know who is saying what?

Unfortunately, the issue gets back to the old problem of access versus security.

All networking sites have at least some minimal standards of identity verification. But all too often these checks and balances have broken down, and ordinary folks, not to mention criminals, have assumed the identities of politicians, sports figures and entertainment

celebrities.

Sports figures and movie stars I'm not too concerned about. But in these days of hyper-sensitive individuals it is more important than ever that politicians are really saying the things being posted on-line.

So, just how much security do you want social network sites to provide? There are all sorts of things they could do to make sure you are who you say you are. But every one of these means the service providers are going to be gathering more and more information about you. How much of your privacy, and security, are you willing to give up? After all, the services can't discriminate between ordinary folks and political figures. They rules for one will apply to everyone.

For myself, I go back to the updated versions of the old standbys. They were good 50 years ago, and believe it or not, they are still good today.



Media Matters  
 LARRY BURRISS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

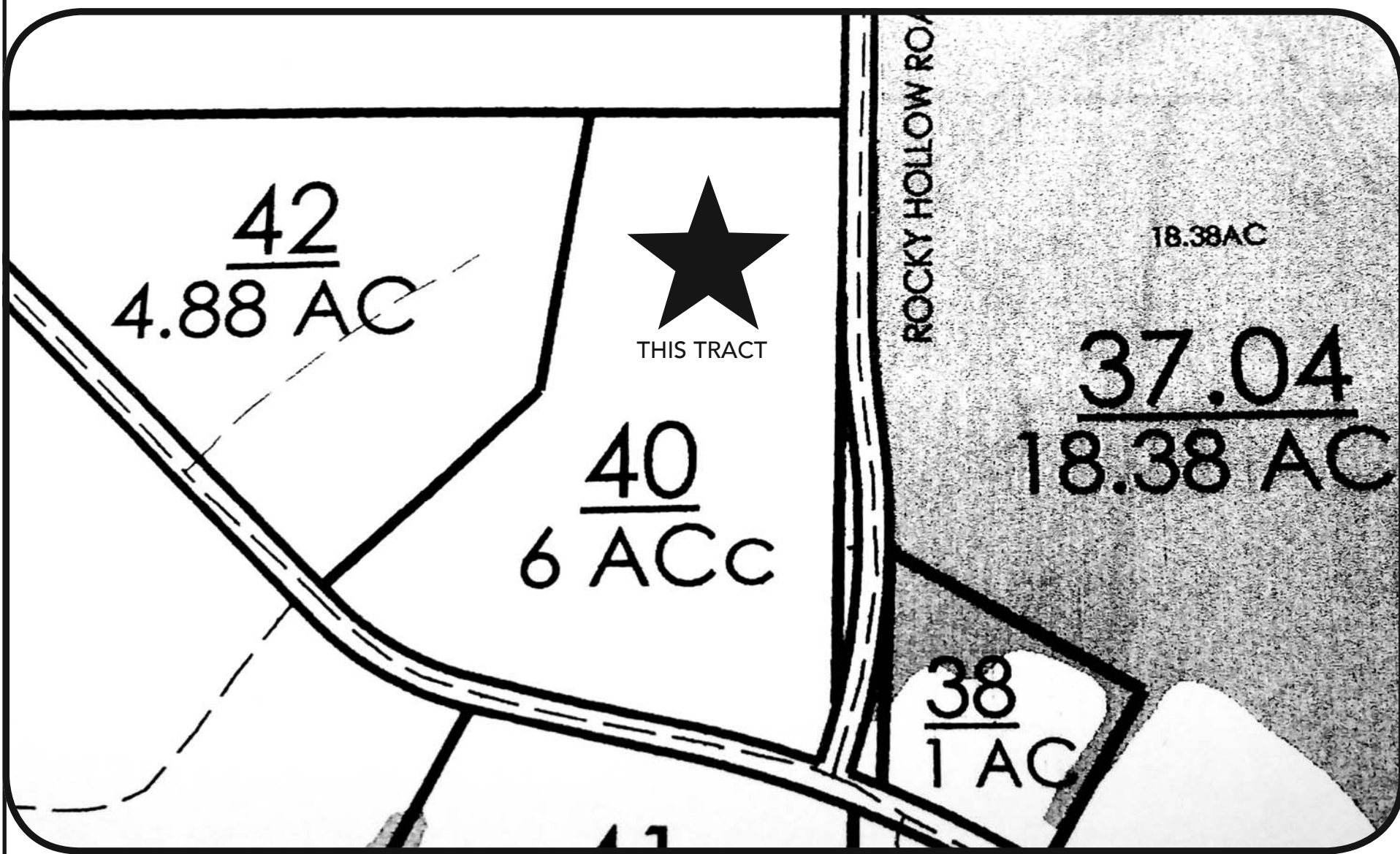
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The Arts Center of Cannon County presents Tennessee Mafia Jug Band, Five Guys and a Scrub Board, with Roots like Wisdom Teeth Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Arts Center or may be purchased by calling the box office at 615-563-2787 Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or online at www.artscenterofcc.com.

# TN Mafia Jug Band to appear January 16

The Arts Center of Cannon County presents the Tennessee Mafia Jug Band Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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performers, comes the most entertaining "blast from the past" since Lester Moran and the Cadillac Cowboys. They're the Tennessee Mafia Jug Band - five guys and a scrub board, with roots like wisdom teeth.

The Tennessee Mafia Jug Band has shamelessly stolen a feature of the old Roy Acuff Show - a bit known as "Pap & the Jug

Band." There's only so many graveyard numbers or raunchy love songs that even the most rabid country audience can sit through without some kind of relief. This frolicking fivesome brightens up the stage with rib-tickling old time tunes.

The Tennessee Mafia Jug Band not only knows the music, they wear the costumes, tell corny jokes and even do slapstick gags that throw a cable-tv-numbered audience into hysterics. The Tennessee Mafia Jug Band includes Leroy Troy - "The Tennessee Slicker," Mike Webb, Dan Kelly, Ernie Sykes, and Mike Armistead. This group will give you a lot of "hot picking," "powerful harmony singing" and "riotous hijinks," all guaranteed to perk you up.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students, seniors and groups and may be purchased by calling the box office at 615-563-2787 Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or online at www.artscenterofcc.com.

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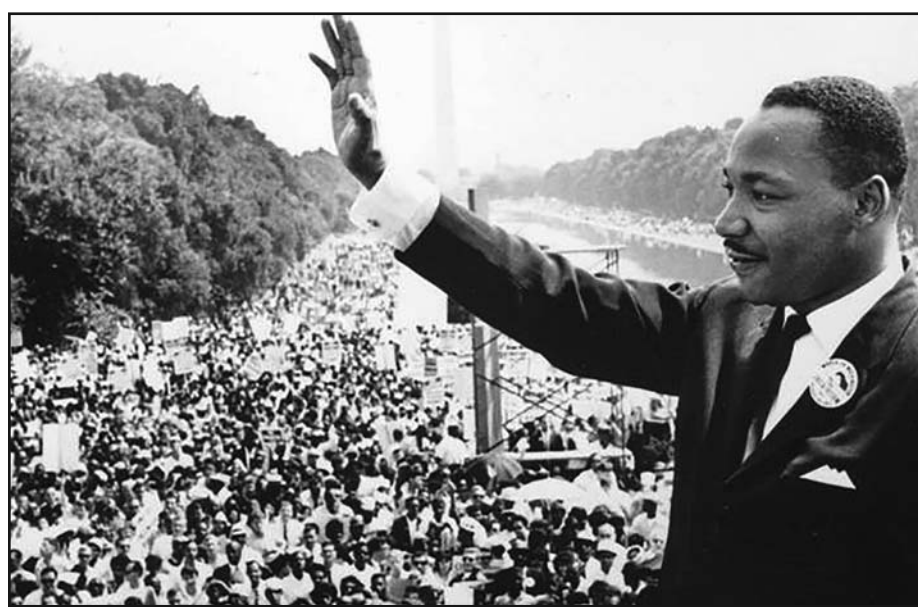
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## Buried historical facts: Grace Stephens the 'Sacrificial Lamb'

Yearly, America honors "Martin Luther King Jr. Day," an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., born January 15, 1929. (NOTE: The holiday is held the third Monday of each January, which correlates with King's birth date of January 15.)

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day just around the corner, January 18, 2016, there exist some "buried facts" that certain powers would rather remain hidden in the grave. However, preferring historical correctness over political correctness, I have opted to resurrect these facts.

First, here's a brief overview to ensure all readers are on board:

A black, Baptist minister from Atlanta, Georgia, Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK), arguably, was the most influential civil rights leader in history. A crowning moment came August 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., when MLK gave his timeless "I Have a Dream" speech in front of some 250,000 listeners. This would become known as the "Poor People's March."

Having elevated several tiers as a civil rights force, MLK was planning a second Poor People's March, to take place late April 1968. There were logical guesstimates that 750,000 - 1,000,000 would participate in this second march, which worried many governmental sources.

April 4, 1968, MLK was in Memphis, Tennessee, to lead a march for the city's striking sanitation workers, the majority black. At approximately 6 p.m., standing in front of room 306 of the Lorraine Hotel & Motel, MLK was fatally struck by a single sniper's bullet.

June 8, 1968, James Earl Ray, a white, 39-year-old career criminal, and fugitive from justice, was arrested at London's Heathrow Airport and charged with MLK's murder. March 10, 1969, Ray entered a guilty plea and received a 99-year sentence. Ray succumbed to liver disease, April 23, 1998, going to his grave claiming he didn't shoot MLK.

**The prosecution's story:** Ray rented room 5B of Bessie Brewer's flophouse and shot MLK from the commonly-shared restroom of Bessie Brewer's.

**James Earl Ray's story:** He did rent room 5B from Bessie Brewer but did not shoot MLK.

**Enter one Grace Stephens:** Grace Stephens and her common-law husband Charlie Stephens occupied room 6B of Bessie Brewer's flophouse. Charlie Stephens was a well-known drunk. When Charlie was first shown a photo of Ray, Stephens said the man in the photo was not the man he saw running from the commonly-shared restroom after MLK was shot. Later, though, Charlie changed his story when he

found out authorities were offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the capture of MLK's killer

Still, Charlie Stephens' flip-flop statement identifying Ray as the man coming out of the restroom was the primary reason British authorities were considering allowing Ray to be extradited from England back to Memphis.

However, the whole time, Grace Stephens was refuting her husband's statement, putting the state-prosecution in a bind regarding their "star witness." Stated Grace to Attorney Mark Lane, who represented James Earl Ray: "Charlie didn't see anything. He couldn't have. He was on the bed trying to sleep one off" (reference: book "Murder in Memphis," authors: Mark Lane and Dick Gregory).

Bolstering Grace Stephens' claim is former Memphis Police Captain Tommy Smith. Smith, canvassing the murder scene, attempted to interview Charlie Stephens only minutes after MLK was shot, and Smith testified: "He [Stephens] was too intoxicated to carry on an intelligent conversation."

However, Memphis authorities placed Charles Stephens in protective custody, so valuable was Stephens' ID - and extradition - of Ray!

**FACT:** Early July 1968, after James Earl Ray had been arrested, but not yet extradited, Grace Stephens went to a Memphis hospital for a routine check-up. She ended being forcibly placed in the hospital's psychiatric ward.

**FACT:** July 19, 1968, Ray was extradited from England to Memphis.

**FACT:** Late July 1968, a Memphis judge had Grace committed to Western State Mental Hospital in Bolivar, Tennessee. At this point, Ray was going to trial, and Charlie Stephens was a potential witness, with Grace adamantly rebutting Charlie's story. As an attorney explained to me, "Once you've been declared mentally ill, your testimony is worthless."

**FACT:** Grace Stephens remained a patient in Memphis-area mental facilities for approximately ten years, until Attorney Mark Lane took over as James Earl Ray's lead defense counsel. Though her last name had been changed, her records altered, Lane, with the help of Memphis clergymen, secured her release.

**FACT:** Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, spoke with Grace Stephens, and Grace told Jerry: "They [authorities] put me away for all those years just because I wouldn't lie for them."

Was Grace Stephens a "sacrificial lamb"?

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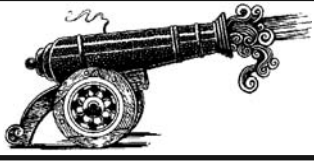
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## Country Music Jam Session Pocahontas Community Center 1st and 3rd Fridays

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.

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## 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.

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## Cannon County Historical Society Tuesday, January 12

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.

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## PARQ to Meet

Tuesday, January 12

PARQ (Preserve our Area's Rural Qualities) will be holding our quarterly meeting Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 373 Old Woodbury Pike Readyville, TN.

Pot luck dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with the business meeting commencing shortly thereafter. Come and hear what is going on in your community or inform us of one of your interests.

If you are interested in attending please call to confirm time, place and possible weather challenges! 563-2200, 563-8088 or 409-6009.

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## Internet and Wi-Fi Basics I and II

Tuesday, January 19 & Thursday, January 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. Please call Adams Memorial Library 615-563-5861 to sign up or for more information.

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

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

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## Cannon County Community for Animals Tuesday, January 19

CCCA will meet 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lions Club Building at the Cannon County Fairgrounds.

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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## Let WIC Help You and Your Family

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!

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## Art Center Season Tickets

The Arts Center of Cannon County has set its 2016 season with tickets going on sale Nov. 2. Season Tickets are just \$60 for six shows. The 2016 Season features: Memphis, The Musical- The Tony Award Winning Musical about the birth of rock 'n' roll in the turbulent 1950s.(Rated PG)

Always...Patsy Cline- The musical based on Patsy Cline's true story with 27 classic songs. (Rated PG)

Disney's The Little Mermaid- The all-new full length version based on the animated 1989 Disney film of the same name. (Rated G)

Rock of Ages- Take a trip back to the 1980s in this rock musical featuring the music of Journey, Whitesnake, Styx, Bon Jovi, and many more. (Rated PG13)

The Odd Couple- Neil Simon's classic buddy comedy. (Rated PG)

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang- The new stage musical based on the 1968 film. (Rated G)

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## 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](http://www.tnachieves.org) or contact Graham Thomas at (615) 604-1306 or [graham@tnachieves.org](mailto:graham@tnachieves.org). The deadline to apply is Nov. 20, 2015.

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## 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 !!

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## "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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Bluegrass Music

Friday, January 29

Come hear free Bluegrass Music at Gassaway Community Center at 7 p.m. Friday, January 29. There is no cover charge.

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## 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.

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## 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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## 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.

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## United Way Looking for Baby Shower Sites

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.

## What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

January 11th—Elementary basketball games: Short Mtn. at East Side, West Side at Auburn, Woodland at WGS

January 12th Westside & Auburn—8th grade registration for high school—Contact your school for times.

January 12th—CCHS basketball games with Upperman at Baxter, 6 p.m.

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.

January 14th—Elementary basketball games: East Side at West Side, WGS at Short Mtn., Woodland at Auburn

January 15th—CCHS basketball games with Livingston at CCHS, 6 p.m.

January 18th—No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19th—CCHS basketball games with Dekalb Co. at Smithville, 6 p.m.

January 21st—Elementary basketball games: Auburn at East Side, WGS at West Side, Short Mtn. at Woodland

January 21st—CCHS basketball games with Van Buren Co. at Spencer, 6 p.m.



# Trading Post Chat

BY SAVANNAH CUNNICK



## HAVING A CASE OF THE ZOOMIES IS NOT ALWAYS A BAD THING!

What are the ZOOMIES you may ask? Well, ask Aunt Martha who has them. This is Weight Loss Awareness Month. Losing weight has been well known to give you big spurts of energy. No more sluggishness. Do you ever observe your pets...especially cats, who all of a sudden go flying across the room? There ya' go - a definite case of the ZOOMIES.

For once, this is one positive thing that we CAN catch and be OK. By losing weight and controlling it and eating a sensible diet along with proper exercise, you will be amazed how much energy and good feeling you will throughout your life.

You are not as grumpy because you feel better...no more sluggishness and dragging yourself around plus your insides are healthier. You have cleansed yourself and it's not hard to do. Just cut back on junk food eat smaller portions...start your day with a glass of water with a slice of lemon in it. Then, you can have your coffee and breakfast.

It's all a matter of common sense and seriously wanting to live a healthy long life. If you still have children living at home...they watch what you do and follow your bad eating habits, you're watching TV instead of getting some exercise. Encourage sports, dance, theatre or playing an instrument; not so much computer games and snacking along with it. If you truly want to be a member of the ZOOMIE CLUB, sign up now!

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President Obama was just announcing his stand on the Gun Control Issue. He stated that: Every gun related incident can be avoidable. SAY WHAT?

Does he actually really know just how MANY gun related incidents exist? Have happened already? And will happen again? And WHY? There are only so many Band-Aids available.

Why is the government in such denial of what is REALLY the issue? I mean, there are the Terrorists for one who live here and some who have been even born here that hook up with a handy gun distributor who is a member of

this terror group. Thus, that is one source of gun related incidences.

These are automatic military weapons that can gun down many people with one pull of the trigger. These assault weapons are a BIG problem are these the guns Obama thinks he can control? Or is he going to keep picking on us who own weapons for our own protection and for hunting?

If we go purchase a gun, we have always needed to provide information for a background check. Such as in gun shows and licensed sporting-good stores. Now, folks can buy guns over the internet with NO background check. We've created a system where criminals can buy guns. There are mentally ill people who can buy guns over the internet with NO background check. There have been many unfortunate events where children, teachers, co-workers and relatives have been killed by a person with mental problems and who then kills themselves.

Obama mentioned that we can find these mentally disturbed people and stop them before it happens. SAY WHAT? Hey, we have people who probably live right next door to us with mental problems...and may fly off the handle anytime of the day. DOES HE HAVE THEIR ADDRESS? I mean, aren't we all sick of these constant back and forth excuses for gun violence?

Their idea of gun control is to take ALL guns away, close down gun shows and eliminate the constitutional amendment that all men may bear arms. And what about the amendment that grants us freedom of speech?

All that is happening is that the Democrats are blaming the Republicans for not voting for the gun control laws that they are trying to pass. What is happening to our country? Both parties should work together on ALL issues. They are totally losing it and we the citizens of the United States are suffering for it. This small group of idiots in no way have our country's interests in mind. It's ALL about THEM.

Just give me another term and pay me. We are the only nation of all advanced nations where gun related incidences happens more frequently than anywhere else in the world. Obama stated that. How embarrassing that he would admit to knowing that...yet have no answer to how we can FIX it! We are in a real mess, Folks...and this is just ONE of the many issues that no one in the White House has been able to FIX. You need to be aware and think about it!

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I heard that Uncle Festus caused quite a stir the other

day. He was with several of his friends at the local pub. On the bar counter a cell phone rings. Festus picked it up and the speaker was on. He said hello and a woman answered. Hi Honey, are you over at the pub? I found a leather coat at the mall for \$2,000. Can I buy it? Festus answered: Sure dear, if you really have to have it. Then she said: I stopped at the Lexus dealership and saw one that I really loved for \$90,000. Can I get it? Festus answered: Sure dear, if it has all the bells and whistles...go ahead and get it. She said Great! one more thing...I found a house for only \$980,000 that I must have. Festus answered: Sure dear, go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. If they don't take it, buy it anyway.

She squealed: Oh, I love you sooo much! Bye for now. Well, all Festus' friends were staring at him with their mouths wide open not believing that Festus granted her all her expensive wishes. Suddenly, Festus turns and says: Anyone know whose phone this is?

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Well, anyway.....The Short Mountain Trading Post is closed for the season....and will reopen mid-March. JD and I still are available to anyone who wishes to reserve a time to visit The Post on a nice winter day. Just call me at 615-464-7824. To spend ALL day at the barn is too cold but for a reserved visit it can be arranged. We are still taking used furniture for the artists to refurbish...so please call the above number if you have some to deliver to the barn.

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It is deeply appreciated. The Feed America First Project is still in full swing in Woodbury every Saturday from 7 to 9 by the Baseball Field. You are invited to attend and receive help filling your cupboards during rough times you may be having. Tell other needy families who may not have read my column about this wonderful assistance.

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So promise me that all of you folks will wake up each and every morning and say: I am grateful to be alive! Remember it is mind over matter. Join the ZOOMIES and get healthy! Think about the serious Gun Control Issue. Voice your opinion. It is important!

Going to sign off for now, but we will chat again next week. Take care of yourselves and your family, help your friends, be happy you have a job, drive carefully and remember to BUCKLE UP.

Hugs, Savannah

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# In Memorium

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

As part of these pages, we are providing the opportunity for family and friends to honor that special someone. The cost will be \$15.00 for a 30 word message, \$20

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

To include your memorium, bring your information to Cannon Courier, 113 West Main Street by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5 or send to advertising@cannoncourier.com.

## "In Memory" Example

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In Loving Memory of  
**JOHN DOE**  
February 21, 1955  
February 24, 2015



I have lost my soul's companion, a life linked with my own.  
Day by day, I miss you more as I now walk through life alone.

I love you always, Jane

In Memorium

Our "Loves" that passed from this life in 2015 but continue to sparkle in our lives.

The heart must love its time of life... and its alone, and then to go on.

January: William Bradley, Larry D. Denson, James Ray Young, etc.

February: Kelly Rogers, etc.

March: Kelly Rogers, etc.

April: Kelly Rogers, etc.

May: Kelly Rogers, etc.

June: Kelly Rogers, etc.

July: Kelly Rogers, etc.

August: Kelly Rogers, etc.

September: Kelly Rogers, etc.

October: Kelly Rogers, etc.

November: Kelly Rogers, etc.

December: Kelly Rogers, etc.

In Loving Memory of William Kenneth "Ken" Armstrong

In Loving Memory of Samuel Clark Adams

In Loving Memory of Melissa Simpson Young

In Loving Memory of Robert Edward "Bob" Strectel

In Loving Memory of Jerry and Sandy McCoy



# FORREST...

construction" of the South to end.

In a history booklet published in 1924 by the Pulaski Citizen, and later revised in 1934, there is a description what the six founding KKK members found on the home front: "Ex-Confederate soldiers returning to their homes, overpowered, disenfranchised and unrepresented, found on every side, wrecked homes, broken fortunes, desolate fields. Businesses, professions and money, all gone!

"... but that was now a land which had known sorrows, a land which had broken the ashen crust and moistened it with their tears, a land scarred and riven by the plow-share of war, and billowed with the graves of her dead."

Historians Mr. and Mrs.

W.B. Romine, who authored this version of history, attempted to describe the group's original intent: "The Ku Klux Klan which was organized following the War Between the States, was not organized for the purpose, as some have believed, of oppressing and punishing the negroes who had recently been freed, and were as yet unaccustomed to their new circumstances and conditions of life, and was 'children crying in the night, children crying for the light and with no language but to cry.'"

That historic booklet remains available today at the Pulaski Citizen newspaper.

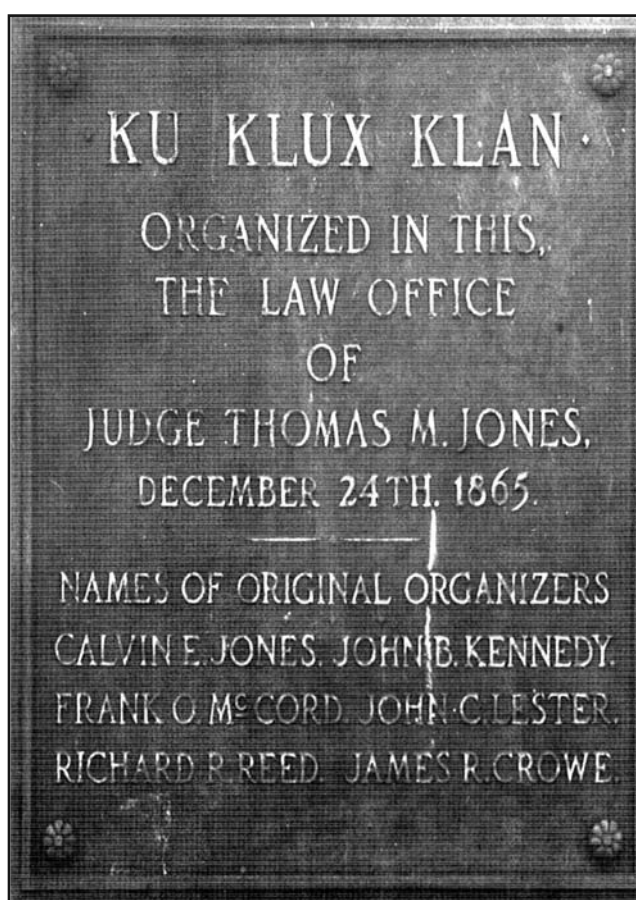
The most publicized date for the KKK's founding, was Christmas Eve, 1865,

which metered out to the present, would have made the original KKK 150 years old, this past Christmas Eve, 2015. However, that founding date has been questioned by more than one researcher.

A present-day historian noted by 1871, "thugs" from various Southern communities had started committing terrorist acts, primarily against newly-freed slaves and the appointed government regulators of Reconstruction.

How did the group spread, and did that trigger the change in course of the KKK into a brutal racist organization, partly justified because of the Republican Party's confirmed brutal Reconstruction tactics in the South?

Three years after being founded in Pulaski, why was controversial Forrest called in to ultimately disband the secret KKK?



"The thought was that since Forrest was a recognized military man in the South, he could bring military order back to the KKK," one historian notes back in time.

Disbanding the KKK was not the first time Forrest was in Pulaski.

In the waning battles of the War Between the States, Forrest was called upon to wrest control of the railroads in southern Middle Tennessee from the advancing Union Army.

He did that, causing confusion and dismay to his army's enemy, including the Southern Raid he staged on Union Forces at Tarpley Shop, a rural unincorporated community of Giles County.

By this time, there was no turning back of Union General Wm. T. Sherman's march to torch Atlanta and drive retreating Rebel forces into the sea.

# WHEEL TAX...

Ashford, Jamie Holloway, Jim Bush, Glenn Steakley, Richie Hunter and Adam Melton.

Resolution 2016-1 is divided into six sections and reads:

"Be it resolved by the county legislative body of Cannon County, Tennessee:

SECTION 1: The resolution of the county legislative body of Cannon County, Tennessee, imposing a local sales and use tax as authorized under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-701 through 67-6-712, adopted by the county legislative body at a special meeting of record in Minute Book, page \_\_\_, is amended to levy a local sales and use tax at a rate of 2.75%, not to exceed the maximum percent-

age as stated in the RETAILERS TAX ACT, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-702, as amended, except as limited or modified by statute.

SECTION 2: If a majority of those voting in the election required by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-706, vote for the increase in the tax imposed by this resolution, collection of the increased tax levied by this resolution shall begin on the first day of the month occurring thirty (30) or more days after the county election commission makes its official canvass of the election returns.

SECTION 3: The Department of Revenue of the State of Tennessee shall collect the additional tax imposed by this Resolution concurrent with the collection of the state tax and the local tax now being collected for Cannon County, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Department.

SECTION 4: The County Executive is hereby authorized to contract with the Department of Revenue for the collection of the additional tax imposed, by this Resolution, and to provide in the contract that the department may deduct from the tax collected a reasonable amount or percentage to cover the expense of the administration and collection of the tax.

SECTION 5: In the event the tax is collected by the Department of Revenue, suits for the recovery of any tax illegally assessed or collected shall be brought against the state Commissioner of Revenue and the County Executive.

SECTION 6: A certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Department of Revenue by the County Clerk forthwith and shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in Cannon County prior to the election called for in Section 2 hereof

# SCAM...

on my caller ID. So I called and a gentlemen answered with a very heavy foreign accent I asked him his name and he stated John Edwards. I told him that I know that this is a fraud call and I told him I will call my local sheriffs office and I did," she said.

"The dispatcher said that she has had a few of these calls. I would like for you to let the public know that this is going on in our area."

The IRS said this is part of an aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers.

Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly

through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information.

If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Note that the IRS will never: 1) call to demand

immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; 3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card; 4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or 5) threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

The Better Business Bureau of Middle Tennessee also offers the following tips to avoid becoming a victim of the IRS phone scam: BBB offers the following tips to avoid becoming a victim of the IRS phone scam:

Beware of any caller claiming to be with the IRS and demanding money.

If you owe federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040. IRS representatives can help you with your payment questions.

If you don't owe taxes, call and report the incident to BBB and to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484.

You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to bully their targets into doing what they want. This is a scare tactic many scammers use.

# Kerrville finalists to perform January 16

Kerrville New Folk Songwriting Finalists Clint Alphin, Wes Collins and Heather Styka will perform in Woodbury Saturday, January 16th at Bird Song Studio as part of our Winter Writer's Series.

Bird Song Studio is located at 213 W High St, Woodbury. \$10 suggested donation with tickets available at www.thebirdsongstudio.com

Show at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 7p.m.

Clint Alphin broke new ground in 2015, with the release of his third studio album, Postmodern Man, and performances in the finals of the Kerrville New Folk and Telluride Troubadour contests.

Since moving to Nashville in 2003, Clint has worked and performed in Music City and the Eastern U.S., with house concerts in New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Indiana and songwriter shows in venues like the Hideaway Café in Tampa, The Blue Door in Oklahoma City, and The Bluebird Café in Nashville.

In 2015, Wes Collins was named a Kerrville New Folk Festival Emerging Songwriters Winner.

Established in 1972 at the urging of Peter Yarrow, the Kerrville New Folk Concerts have become a highlight of the annual festival that is geared towards singer-songwriters of various musical styles and is the longest continuously running festival of its kind in North America.

In addition to also being a 2015 New Folk Finalist at the Kerrville Folk Festival, Heather Styka's songwriting awards include first place in the Big Top Chautauqua Songwriting Competition (2009) and second place in the Great Lakes Songwriting Contest (2012).



Clint Alphin, above, Wes Collins, below right, and Heather Styka will be performing Saturday, January 16 at Bird Song Studio in Woodbury. All three of the performers were winners at the Kerrville (Texas) New Folk Festival.



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# It's time to get back to business after holidays

School is back in session and it's time to get back to normal activities.

Saturday the 19th, the children, grandchildren and all the "out-laws" of Carl and Lois Mingle gathered in the Recreation Center at Auburn Baptist. There were 40 plus or minus of these "kissin' kin" who gathered in for some good food and catching up.

Saturday, the 26th the combined Hughes Christmas and Clyde and Anna Belle Bogle Hughes family reunion was held in the Auburn Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Hosting the event was their oldest daughter, Inette Hughes Gunter. Having the event here was special to her as she shared memories of how she, her late sister, JoAnn Hughes Nichols and late husband, William Gunter, came

to know Christ. All were baptized in Hurricane Creek. JoAnn, who loved Christmas and family, passed away in February of this year and William had passed in June of 2013 so this reunion was extra special to the family.

Lots of good food, pictures and memories were shared among those in attendance which included Inette, Lindsay, Dona, Savannah and Caroline Gunter, Michael McClure, Tyler Bailey, WR Nichols, Julie Fitts, JB and Ardana Hughes, J.C and Joan Hughes, Cody and Kayla Hughes, Jason and Jennifer Brown, Carly and Ben, Sam and Cindy Garrison, Kirsten and Dixie and a surprise visit by cousin, Mary Hughes.

John Goad, formerly of Auburntown, was Saturday the 26th guest

## Auburntown News

By ANNA PATRICK

of Eddie and Donna Nichols. He brought them his annual New Year's gift of hot deep fried turkey.

Eddie's brother, Danny Nichols and wife, Claudia, of Pulaski and sister, Judy Van Hook and husband, Paul spent Monday with them. They shared a noon meal together.

Magaline Davenport enjoyed Christmas Eve with David and Brenda Dodd, John and Britany Dodd, Leighanne, Caitlin and JonMathew, Marshall Smithson, Bridgette Dodd, Keely Brandon, Keith, Tyler and Dustin Barnes, Darlene Gilliam, Ricky King, Derrick and Beth Cooper, Jonah and Olivia, Leslie Devers,

Landen and Courtney, Stephen and Regina Mayo, Dale and Rilley, David and Pam Gaither Samantha and Madison and Austin Duggin.

Christmas morning it was breakfast at David and Brenda's for John, Britany, Leighanne, Caitlin, JonMathew, Bridgette, Keely, Keith, Tyler and Dustin.

Keely left shortly after that to enjoy the Christmas holidays with her grandma, Kathy Brandon from New York.

P-pa and I left Sunday the 27th to spend a couple of days with Richard and Barbara Harris in Macon, GA.

It was a full "house" at Jimbo's on New Year's Eve. Most of the Jim

Grady and Glennette King family enjoyed a good visit with each other and the "locals".

Sunday, January 3rd, Merrell McAllister began spending his eternal life celebrating with Jesus. Our thoughts and prayers for all of his loved ones - family and friends.

Belated wishes for last week are Amy Reed whose birthday was the 7th. Mike Jakes got another year on the 8th. It was the 11th for John Buyrl Neely on the 9th and Carly Brown wound up the birthdays on the 11th when she celebrated her 12th. Hope each of you had a great birthday.

Thirty-one years ago on the 7th John and Marna Higgins became Mr. and Mrs. The 8th Bob and "Pete" Whitaker celebrated their 61st year of pure happiness. Hope both couples had

blessed anniversaries.

The 13th is a special day for Maibeth Thompson, Dustin Nichols, Ashley Gilley Wilson and Christina Davis. Tyler Hickey, Jack Campbell, Pearl Hale and Catie Adams have their special days. The 17th John Moore and Drew Zimmer get their cake and ice cream. Finishing up the week of birthday wishes on the 18th are Tim Reed, Allison Higgins and S. E. Hale. Happy birthday to each and all.

David and Joyce Fuller celebrate double nickels for their anniversary on the 14th. The 16th Jim and Donna Sherrell celebrate their 11th. Happy anniversary.

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

# Sign-up discount for Special Kids Race set to expire

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The Special Kids Race announced today that only a few days remain until late registration prices increase on January 16 for the charity event held in Murfreesboro.

The 5th Annual Special Kids Race presented by Murfreesboro Medical Clinic & Surgicenter (MMC) invites both runners and walkers to participate in the 15K, 5K, or 1 mile distances on Saturday, March 19. The early registration discount of \$40 for the 15K and \$35 for the 5K will expire on January 16 and increase by \$5. Participants can register before the discount expires online at [specialkidsrace.org](http://specialkidsrace.org).

The Special Kids Race is an annual event existing to support local nonprofit Special Kids Therapy and Nursing Center. The run has grown to be one of the largest races in Murfreesboro, with 3,250 participants expected in this year's event. Reenactors from the Stones River Battlefield will fire a cannon to give participants a memorable start for the third consecutive year. Runners and walkers will also be awarded finishing medals by children from Special Kids.

This year, businesses that wish to be involved have two options for supporting the event through sponsorship and the brand new corporate challenge. The new corporate challenge encourages businesses to pay for their employees' registration and to commit to raising \$250 or more. Prizes will be given to corporate challenge teams recognizing fundraising, the most spirit, the largest team, and the fastest team.

Special Kids is joined again in 2016 by founding and presenting sponsor Murfreesboro Medical Clinic and Surgicenter. Several other businesses have decided to partner to help the children including gold sponsors Max Shred, New Vision Baptist Church, Tiffany Lane, Stewart's Special



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Events, and Newk's Eatery. Silver sponsors are Ascend Federal Credit Union, A Step Ahead, Fleet Feet Murfreesboro, and Stones River Battlefield. Bronze sponsors for 2016 include Franklin Synergy Bank, Bill Taylor's Bushido School of Karate, Once Upon a Child, Murfreesboro Surgical Specialists, Fast Signs,

Farrer Brothers Hardware and Rental, Boys and Girls Club of Rutherford County, Jim 'N Nick's BBQ, Slick Pig BBQ, Murfreesboro Pulse, WGNS Radio, and VIP Murfreesboro. To learn more about sponsorships, contact Stephanie Folkmann [atsfolkmann@specialkidstn.com](mailto:atsfolkmann@specialkidstn.com) or 615.893.4892.

Special Kids is a Christian therapy and nursing center for children with special needs. The Murfreesboro-based ministry started with one child in 1998 and has grown to serve over 3,000 children from 18 counties in middle Tennessee. For more information, please visit [specialkidstn.com](http://specialkidstn.com) or call 615.893.4892.

## Tips on a healthcare plan if you have chronic disease

(StatePoint) Choosing a healthcare plan can be difficult, especially when you have a chronic lung disease like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Affecting millions of Americans, COPD includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema and makes it difficult to breathe. It can also be very expensive.

"Understanding the true

total cost associated with available healthcare plans is so important for those with high-cost health needs like COPD, as access to care doesn't help patients unless they can afford it," says Harold P. Wimmer, National President and CEO of the American Lung Association.

When choosing a plan, consider all the factors that affect yearly out-of-

pocket costs, including the premium, deductible and co-pay or coinsurance amounts. Also, check each plan's coverage for doctors, specialists, hospitals and medications. COPD patients may reach the maximum out-of-pocket expenses. Adding the total premiums to that figure should give patients an accurate estimate of annual costs.

The deadline for individuals to enroll in a healthcare plan for 2016 is January 31.

For guidance on choosing the most cost-effective plan, visit [Lung.org](http://Lung.org). COPD patients and their caregivers can call the Lung Association's free HelpLine at 1-800-LUNGUSA to speak with a certified enrollment counselor.



# SPORTS

## CCHS girls defeat Warren Co.

### Cannon boys fall short vs Warren

KEITH READY  
For The Cannon Courier

In the previous two meetings this season between the Cannon County Lionettes and the Warren County Lady Pioneers, Warren County was able to notch two wins over the Woodbury team.

Cannon County played without the services of a few key players in those losses. Autumn King missed the November game due to a concussion. Kelli Davis and Haylee Mooneyham missed the Sonic Shootout last week with an injury and sickness respectively.

That was in 2015. On Tuesday night January 5th the two non-district rivals met once again, this time the Lionettes were healthy and this time the end result was different.

Warren County got out to a 13-8 end of first quarter lead but unlike the other two chapters of this years book, the Lionettes didn't let the game get away from them and stayed close to Warren not allowing them to lead by any more of a margin than five points in any stage of the game.

The Lady Pioneers stayed one step ahead of the Lionettes until in the last two minutes of the game when Cannon County went on a 9-0 run and a layup by freshman guard Tori Knox off of an inbound steal gave the Lionettes the only lead change of the second half.

Maleah Scott was able to tip the inbound pass and a hustling Autumn King rushed to receive the errant ball. King hit a cutting Knox in the lane for the easy two to grab the lead and the Lionettes kept the momentum.

"The pass was supposed to go to my offensive assignment and she beat me to the ball but Maleah was able to tip it." Autumn King said after the game "I was able to get it and get it to Tori for the layup."

The Lionettes who struggled at the free throw line throughout the Sonic Shootout right before the end of 2015, showed improvement on their home floor. Led by Scott's 11-12 performance, the Lionettes finished 20-28 from the charity stripe another stat proving crucial for the win. Kelli Davis led all scorers



RONNY BURKS photo  
Maleigh Scott (10) getting fouled driving to the basket. Maleigh hit 11 of 12 foul shots helping lead the Lionettes to a victory over Warren County.

with 21.

The Lionettes will play the highly ranked Upperman Lady Bees in a road game on Tuesday January 12th.

**Game Stats: Cannon County 49 Warren County 43**

**Cannon County (8-10) 49-Davis 21, Scott 11, King-7, Mooneyham-5, Gaither-3, Knox-2**

**Warren County 43 Crouch-9, Winfree-6, Hitchcock-6, Smith-5, Eckenrod-5, Wright-4, Moore-3, Cathcart-3**

**Team Stats: Cannon County 2PT FG: 7-21, 3PT FG: 5-13 Total :12-34. FT: 20-28**

**Warren County FG Total: 14-40 FT: 8-15**

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The Cannon County Lions boys basketball team couldn't stop the inside punch of Warren County's big man Trevor Gaines and the outside scoring threat of Isiah Grayson as the Lions started out 2016 Tuesday January 5th with a loss to Warren County 65-55.

Even though Cannon had three players in double figures with Austin Duggin and Austin Martin each with 15 and Briar Jakes with 13 they couldn't overcome Warren County attacking the boards and getting several second chance

shot opportunities. Gaines finished with 25 points making him the leading scorer for both teams.

The Lions had their chance to climb back into the game but just like the stats have shown most of the season they had four or five bad possessions in which the opposite team in this case Warren County takes advantage of to put the game away.

"I told our team after the game that once they fully understand that we have the ability to win ballgames but we have to stop making fundamental mistakes that will end up with us losing these games," Lion Head Coach Matt Rigsby said.

The Lions will take their 6-12 overall record and 0-4 district mark to Baxter Tuesday January 12th to meet the Upperman Bees in a district 8-AA battle.

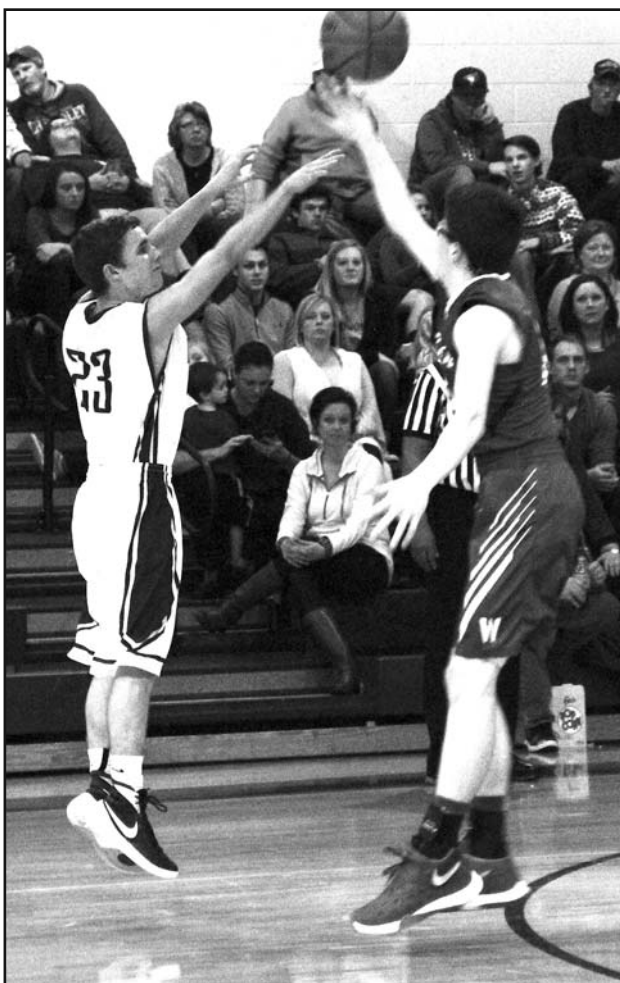
**Game Stats: Warren County 65 Cannon County 55**

**Cannon County (6-12) 55-Martin-15, Duggin-15, Jakes-13, Miles-7, Bryson-3, Fann-2**

**Warren County 65-Gaines-25, Grayson-19, Hobbs-5, Golden-4, Solomon-4, Calbert-4, Yates-2, Wilson-2**

**Team Stats: CC: 2PT FG- 11-28 3PT FG-8-23 Total 19-51 FT: 9-13**

**WC: 2PT FG 26-42 3 PT FG: 2-9 Total 28-51 FT: 7-14**



RONNY BURKS photo  
Austin Duggin (23) hitting one of his four three point baskets against Warren County.

## Undefeated grammar schools end Christmas break with wins

KEITH READY  
For The Cannon Courier

The two undefeated grammar school basketball teams stayed that way after Thursday night's January 7th return to the hardwood as the Woodland hosted the Westside teams in both teams' first game back since the Christmas break.

In the girls game the Westside Lady Eagles enjoyed a short lead in the first quarter before the Woodland Warriorettes went on a 13-0 run to put the game away early in a 56-23 win. Three Woodland Warriorettes scored in double figures led by Kristin Fann's 18 points. Anna Grace Sissom finished with 12 and Jessie Kauffman added 10 in the win that kept Woodland undefeated in the county standings. Abbie Maynard scored 9 for the Lady Eagles

The boys game was another close one in the series between the two schools. Westside's Gus Davenport was able to handle the Woodland full court press late in the game as Westside took a close lead and opened it up to double digits before the two minute mark of the game and ended up winning 46-39. Woodland's Joel Smith hit three long distance three point shots and finished with a game high 17 points in the loss for the Warriors. Brady Bryson finished with 11. Three players ended in double figures for the winning Eagles team. Gus Davenport poured in 14 points.

Brady Cunningham added 13 and Wade Love scored 12 points in the win.

**Box Scores:**  
**Girls: Woodland 56**  
**Westside 23**

**Woodland-Fann-18, Sissom-12, Kauffman-10, Melton-4, Judkins-2, C. Blanton-2, Mason-2, George-2, Smithson-2, Sellars 2**

**Westside-Maynard-9, McClure-4, Logan-8, Nichols-2**

**Boys: Westside 46**  
**Woodland 39**  
**Westside-Davenport-14, Cunningham-13, Love-12, Phillips-5, Campbell-2**

**Woodland-Smith-17, Bryson-11, Bush-7, Powell-2, Muse-2**  
In other games Thursday Katie Hancock scored 16 points as the Auburntown Lady Knights beat Short Mountain 47-7. Lily Ellis scored 3 to lead the Lady Bears.

down to tie it at 37. With the extra stanza, Auburntown picked up the win over Short Mountain 50-41 outscoring the Bears 13-4. Braxton Gilley led all scorers for Auburntown with 18. Stansbury finished the game with 10. Luke Alexander scored 14 for Short Mountain while AJ Glenn contributed 13.

Lacon Parton led the Eastside Lady Tigers with 10 points but it wasn't enough to beat the Woodbury Lady Cubs as Abby Moore's 14 and Amanda Blanco's 13 points notched a win 39-20 over the Eastside School.

The boys game between the two schools went down to the wire. Woodbury escaped with a 31-29 win over Eastside. Shawn Matheny was a scoring machine for the Tigers with 18 points while Jacob Brock had 11 points for the Cubs.

## Sandhill Crane Festival to celebrate anniversary

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival will celebrate its silver anniversary with the 2016 event set for Jan. 16-17 (Saturday-Sunday) at the Hiwassee Refuge.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is the primary sponsor for the festival and many staff members and volunteers will again be contributing their services. For the fifth year, Olin Chlor Alkali Products is the corporate sponsor for the festival. The festival is a celebration

of the thousands of sandhill cranes that migrate through or spend the winter on and around the Hiwassee Refuge in Birchwood as well as an opportunity to focus attention on the rich wildlife heritage of the state and the Native American history of the area.

Beginning in the early 1990s, the recovering population of eastern sandhill cranes began stopping at the Hiwassee Refuge on their way to and from their wintering grounds in Georgia and

*Beginning in the early 1990s, the recovering population of eastern sandhill cranes began stopping at the Hiwassee Refuge on their way to and from their wintering grounds in Georgia and Florida.*

Florida. TWRA has been managing this refuge for more than 60 years for waterfowl, and the cranes found a perfect combination of feeding

and shallow water roosting habitat. As many as an estimated 12,000 of these birds now spend the entire winter at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee rivers.

Free bus shuttle service will be available from the Birchwood Community Center to the Hiwassee Refuge and Cherokee Removal Memorial Park each day beginning at 8 a.m. No public parking is available at the refuge.

Various vendors will be at the Birchwood Community Center beginning at 8 a.m. In addition, breakfast will be available for purchase at the community center each day from 7-8 a.m. and lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Music, special programs, and children's activities

will be ongoing throughout each day. The American Eagle Foundation will be present for its always-popular live raptor show each day with times at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. There will be a new presentation this year, "Birding Makes Cents (and Dollars): The Economic Impact of Birding and Bird Festivals which will be held Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.

An official welcome and live music will start the programs each day at 11 a.m. TWRA Information and Education Division Chief Don King, also a Nashville recording artist and friends will perform each day. Traditional heritage music led by Tom Morgan, Lynn Haas with friends will also perform in the morning and afternoon and will include a special children's music appreciation program each morning.

The group, South Wind, will perform from noon until 12:45 on Saturday.

The nearby Cherokee Removal Memorial will feature Native American folklore specialists. They will present performances,

artifacts and objects used in everyday life by Native American inhabitants in the Hiwassee River area.

Along with the wildlife viewing at the refuge, wildlife and birding experts will be on hand. They will provide visitors with a unique educational experience by sharing viewing scopes and information.

The Hiwassee Refuge comprises about 6,000 acres. The Birchwood Community Center is only three miles from the wildlife-viewing site at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge. The Cherokee Removal Memorial is found just to the side of the refuge near the Tennessee River.

Other Sandhill Crane Festival attendees include the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Tennessee Ornithological Society, Birchwood Area Society Improvement Council, Cherokee Removal Memorial Park, American Eagle Foundation, Chattanooga Chapter TOS, Meigs County Tourism, and Rhea County Tourism.

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# Society



Quite a crowd gathered for a special New Years celebration organized by Carl Hirlston. Seated; front row are, Patsy Hirlston, Mary Hirlston, Dorothy Miller and Evelyn Jones. Standing from left are; Clark Hollis, Brandon Pope, Dora Pope, G. L. Tenpenny, Jerry Ann Tenpenny, Casey Hollis, Katrinka Sutton, Faye Barrett, Jerry Barrett and Earl Sutton.

## Wow! What a New Year's dinner Carl Hirlston serves a holiday feast

**CARL HIRLSTON**  
Special to the Cannon Courier

New Years always called for hogs jowl, black eye peas, turnip greens, hominy and corn bread for as long as I can remember. I always thought it was for, Health, Wealth, Happiness and Luck.

When I first got married these would always be part of my New Years meal and I normally would do the cooking. As best than I can remember I only missed this two times in my 67 years, 1970 when I was in Vietnam and the other time when my family attended the Rose Bowl Parade.

In 1971 through 1976, I started inviting friends, ones stationed in Germany with me and lived in the barracks and had no families around. After retiring from the military service I had close friends and family to come to our home for their New Years meal. In the early 2000's I started looking up how other parts of the world celebrated the New Year with food. I found many different recipes and customs for bringing in the new year. Word of mouth invitations to friends, neighbors and family and I stay up all night cooking to prepare the food.

This year my mother, Mary Hirlston, my sister, Dora Pope, her son Brandon, my wife Patsy's mother Dorothy Miller, Patsy's sister Katrinka and her husband Earl Sutton, our friends and neighbors: GL and Jerry Ann Tenpenny, Jerry and Faye Barrett, Evelyn Jones, Clark Hollis and his son Casey dropped by to help us celebrate the coming year.

Each year the menu stays about the same with a possibly slight year. The following was this years menu with why the custom and countries which celebrate the food:

**New Years Day Menu 2016 (at the Hirlston's)**

**Hoppin' John with Cornbread:** Contains pork for wealth, black eye peas for coins &/or luck, collard greens for cash, tomatoes for health, rice for prosperity, hominy for becoming full circle and the cornbread for gold. Countries using pork for wealth: Germany, northern United States. Countries known for eating Hoppin' John or something similar for luck: Africa, France, Southern United States, and Brazil (has a Lentil Soup similar to Hoppin' John). Italy, and Jewish customs also uses lentils (black eye peas) for coins, for wealth and luck.

**Hogs Jowl:** Eat poor on New Year's, eat fat the rest of the year. Hogs Jowl is considered the cheapest part of a pig, the cheapest meat. Black eye peas and collard

greens the cheapest vegetables to buy. Others say eating fat of the New Year will have you eating fat for the year. Pork in many countries is for wealth for the coming year. Countries using hogs jowl, Southern United States. Countries eating pork: Germany, France, Norway, Holland and the United States.

**Cabbage with Pork:** Green Leafy vegetable mostly used as paper money, for wealth, prosperity and also for health for the coming year. Germany, United States, Sweden.

**Sauerkraut and Kielbasa:** Pork sausage is a symbol of abundance because they are rich in fat and cabbage for wealth and prosperity. Germany and Northern United States.

**Noodles:** Long noodles that should be sucked up and eaten without breaking them to ensure long life. Most Asian countries will eat some form of noodles on their New Year. In Italy Lasagna is the custom and eating any other type noodle is concerned bad luck.

**Meatballs:** Pork and round shape is symbol for becoming a full-circle completing year's cycle from new to finished with prosperity.

**Grapes:** Normally eaten at Midnight when the clock strikes, 1 grape at each strike of the clock for luck for each month of the upcoming year. Spain, Portugal, Peru and Cuba this is a custom. Spain then eats one additional grape for the past year.

**Apples wedges and honey:** This is a Jewish custom; the honey is a symbol of sweetness of life.

**Vasilopita:** A special cake with a coin hidden inside. Whoever gets the coin will have luck and prosperity for the coming year. Greek custom. Coin hidden in bread (cornbread) or in other foods has been adopted in other customs.

**Rice Pudding:** Rice is another food that if eaten on the New Year, there will always be food for the rest of the year. This is a custom in most Asian countries. Most will eat a bowl of rice, or a rice cake, or the rice pudding. In Norway an almond is hidden in the pudding and whoever gets the almond will have luck for the year.

**Olie Bollen:** The round shape is a symbol for becoming a full-circle completing a year's cycle, from a new to finish and for prosperity for the coming year. Celebrated in Holland. Name means "oily ball" and looks and taste close to a doughnut hole.

**Sparkling Grape Juice or Champagne** is the universal New Year Good Luck Charm, used for toasting in the New Year. We substitute Champagne for Sparkling Grape Juice for our own beliefs and not to infringe on others but we ask each to make a toast.



Enjoying Fun time for New Years at the Woodbury Health and Rehab. We appreciate all the care and love from staff at Woodbury Health and Rehab for the care of my mom Sarah Gaither.

## Cannon County 4-H Public Speaking Winners

Congratulations to all the 4-H members which competed in the Cannon County 4-H Public Speaking Contest. After winning their school classroom competition, students were chosen to compete in the county competition. With 23 participants, the Cannon County 4-H Public Speaking contest was a success with the following winners:



4th Grade: 1st Place- Katie Hare, West Side School; 1st Place- Nancy Caroline Thomas, Woodbury Grammar School; 2nd Place- Sadie Prater, East Side School



5th Grade: 1st Place- Jesse Tucker Vaughn, Auburn School; 1st Place- Ethan Powell, Woodland School; 2nd Place- Sarah Hayes, Woodbury Grammar School

6th Grade:  
1st Place- Kiley Hughes, Auburn School  
1st Place- Loralia Diderickson, West Side School



7th Grade: 1st Place- Hunter Owen, Woodland School  
8th Grade: 1st Place- Ashton Gilley, Auburn School; 1st Place- Austin Powell, Woodland School; 2nd Place- Lily Brazle, Woodland School



After winning the county contest, both first place participants will compete at the sub-regional contest held at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in February. Congratulations to all the participants! Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating. UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. 4-H is proud of the accomplishments of the many 4-H members that learn the valuable life skill of communications through Public Speaking. For more information about the 4-H program, contact Sarah Malone at [snmalone@utk.edu](mailto:snmalone@utk.edu) or the UT Extension Office at (615) 563-2554.



# CRIME & COURTS

## Mercedes caught doing 126 MPH in Auburntown

### Cannon County Sheriff's Office

#### Speeding at 126 mph

Cannon County Sheriff's Office personnel, participating in a statewide holiday DUI enforcement campaign, snagged an apparently deaf Knoxville motorist on felony speeding charges.

Investigator Chris Brown, was monitoring traffic on Highway 96 in Auburntown, when he clocked a four-door Mercedes at 72 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

"As I was gaining speed I observed that the white Mercedes was gaining speed. Knowing my vehicle would not be able to catch the suspect, I advised Investigator Gullett, who was on the west end of Poplar Bluff, to see if he could get the car stopped," Brown said.

Gullett clocked the Mercedes at 126 mph.

"As we were approaching the bottom of Milton Hill, the Mercedes was already out of sight over the hill," Brown said, adding he witnessed the car pass three vehicles at a high rate of speed.

The Cannon County officers broke off high-speed pursuit, but continued to follow the Mercedes into Rutherford County, while notifying

authorities there.

Rutherford County officers blocked the car in at Farmington Road, just before Jefferson Pike on Highway 96.

"I then went to their location and verified this was the vehicle we were looking for. The driver was Jason Andrew Collins of Knoxville. He was deaf and was having trouble communication, so communication was handled through texting on his phone as well as writing on paper," Brown said.

Collins was placed under arrest and returned to Woodbury. His car was impounded then seized due to felony evading laws. He was additionally charged with speeding 126 mph in a 55 zone, reckless driving and reckless endangerment.

#### Spotlighting Deer

Two men and a 15-year-old juvenile were charged with spotlighting deer off Hill Creek Road.

Charged were Chad Allen Parker, Joshua Thomas Leath and the juvenile. Each were given citations for hunting from a motor vehicle, hunting from a roadway, spotlighting deer, hunting in a closed season and hunting without a license. They were arrested by Investigator Chris Brown.



### Arrests and Inmate Count at Cannon County Jail

| Date  | Males | Females | Total |
|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| 12/25 | 50    | 9       | 59    |
| 12/26 | 45    | 10      | 55    |
| 12/27 | 46    | 10      | 56    |
| 12/28 | 38    | 14      | 58    |
| 12/29 | 47    | 12      | 59    |
| 12/30 | 46    | 13      | 59    |
| 12/31 | 47    | 12      | 59    |

- ARRESTS:**  
**Capias 3**  
**Theft of Property 2**  
**Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1**  
**VOP 4**  
**Amended VOP 3**  
**Theft under \$500 1**  
**State VOP 1**  
**Public Intoxication 1**  
**Littering 1**  
**DUI 3rd 1**  
**Accident resulting in injury 1**  
**Failure to report accident 1**  
**Leave scene of accident 1**

#### Shot Fired

Deputy Kyle Wix investigated an incident on Short Mountain Road. The property owner, Wanda Byford, reported that

someone had shot the front, living room window with a shotgun.

#### Warrants Served

Kevin James King, violation of probation

Brenda Kay Baker, capias  
 Kenneth Ray Parker, violation of probation  
 Linda Sue Wilber, violation of probation  
 Van Russell Caffey, violation of probation

Erica Danielle Cunningham, capias  
 Cindy Armstrong Sherrell, violation of probation  
 Theresa Buck, horses at large  
 Diana Borren, assault  
 Glenn Stone, simple assault  
 Samuel Thomas McKinny, theft of property

### Woodbury Police

#### Forgery, Fraud

Shannon Kay Campbell was arrested on Christmas Eve by Patrolman John House on multiple forgery and fraud charges. Campbell presented forged prescriptions to Woodson's Pharmacy without the authorization of Dr. David Ours. Hearings on the charges are set for January 16 in General Sessions Court.

#### Driving on Revoked

Mildred Nicole Smith was charged with driving on a revoked license and possession of drug

paraphernalia by Patrolman Tommy Miller. A hearing is set for February 9 in General Sessions Court.

#### Driving on Suspended

John Thomas Farrar was charged with driving on a suspended license by Patrolman Melanie McCormick. A hearing is set for January 26 in General Sessions Court.

Misty N. Harris was charged with driving on a suspended license by Patrolman Dustin Pack. A hearing is set for February 16 in General Sessions Court.

#### Theft under \$500

Melissa Ann Luttrell was charged with theft of a Ted Williams 20 gauge pump shotgun by Chief Lowell Womack. A hearing is set for January 12 in General Sessions Court.

#### Assault

Gregory Alan Keyser was charged with assault by Patrolman Dustin Pack. A hearing is set for January 16 in General Sessions Court.

## Rutherford Co. man charged with sales tax evasion

Special Investigations Section of the Tennessee Department of Revenue conducted the investigation that led to the indictment and arrest of Shashank Patel for sales tax evasion.

Special Agents arrested Patel, 29, at his business Wednesday. On January 4, the Rutherford County Grand Jury indicted Patel on 23

Class E felony counts of sales tax evasion and one Class C felony count of theft between \$10,000 and \$60,000. The indictments charge Patel failed to remit state sales tax from sales at Super Discount Tobacco and Beer in Rutherford County.

"The Department of Revenue is committed to applying Tennessee's tax laws and policies uniformly

to all taxpayers to ensure a level playing field," Revenue Commissioner Richard Roberts said. "The Department cannot and will not allow people engaged in fraudulent tax activities to have a competitive advantage over honest business people."

If convicted, Patel could face a maximum of two years in the state penitentiary. He could be

fined up to \$3,000 for each count of sales tax evasion and up to six years and \$10,000 for theft of property. The Department pursued this criminal case in cooperation with District Attorney Jennings Jones and his staff. Citizens who suspect violations of Tennessee's revenue laws should call the toll-free tax fraud hot line at (800) FRAUDTX (372-8389).

## Van Buren Co. man charged with arson

NASHVILLE - A Van Buren county man faces five years in prison after pleading guilty in December to one count of arson.

On Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, Grady John Kincer pleaded guilty in Van Buren County Circuit Court to one count of arson related to an Aug. 24, 2013 fire he admitted starting in a Spencer, Tenn. home. In addition to a five-year jail sentence, Kincer, 43, must also pay court costs and restitution to the victim for any losses not covered by insurance.

State Fire Marshal's Office Bomb & Arson Unit investigators were first notified about the incident by the Piney Volunteer Fire Department and worked with Van Buren County Sheriff's Office on

the case. Kincer admitted to investigators that he started the fire.

"The Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to arson and arson-related crimes," Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance Deputy Director Gary West said.

To report a suspected arson, call the Tennessee Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. The Arson Hot Line is a phone line dedicated to receiving information about suspicious and incendiary fires. It is answered 24 hours a day and you may remain anonymous when providing information. Cash awards are offered for information leading to an arrest or conviction.

The Cannon County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session, Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Cannon County Courthouse.

#### Agenda for January 16, 2016

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge to Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Reading and Approval Minutes/Quarterly Reports
6. Paul Curless to address the Commission
7. Establish a new Debt Service Fund for Education
8. Establish a new fund for Medical Insurance
9. Budget Amendment: Sheriff's Department
10. Approve Lease Agreement for Fire Department contingent upon Comptroller approval.
11. Resolution 2016-2 to Support Insure Tenn. Initiative
12. Other Business
13. Adjourn

## Tips to keep pets warm

(StatePoint) The cold weather can be just as hard on pets as it is on people. This winter, consider these tips to keep your four-legged family members safe and warm.

If you decide to brave the cold for daily walks, there are a few risks to keep in mind. Wind chill can be dangerous, no matter what the temperature is, according to The Humane Society. Pets can be at risk for frostbite and hypothermia during extreme cold snaps, and

exposed skin on noses, ears and paw pads can quickly freeze and suffer permanent damage.

On walks, keep your pet warm with a sweater or coat. Small booties or paw gel will help keep sensitive paws from freezing.

The salt used to de-ice an icy road can be dangerous and toxic to pets, often irritating the pads of their feet. In addition, coolants and antifreeze may drip from cars, making an easy transfer to sensitive paws.

## BID NOTICE

Cannon County 911 is taking bids for digital capable mobile radios. Bids will be for (18) 45 watt mobile radios & (6) 5 watt portable radios. Detailed radio specifications will be available at the Cannon County 911 Center.

**Bid deadline will be Wednesday January 20th, 2016, 12:00pm**  
**Bid opening will be January 20th, 2016, 1:00pm at the 911 Center.**

Cannon County 911 reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Questions can be directed to  
 911 Director Roy Sullivan  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CANNON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT WOODBURY

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The Grand Jury will next meet on **FRIDAY, January 22, 2016 at 8:30 A.M.** in the Courtroom of the Cannon County Courthouse.

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## Wedding at Cana

Jesus of Nazareth took time out to attend a wedding feast in the village of Cana, with his mother, Mary, and his first few disciples.

Jewish weddings were steeped in tradition and ritual. One of the customs was providing an extravagant feast for guests. Something went wrong at this wedding, however, because they ran out of wine early. In that culture, such a miscalculation would have been a great humiliation for the bride and groom.

Mary turned to Jesus and said,

"They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:3-5, NIV)

Nearby were six stone jars filled with water used for ceremonial washing. Jews cleansed their hands, cups, and vessels with water before meals. Each large pot held from 20 to 30 gallons.

Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. He ordered them to draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet, who was in charge of food and drink. The master was unaware of Jesus' turning the water in the jars into wine.

The steward was astounded. He took the bride and groom aside and complimented them. Most couples served the best wine first, he said, then brought out cheaper wine after the guests had too much to drink and would not notice. "You have saved the best till now," he told them (John 2:10, NIV).

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# PUBLIC NOTICES



## 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.

The purchaser will assume the payment of any and all unpaid taxes, including but not limited to tax years 2014 and 2015.

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  
Woodbury, TN 37190

Mr. John Glendon Brandon, III - Regular Mail & Certified Mail  
698 Blair Branch Road  
Woodbury, TN 37190

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Russell Fults - Regular Mail & Certified Mail  
2399 Pea Ridge Dry Creek  
Liberty, TN 37095

## 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.

The address of the property is known as 119 Amy Lane, Readyville, TN 37149, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein, and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. This property is further identified as being Map 23, Parcel 19.00 on the records of the Tax Assessor of Cannon County, Tennessee.

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

This 22nd day of December, 2015.

M. Wyatt Burk, Substitute Trustee

BOBO, HUNT, WHITE & BURK  
111 W. Side Square  
Shelbyville, Tennessee  
37160  
(931) 684-3327

ATTORNEYS FOR  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

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  
CLERK & MASTER

MATT COWAN  
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.

Rebecca Jean Grosch, Administratrix of the Estate of Howard Mike Grosch deceased.

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## CROSSWORD

"Help Please"

**Across**

1 One more time  
 5 Hair goops  
 9 It's usually wrapped  
 13 Injurious to health  
 15 Words of enlightenment  
 16 War of 1812 battle site  
 17 Deliver spam  
 18 Judge's seat  
 19 Stew ingredient  
 20 "The Way of All Flesh" novelist  
 23 N.F.L. stats  
 24 Brazil resort  
 25 Pushes  
 28 "Good Will Hunting" co-star  
 32 Behave badly  
 35 Certain intersection  
 36 Foofaraw  
 37 Grate expectations?  
 38 Hodges of the Dodgers  
 39 Hair style  
 41 CA ball club, briefly  
 42 Go after, in a way  
 43 Flips  
 44 Apple's CEO  
 48 Persian Gulf emirate  
 49 Frequently, in poetry  
 50 Member of an order  
 53 He won an Oscar for his role in "The Paper Chase"  
 57 Out of harm's way  
 60 Furniture wood  
 61 Pool  
 62 Crude group?  
 63 Rigatoni relative  
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 65 Editor's mark  
 66 Beekeeper of movies  
 67 Gardener's spring purchase

**Down**

1 Bikini blast  
 2 Rover  
 3 Midterms, e.g.  
 4 2012 Nintendo debut  
 5 Small ape  
 6 Old Testament twin  
 7 Fast time?  
 8 Shut off  
 9 Cosmonaut Shonin  
 10 Tee off  
 11 Evergreen  
 12 Picker-upper  
 14 Pastors, rabbis et al.  
 21 Unwanted buildup  
 22 Flub

26 Olympic swimmer Janet  
 27 Bulrush, e.g.  
 28 Seductive West  
 29 Like some walls  
 30 Snakelike fish  
 31 One of the friends on "Friends"  
 32 Fountain treat  
 33 Clarifying phrase  
 34 SeaWorld whale  
 38 Chap  
 39 Starts, as a laptop  
 40 Query  
 42 Toy dog  
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 45 Take exception

46 The Way  
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 50 Author Zola  
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## Savvy Senior

**Paying Income Tax on Social Security Benefits**  
 Dear Savvy Senior,  
 Will I have to pay federal income taxes on my Social Security benefits when I retire?  
**Approaching Retirement**

Dear Approaching,  
 Whether or not you'll be required to pay federal income tax on your Social Security benefits will depend on your income and filing status. About 35 percent of Social Security recipients have total incomes high enough to trigger federal income tax on their benefits.

To figure out if your benefits will be taxable, you'll need to add up all of your "provisional income," which includes wages, taxable and non-taxable interest, dividends, pensions and taxable retirement-plan distributions, self-employment, and other taxable income, plus half your annual Social Security benefits, minus certain deductions used in figuring your adjusted gross income.

### How To Calculate

To help you with the calculations, get a copy of IRS Publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits," which provides detailed instructions and worksheets. You can download it at [irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](http://irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf) or call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy.

After you do the calculations, the IRS says that if you're single and your total income from all of the listed sources is:

Less than \$25,000, your Social Security will not be subject to federal income tax.

Between \$25,000 and \$34,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed at your regular income-tax rate.

More than \$34,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you're married and filing jointly and the total from all sources is:

Less than \$32,000, your Social Security won't be taxed.

Between \$32,000 and \$44,000, up to 50 percent of your Social Security benefits will be taxed.

More than \$44,000, up to 85 percent of your benefits will be taxed.

If you're married and file a separate return, you probably will pay taxes on your benefits.

To limit potential taxes on your benefits, you'll need to be cautious when taking distributions from retirement accounts or other sources. In addition to triggering ordinary income tax, a distribution that significantly raises your gross income can bump the proportion of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes.

### How to File

If you find that part of your Social Security benefits will be taxable, you'll need to file using Form 1040 or Form 1040A. You cannot use Form 1040EZ. You also need to know that if you do owe taxes, you'll need to make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS or you can choose to have it automatically withheld from your benefits.

To have it withheld, you'll need to complete IRS Form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request ([irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](http://irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf)), and file it with your local Social Security office. You can choose to have 7 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent or 25 percent of your total benefit payment withheld. If you subsequently decide you don't want the taxes withheld, you can file another W-4V to stop the withholding.



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### John Wayne

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## ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD

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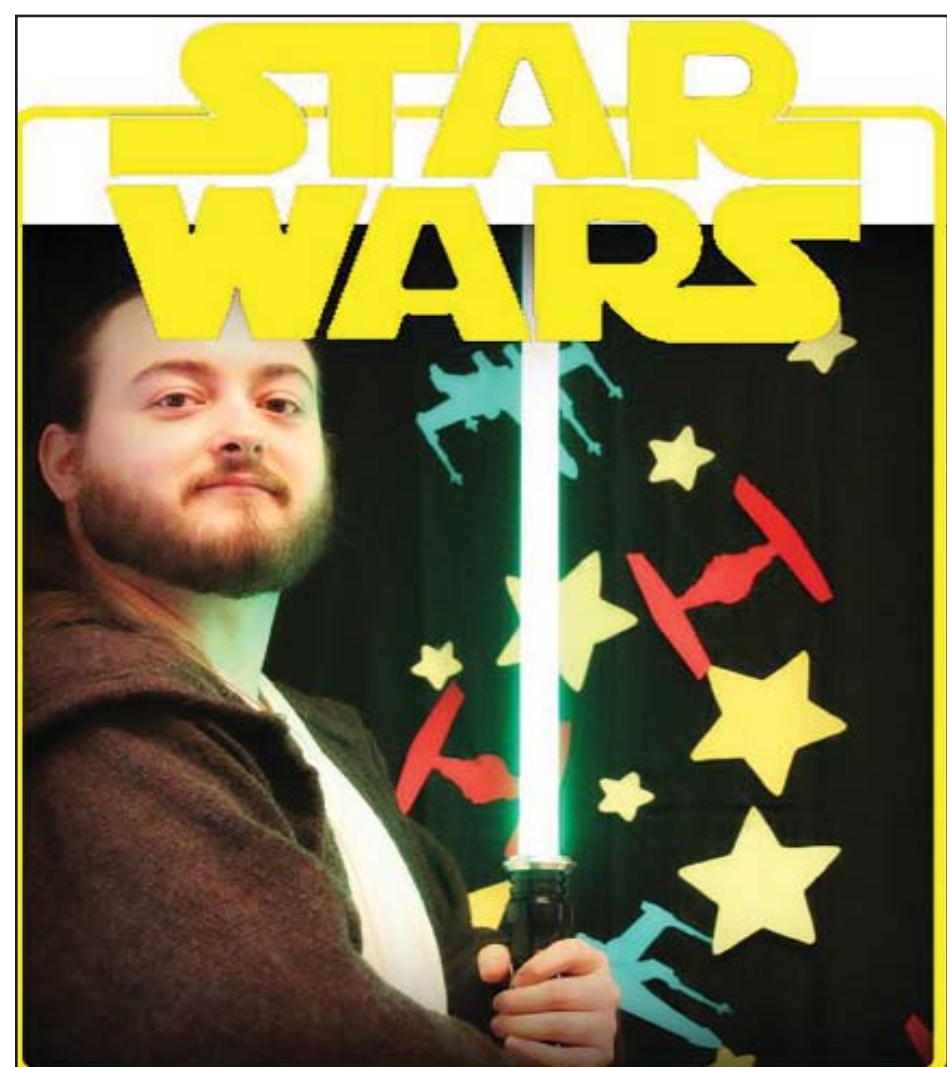
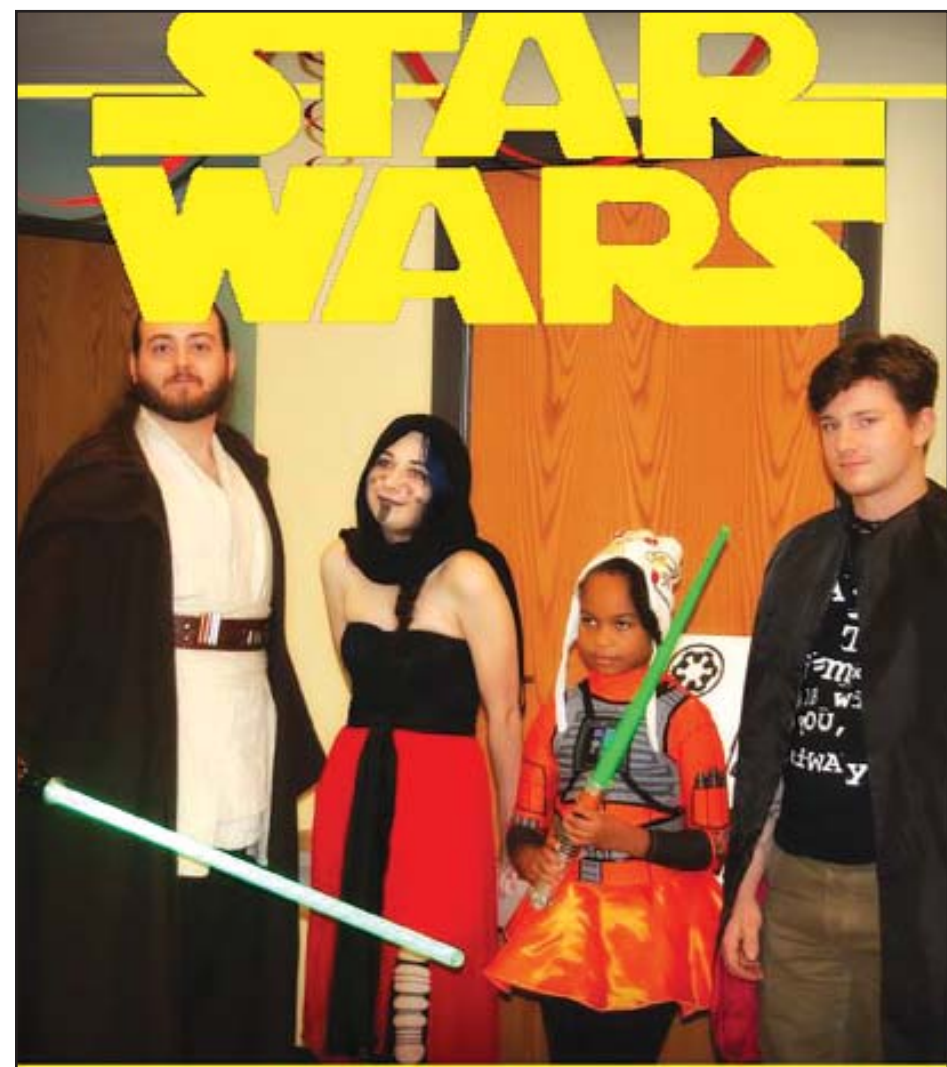
### SUDOKU

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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.

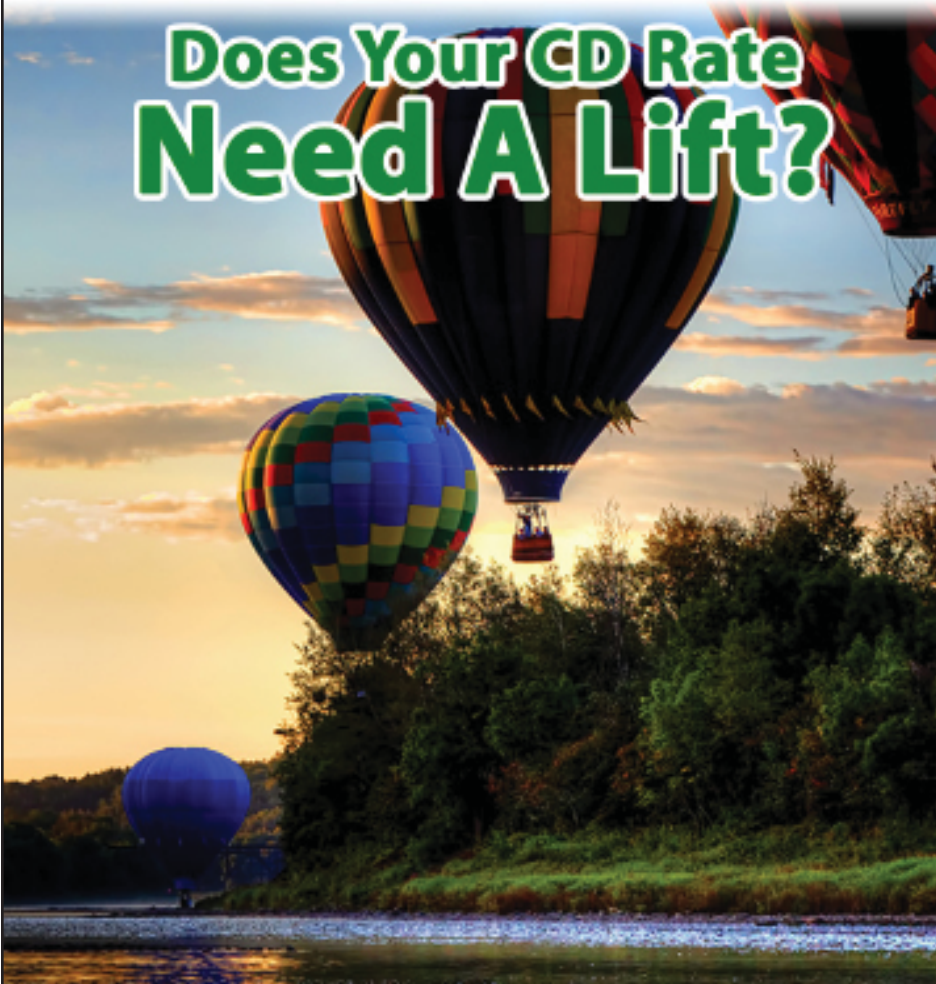
The grand, ol' man, Santa Claus and his missus, didn't get left out either. A special open house at the library featured those two, larger-than-life figures.



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



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