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Threat probe still ongoing at CCHS

A probe continues into threats of violence at Cannon County High School. Investigators from the Cannon County Sheriff's Office were in Franklin Friday to interview a juvenile suspected in the case. The teenager, who was a student at CCHS, is currently undergoing evaluation at a mental health facility. Local authorities were notified about the potential incident late last week. Word was released early Thursday, March 10, and students were allowed to

leave CCHS campus while law enforcement began a search of the building. As a result of the announcement, rumors quickly began to spread, particularly on social networks like Facebook. Authorities discounted those rumors. Participating in the search were officers from the Sheriff's Office, Woodbury Police and Student Resource Officers from the high school. No weapons were discovered. In wake of the report,

Cannon County Schools officials decided to close the high school on Friday, March 11. Director of Schools Barbara Parker issued a statement: "The safety of the students in Cannon County Schools is our main concern. In an effort to ensure the safety of our students, an investigation was conducted in regards to a threat at Cannon County High School this morning. In order to complete See THREAT, Page 9

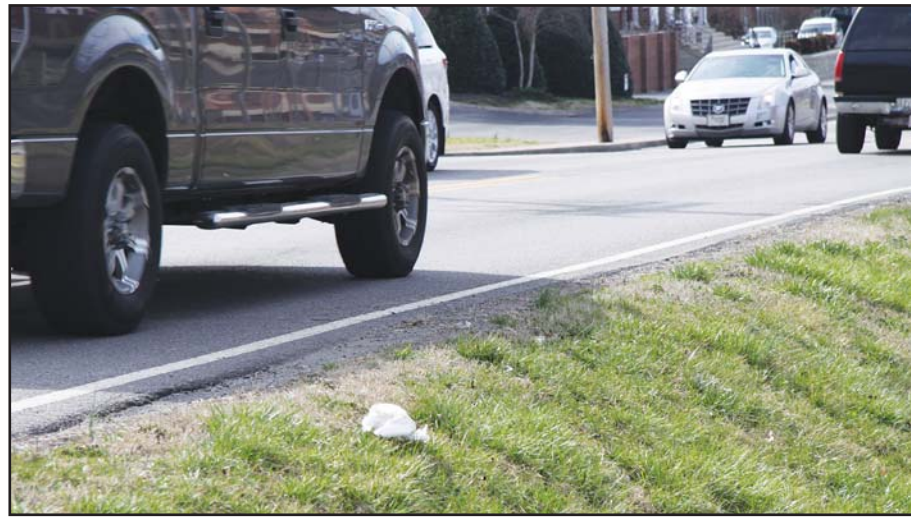


Director of Schools Barbara Parker reads a brief statement concerning threats of violence at Cannon County High School. From left is Principal Mike Jones and right is Sheriff Darrell Young. MIKE WEST photo

'Clean' audit pleasing to Cannon govt

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor
Cannon County was the recipient of some good news recently in the form of its cleanest state audit ever. "This is the best audit we've had in 20 years," County Executive Mike Gannon said. "We're very pleased, very pleased. I am very proud of our audit. All of our county officials deserve credit, especially our Audit Committee." The audit was conducted by the Tennessee State Comptrollers Office for the year ended June 30. It concluded with four minor findings. "One of the

findings has already been corrected," Gannon said. Past audits revealed as many as 21 findings. "Last year was the best, to date, with only five findings," he said. Over the last few years, state auditing procedures have tightened. "They are much stricter now," he said. "I want to give the credit for this audit to the county's office holders, but one important tool we've had is the county Audit Committee. They have been a blessing to us," Gannon explained. "As long as the right See AUDIT, Page 9



MIKE WEST photos

Trash, like this wadded up napkin, quickly piles up along roadways in Woodbury and Cannon County.

Don't trash up spring!

MIKE WEST
Courier Editor

Spring is almost here and the hills and hollows of Cannon County will soon burst into color. Visitors from across Tennessee and the nation will soon be arriving to enjoy the beauty. The question is whether or not litter will be blighting that perfect picture. "We live in the prettiest part of the world," said County Executive Mike Gannon, "and it's a shame some people litter it up." The litter problem isn't as bad as it once was. People would dump tires, trash and even old refrigerators and appliances. "Parchcorn was particularly a bad area with people dumping their trash into a deep chasm off the side of the road," he said.



Litter quickly accumulates next to a car parked on Main Street in Woodbury.

"We've come a long way, but we can still do better," Gannon continued. "I plead with my fellow Cannon Countians not to litter." Much of the problem is due to inadvertent litter with trash being blown out of cars and trucks and

accumulating along the roadside. Other littering is purposeful with motorists tossing out wrappers and bottles instead of putting them in a litter bag and dumping them when appropriate. "Really, there is no excuse for littering," he said.

Statistically, young males, from ages 18-25, are the worst offenders. Why? They are always in a hurry and they want their cars to be clean inside and out. Cannon Countians need to use their available options, and in particular, the Cannon County Convenience Center. Located at 210 Alexander Drive in Woodbury, the center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sundays, the center is open from noon to 7 p.m. It is closed on Wednesdays. "We're open 67 hours a week, longer than any other convenience center in Middle Tennessee," Gannon said. Those long hours keep the work schedules of most Cannon Countians in See TRASH, Page 9

Reception kicks off self-taught art exhibit

The Arts Center of Cannon County presents "Southern Self-Taught Artists," selections from the Caldwell Collection. The show opens with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Curated by Middle Tennessee State University art history major Anderson Dodd under supervision of Dr. Laura Cochrane, the exhibition will include highlights, as well as, rarely seen pieces of the Caldwell Collection. This exhibition of the Caldwell Collection of Self-Taught Art is an engaging and rich experience meant to bridge the gap between audience and art. "Self-Taught Art can often be confusing to viewers," says Cyrus Anderson Dodd, curator of the exhibition. "We have tried to create a museum experience that will hopefully bring a new sense of appreciation for the art and the collection." The show features pieces by many internationally recognized Southeastern artists including works by Mose Tolliver, Jimmie Lee Sudduth, Sulston Rogers, Bessie Harvey, and Helen LaFrance. Included in the exhibition are works by famed Beach Grove Art- See ART, Page 9



Tourism news good for Cannon County

NASHVILLE — An announcement made by Governor Bill Haslam and Commissioner Kevin Triplett, Tennessee Department of Tourist Development, brought some good news to Cannon County. Gov. Haslam and Commissioner Triplett released the results of a return on investment study, the first since launching the "Soundtrack of America, Made in Tennessee" brand campaign. The announcement came during a special event at Tennessee

Hospitality & Tourism Association's Day on the Hill. "This is relevant as Cannon County Chamber participates in this marketing campaign and receives some marketing grant dollars from Tennessee Department of Tourism. Tourism is a significant part of our county economy generating business income locally and sales tax dollars to support government functions," said Neal Appelbaum, executive director of the Arts Center of Cannon County.

The new brand campaign was launched approximately 18 months ago. Research conducted from a third party, Strategic Marketing and Research Insights, indicates an 18-to-1 ROI. This shows Tennessee is collecting 18 tax dollars for every 1 dollar spent on advertising for the new campaign. The national benchmark used by SMARI for tax revenue collected is 9 tax dollars for every 1 dollar. "This is great news, not only for See TOURISM, Page 9

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OBITUARIES



Earl Ray Gassaway

Earl Ray Gassaway age 80 of Smithville TN passed away suddenly March 1, 2016. He was born in Woodbury, TN on October 31, 1935 to his parents the late Walter Gray and Dessie Brown Higgins Gassaway.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Robert White, Tom Milton and Kenneth Gray Gassaway and 1 sister, Leatrice Brewington.

Earl served in the US Army with the 5th Evacuation Hospital from July 1958 to April 1960. He retired with the rank of Private First Class. He was retired from Wheaton industries in Millville, NJ in 1983 after 23 years as an electrical motor repairman. Earl attended Central High School in Woodbury TN and graduated from Delaware School of Barbering in Wilmington, Delaware. He was a registered barber with the state of New Jersey and also a first class electrician. Earl was Past Master of Salome Lodge #145 F&AM in Cedarville NJ and a member of Liberty Lodge #77 F&AM in Smithville and a member of the Smithville First Baptist Church. He had also sung and played in a bluegrass band.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Billie Gassaway of Smithville; 1 sister Winnie Evelyn Worley of Pitman NJ, several nieces, nephews and cousins; very special caregivers, Diane Hardin, Martha Fults, Shela Montgomery, Jennifer Nichols, Hope Thomas, Christine Baine and Sherry Brannon.

Special mention and appreciation to the DeKalb County Emergency Medical Services. The Gassaway Family has chosen direct cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association. The Shriner Hospital for Children or the American Cancer Society. DeKalb Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

Willie Mae Wimberly Young

Willie Mae Wimberly Young, age 98, of Woodbury passed away Thursday, March 10, 2016 at St. Thomas Stones River Hospital. She was a native of Cannon County.

Survivors include her children, Nancy (Buddy) Young Davenport & Bobby (Phyllis) Joe Young, both of Woodbury; Grandchildren, Darrell Young, Jeffery Young, Rodney Young, Kathy Davenport, Mike Davenport, Edwin Young, Deborah Jones, Barbara Pearcy, and Timothy Young.

Several Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Noah & Amby Jane Burnett Wimberly; Husband, Jim Young; Son, Billy Jack Young; Siblings, Lizzie Barrett, Bobbie Daniel, Clyde Wimberly, Euclid Wimberly, & Roy Wimberly.

Ms. Young was a member of the Woodbury Church of Christ and was retired from Colonial where she was a seamstress. She enjoyed yard work at her home.

Funeral services will be 2 PM Sunday, March 13, 2016 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Herb Alsop & Bro. Greg Mitchell officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Gardens Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 4 PM until 8 PM Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the funeral home.

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

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

Betty Lee Carter

Betty Lee Carter, 92, of Murfreesboro passed away Saturday, March 12, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse B. Carter and Bina McBroom Carter and her sister, Mary Pearl Carter Moore. Betty retired after 40 years with the United States Court, the last 20 she was secretary to Chief Judge Harry Phillips of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was active many in two needlework guilds in Nashville.

Graveside services will be 12:30 pm Monday, March 14, 2016 at Riverside Cemetery with Bro. Herb Alsop officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 10 am until 12 noon Monday at Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or www.woodburyfuneralhome.net

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Woodbury, Tennessee*

IVY BLUFF NEWS

By Bonnie Stacy

Danny and Brenda Jaco and Bonnie Stacy visited Woodbury and Shiree Floyd and Violet Smith at Fairfield in Bedford County on Saturday. Then went to the Bell Buckle Cafe for Supper.

Joann Bush visited Bonnie Stacy on Sunday and Monday of last week.

Brenda Jaco and her aunt Bonnie Stacy had lunch at the Oak in Manchester on Tuesday, then went on a tour of Hoo Doo in Coffee County to find the Cemetery that their Grandmother and Great Grandmother was buried. We did locate the cemetery but was unable to find the grave because of the many years gone by of 100 years but was excited to find the cemetery and to see Hoo Doo for the first time.

Get well wishes to the sick and my sympathy to all that have lost loved ones in death.

Climb as though you were to live forever. Live as though you were to die tomorrow.

Three grand essentials for happiness: something to do; something to love; something to hope for.

If I can remove a stone from a path, I do so and if it is too heavy, I go around it.

A contented man is one who enjoys the scenery along the detours'.



3 hours of Darkness

First United Methodist Church Woodbury, will observe Good Friday March 25th with a prayer vigil from 12 noon until 3 pm, representing the 3 hours of darkness that fell across the land, during the time Jesus was dying on the cross. The church will be open for silent prayer and meditation, with someone continuously praying during this time. People are invited to enter the sanctuary in silence and reverence for those who are praying, and to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ. Everyone is welcome for this holy observance. The church is located at 502 W. High Street in Woodbury. For more information please call: 6415-563-2135



Ferrell Hollow Farm Senior Horse Sanctuary Celebrates ASPCA's National Help a Horse Day

Ferrell Hollow Farm Senior Horse Sanctuary will be celebrating the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) national "Help A Horse Day" on April 23, 2016 and competing for a chance to win up to \$25,000 in grant prizes to assist with their efforts to protect horses!

This nationwide competition is for equine rescues and sanctuaries to raise awareness about the lifesaving work they do year-round to care for at-risk horses in their community who have often been abused or neglected.

In honor of the ASPCA's 150th Anniversary celebration this year, the contest has been expanded to include a total of \$100,000 in grant prizes, including a grand prize of \$25,000.

To celebrate the day, Ferrell Hollow Farm Senior Horse Sanctuary will host the following event in April:

Saturday April 23rd Spring Fling: 10 am to 4 pm. We encourage the public to come to the sanctuary and bring Donations and Wish list items for our sanctuary residents as well as for the Community Cheer Horses we have selected to assist!

Visitors will have an opportunity to see some of our most popular senior draft horses up close and personal, learn about their care and management needs, and shop for local and hand-made items! Take a horse drawn carriage ride for

spectacular views of the sanctuary!

On Sunday April 24th Volunteers of Ferrell Hollow Farm Senior Horse Sanctuary will spread community cheer to selected senior horses in need by providing items collected thru our Donation Drive!

Ferrell Hollow Farm Senior Horse Sanctuary is a 501c3 non-profit organization which cares for special needs senior horses that require a permanent sanctuary setting. We take in horses who have suffered in their former lives--after years of providing hard service to human beings, some were abandoned, some were starved, some were taken to auctions, and some were abused.

All are given the safe and fulfilling retirement that they deserve--with beloved companions, plenty of good food, space to move, regular hoof-care, veterinary and dental attention. Each horse has special needs --arthritis, hoof issues, old injuries, metabolic issues, blindness, dental challenges--and we make sure that each horse gets the individual attention he or she needs.

Your tax deductible donations will help give these special souls what they so deserve!

Contact Information: Cindy Daigre, Founder and Director of Ferrell Hollow Farm Senior Horse Sanctuary (info@ferrellhollowfarm.org)

Please visit our website for more information: www.ferrellhollowfarm.org

Graduation Information

Graduation is May 27, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Each graduate may purchase a maximum of 5 chairs that will be on the field (inside the fence) at graduation. The chairs cost \$4.00 each. They will be sold during lunch on April 6th, 7th, & 8th to the Seniors on a first come, first served basis.

Late orders will be taken April 11th to April 22nd. After April 8th, the chairs will cost \$5.00 each. No chair orders will be taken after April 22nd.

****No chair orders will be taken over the phone.**

****The chairs are non-refundable.**

****ALL DEBTS MUST BE PAID BEFORE PURCHASING A TICKET!**

Additional family members will be able to sit in the bleachers or bring their own chair and sit anywhere outside the fence.

No one will be allowed inside the fenced area without a ticket until after the graduation ceremony.

Graduates will be seated alphabetically. Therefore, we will not know where each graduate is sitting until the day of graduation.

If it rains, graduation will be in the CCHS gymnasium. Unfortunately, if this is the case, there will not be sufficient room for the chairs.

Each guest must present his or her ticket to the gate ushers at the field in order to be allowed into the seating area.

No Ticket --No Entry!

No strollers will be allowed inside the fenced area. Children under the age of 5 will be permitted to sit on an adult's lap. Children over the age of 5 must have a ticket to sit inside the fenced area.

*For the courtesy of all guests, please do not stand in front of others (blocking their view) for any reason.

*No smoking will be allowed in the seating areas.

From the family of Gretchen Leigh Hall

Thank you for sharing your memories, support, and love during the loss of Gretchen. In addition to our friends and family, we would like to thank the following:

Dr. Michael Thomas;

Staff at Saint Thomas Stones River Hospital; Roger Lovvorn & Justin Harris, Cannon Co EMS; Kenny Gilley & staff, Woodbury Funeral Home;

Brother John Hembree, Woodbury First Methodist Church and Charlotte Arnold of Millenium.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.



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For up to date obituary information, go to

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News from the Mountain

BY CAROL GUNTER



Potential Large Yard Sale in the Makin'

A very windy Monday morning here on the mountain. Our temperature for the day to be around 80 degrees. No rain again until Thursday. I guess we're all okay with that. Should be a good week to get a few things done outside with milder temperatures. Have already got some push mowing done in our back yard today as well as some weeds pulled out of the flower beds. If a person can do a little cleaning up each day in the yard, then you won't have such a large amount of work to get done all at once later on. That will sure make life easier for you as you probably have more important matters to attend to.

One more March birthday to tell you about: Ashley Bequette March 26th.

April birthdays that will be here before you know it: Wilma Melton 2nd, Chloe Evelyn Bogle 6th, our daughter Carolyn Graham 12th, Diane Evans 12th, Bernie Braswell 14th, our son-in-law Dustin Johnson 17th, Kim Hall 18th, Edith Miller 21st, our niece Brooklyn Pedigo 30th, and Debbie Melton 30th.

Have to write a few lines about this sweet Christian lady Betty Gunter, age "79", the wife of the late Eugene Gunter, that went home to be with Jesus on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016. Betty's battle with cancer wasn't that long as it was the aggressive kind. Always loved talking to her as she was a grand lady. She spoke of "Eugene" as many times and how much she missed him. Well, Betty now is quite okay being in the presence of the Lord and her Eugene. I'm glad she's out of the pain she was having to endure here

but now she is well from head-to-toe and you know she's got to be one happy girl. Do pray for their girls Kathy and Karen and their families at this sad time. So honored am I to have known Betty all these years. Gonna miss her terribly, especially at the Gunter Reunion that she loved so much coming to. I'll be there in heaven someday I know praising the Lord with her and Eugene and of course "Aubrey". That family circle will be coming together and what a banquet table there's gonna be prepared for all that have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. It's all gonna be worth it someday!

Please keep these people in prayer: Edith Miller, Ruth Brown, Fay Pitts, Judy Reedy, Charlie Mai Daniel, the family of Michael Underwood, Carlon and Mai Nell Melton, Denise Stanton, Donna Lawson, Chloe Evelyn Bogle, and the family of Luther Lawrence.

Louise Foster giving me a call on Saturday. She's not changed one bit and we had fun talking about how things used to be when we were growing up and just how this sure is a different world we're living in today. Louise and Paul doing okay.

Bernie Braswell seems to be the local historian around here. Saw him up at Short Mountain Market the other day. He can remember so many happenings over the years. Told him he needed to write a book about them. He said he's thought about doing that very thing. I suggested he get on with writing the book because at his age, time is not on his side. Just Kidding - but we are not as

young as we used to be! I just know Bernie has got to be quite a lot older than me. May have to give him another pep talk on the matter is he's stalling on the book thing.

Those little green men and that invisible cow not stirring up any mischief with Clyde still being honored as of late. I guess this will last a little longer out of the respect that have for him. Bobby is closely monitoring their goings and stayings 'as the devil's hole' is still their main dwelling place he says. I don't like them being that close to me but don't really know what to do to get rid of them once and for all.

Personally, think sending Bobby in the devil's hole might clear the house of all its inhabitants as they would flea for their lives leaving all their belongings, possibly including any clothing, pots and pans, propaganda fliers, and scooby doo videos behind for people to sell at a somewhat big yard sale the following year in the month of June at a location that could be disclosed later. The whole community would come out for this. Some no doubt would still be in mourning over their departure from our mountain. In time though, they would realize that using Bobby was the only option we had left.

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

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

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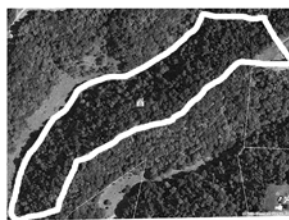
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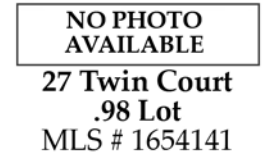
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MLS# 1656023



Burt Burgen Road
33.78 acres (see listing)
MLS #1687599



Will Daniel Road
5 acres
MLS # 1644070



27 Twin Court
.98 Lot
MLS # 1654141



Kennedy Creek Road
5.6 Acres off Hwy 96
MLS# 1121480



22 Melton Lane
1.37 Lot
MLS# 1653892



County Executive Mike Gannon, right, has proclaimed March "UT Ag Extension Month." Left is Bruce Steelman, Cannon County Extension Agent.

University of Tennessee Extension, meeting sponsors and partners are proud to announce the upcoming events celebrating The University of Tennessee Extension Month.

March 18th, Cannon County Extension Celebration on the Square, Join us from 3-5pm

For Free Food, Fun, Photo Booth, Games, and Door prizes (Advanced Master Beef scholarship, partial 4-H camp scholarship, Tai Chi Scholarship and many more door prizes). We plan to have drawing for door prizes every half hour, so we encourage you to be present to collect the winning door prize. Christy Q Barbeque will also be set up on the square for those interested in buying some barbeque for supper.

Horse Night will be held on Thursday, March 24th sponsored by Cannon County Walking Horse Association. University of Tennessee Horse Specialist, Dr. Jennie Ivey will discuss results of forage tests from local horse producers and general care of older horses. The meeting will be held at

the Woodbury Lions Club Bldg. (612 Lehman Street, Woodbury TN 37190)

Beef Night will be held on Thursday March 31st sponsored by the Cannon County Cattlemen's Association. Dr. Dwight Loveday will demonstrate where cuts come from a beef carcass. Feb. 3rd: Minerals and mineral requirements for the beef herd. Mr. Dale Bryson, Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative. The meeting will be held at the Woodbury Lions Club Bldg. (612 Lehman Street, Woodbury TN 37190).

Family Night will be held on Thursday, April 5th, Ashley Stearns and Kent Polson with the Law Office of W. Kent Coleman will provide helpful hints on Estate Planning. Power of attorney, living wills, what will happen to my estate after my/our death? Don't wait, take the time now to plan what happens to your estate! Don't leave it up to the courts and your remaining siblings/kids/relatives to disperse your estate. Plan to attend the Estate Planning meeting on April 5th beginning at 7:00 P.M. Family night

is sponsored by Cannon County Farm Bureau.

Everyone is welcome to attend any meetings hosted by the Cannon County UT Extension. This program, like all UT Extension programs, is open to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or veteran status. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. except for Family Night which will begin at 7:00 P.M. We want to make sure we have plenty of refreshments, so please call Cannon County Extension to register for any of the meetings you plan to attend.

Other upcoming opportunities include;

March 21, 2016 - County Baking at Woodbury Grammar School; March 21 & 22, 2016 - County Clover Bowl at Woodbury Grammar School; April 3-8 Living With Chronic Conditions Training; April 14th County Demonstration at Cannon County High School 4:30 pm for 4th-5th and 6:00 pm for 6th-8th; May 13, 2016 - Cannon County Farm Day



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Cannon County Board of Education

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Courier Columnist

Jim Freeman is gone, but laughter lives on

I'm not sure they keep NCAA and NASCAR statistics for jokes and pranks, but if they do, my old pal Jim Freeman surely holds the record in both categories.

Jim, a Murfreesboro native and returned-home resident, died last Sunday at 73 after a lingering illness. For some 40-odd years (some odder than others, Freeman would say) he was both a press-box cohort and one of my best friends.

From 1969-79 Jim served as Sports Information Director at his MTSU alma mater, then became Public Relations Director at Daytona International Speedway and later Talladega Superspeedway. I covered both MTSU and NASCAR during the "Freeman Years."

Nobody was better at his job. Jim had a knack for turning work into fun, and told more jokes than Henny Youngman.

If raucous laughter suddenly erupted at one end of the press box, you knew Jim Freeman was on the premises. He would wind his way down press row, working the crowd like a vaudeville comedian.

Jim would often make himself the butt of the joke: He said he had been married so many times that he had developed a rice allergy; he numbered his ex-wives like Super Bowls (Wife XIV); he once saw a bumper sticker that read, "Honk If You've Been Married to Jim Freeman."

Jim said one of his spouses went to the doctor for a routine checkup and when she returned home she boasted that the doc had complimented her on her buxom figure. "Oh really?" said Jim, adding mischievously: "Did he say anything about your fat [rear]?"

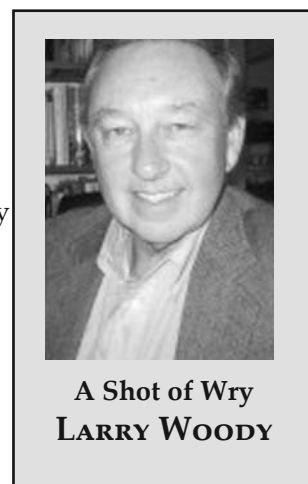
"No," replied his wife, "he never mentioned you." This was all part of the shtick, of course; although matrimonially-challenged (as Freeman put it), Jim doted on his kids and grandkids.

MTSU's nationally-acclaimed track coach Dean Hayes had a photograph of two star hurdlers displayed on his office wall. He came in one morning and found his prized photo replaced by one of Freeman and partner-in-pranks Jim Simpson -- in identical hurdling poses.

Once at an OVC basketball tournament, the participating teams were presented gifts of expensive leather boots. Later back in the motel, MTSU coach Jimmy Earle opened his box to show off his prize boots -- and discovered they had been replaced by a pair of worn-out old brogans.

"Flake!" yelled Earle. Flake was Earle's nickname for Freeman. And no wonder. Freeman's pranks on Coach Earle were legion and legendary. Freeman once sneaked into Earle's hotel room and

dumped talcum powder into his hair drier. That afternoon when Jimmy was getting dressed for that night's game, he stepped out of the shower, grabbed the hair drier, and pointed it toward his wet head. "Poof!" He was covered in talcum powder. "Flake!"



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 LARRY WOODY

If raucous laughter suddenly erupted at one end of the press box, you knew Jim Freeman was on the premises. He would wind his way down press row, working the crowd like a vaudeville comedian.

As PR director at Talladega, one of Freeman's duties was to make sure the pace car was ready to go at the start of the race. One Sunday noon the pace car sat parked and waiting on the front stretch as drivers were being introduced on-stage. Suddenly the pace car took off down the track.

Freeman was stunned -- what the heck was pace-car driver Elmo Langley doing?

Then he glanced over and saw Elmo standing on the stage, looking as bewildered as everyone else. A fan -- perhaps a tad over-served -- had hopped in the pace car and taken off for a joy ride around the sprawling 2.6-mile track. Around and around he went, darting and dodging past scurrying security officials as the crowd cheered and hooted.

For years Freeman gave a hilarious account of the incident -- which finally ended when a squad of sweating, red-faced, highly-peevied Alabama State Troopers finally cornered the pace-car culprit in a fourth-turn roadblock. It wasn't very amusing for the culprit.

On the job Freeman was the consummate professional, but when the last story was filed and the final ink-stained wretch trudged out of the press box, Jim would be ready to play. The neon glow beckoned. There were jokes to be told, yarns to be swapped, pranks to be pulled.

Jim always reminded me of colorful old racer Coo Coo Marlin of whom it was said: "He never won a race but never lost a party."

Jim didn't lose any parties either, and in the process he won a flock of fun-loving friends -- from Murfreesboro to Daytona to Talladega and points in-between.

Jim Simpson and I visited Freeman a couple of weeks before his death, and for two hours we sat in his hospital room and re-told old tales and relived old times. When we left, my eyes were watering and my ribs were aching from all the laughter.



Guest Columnist No real truth without access



Public Records
 DEBORAH FISHER

There's a great scene about public records in the movie "Spotlight," which is based on the true story of The Boston Globe's investigative reporting of child sex abuse by Catholic priests.

Reporter Michael Rezendes rushes to the court clerk's office to get an exhibit that had been filed as part of a court motion. It contained letters and evidence that showed that the Archdiocese of Boston had known about the molestation of children for years, but failed to stop it. The reporter gets to the Suffolk County Recorder's office just as they are closing, and the clerk would not help him. But he is there again when the doors open in the morning and asks for the records.

"Those records are sealed," says the clerk.

"No, that's a public motion. Those records are public. I work for the Globe," Rezendes replies.

"Good for you," the clerk says, unmoved.

"Can I talk with your supervisor?" the reporter asks.

"Not in today," the clerk responds. Rezendes then goes to the judge's office.

"These exhibits you are after, Mr. Rezendes, they are very sensitive records," the judge says.

"With all due respect, your honor, that's not the question. The records are public," the reporter says.

"Maybe so. But tell me, where is the editorial responsibility in publishing records of this nature?" the judge asks.

The reporter replies with a line that captures a strongly held conviction about the role of the First Amendment in our society.

"Where is the editorial responsibility in not publishing them?"

The reporter gets the records and they become the basis for a report that helped crack open one of the more stomach-churning stories of our time -- a trusted institution that failed its own values and people, hurt children and hid it.

The story is relevant because it displays the tension that occurs when access to public records is blocked in the name of some sort of "other good." Here, the "other good" was protection of the church, and many lined up to keep things secret. But in this case, that secrecy lay squarely in opposition to the fundamental principle that the public has an interest in the functioning of its justice system. Judges recognized that and the Boston Globe was able to get the story.

Few struggles to gain access to public records are dramatic enough for a movie. But after 25 years in newsrooms as a reporter and editor, I can easily say that statutory and constitutional access to government records and court records are critical in maintaining a free and independent press. They are critical in the ability of citizens to get at the truth and facts of how their government is

operating -- from the local county government to the largest institutions that serve our democracy. A fresh debate capturing some of the same tension and discomfort with media scrutiny as in the movie "Spotlight" is being played out right now across the country.

Against the backdrop of high-profile officer-involved shootings, many police and sheriff's departments are spending millions of dollars to outfit their officers with body cameras, creating thousands of hours of video footage of interaction between police and citizens. Many people believe that the video -- a public record -- will increase law enforcement accountability.

But in Memphis, the mayor has said footage will be kept confidential if it's related to an ongoing investigation. In fact, he said in a TV interview, it must be kept confidential.

Play that out. If an officer uses lethal force, and an investigation is launched, any video that captured events leading up to the event, or the event itself, will be kept from the public for months, maybe years in some situations as investigations drag on and cases work their way through the system.

Seeing such difficult footage may raise questions, at times, of citizen privacy and fair trials. But it also pits those issues squarely against the very First Amendment rights that allowed the Boston Globe to finally bring sunlight onto the Catholic Church's coverup.

A handful of competing bills in the Tennessee Legislature seek to navigate the body camera issue. Some appear to be headed to restrict the press -- or for that matter, the public -- from seeing relevant records created by police cameras, essentially sealing some or all of them in advance. The Tennessee Supreme Court is weighing arguments in a case that deals with similar constitutional issues, which might be a reason to slow down.

Should Tennesseans care about access to public records?

In the movie, the editor of the Boston Globe, Marty Baron, is warned that trying to get access to certain court records will be viewed as an attack against the church. His publisher notes that 53 percent of the newspaper's subscriber base is Catholic.

"I think they will be interested," Baron replies.

As it turned out in Boston, sunlight proved itself again as the best disinfectant.

Deborah Fisher is executive director of Tennessee Coalition for Open Government, a group that tracks access to government records and meetings, and threats to it, at www.tcog.info.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pursuant to a decree in the Chancery Court of Cannon County, TN in civil action #15-64, Cannon County & Town of Woodbury VS. Delinquent Taxpayers for 2013 ad valorem Property Taxes. The following properties will be sold for the delinquent taxes, interest and cost accrued at Cannon County Courthouse inside the courtroom on Saturday March 19th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

OWNER	MAP	PARCEL	ADDRESS
Octavio Correa	066	39.00	Lonnie Smith Road
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Terry Haynes	046	109.00	1480 Jim Cummings Hwy.
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Janet Nance	069	70.00	Hopewell Rd.
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Robin Thomas	009	41.00	4263 Sycamore Creek Rd.
Robert Winn	087	13.00	Off Duke Rd.
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Michael D. Young	046B	A 43.00	323 Greenbrier St.
Nancy Young	039J	B 9.00	506 W. Water St.
Nancy Young & Daniel B. Young	039J	B 10.00	W. Water St.
Nancy Young	039N	C 1.00	Old Manchester Rd.
Nancy Young	046B	A 48.00	311 Greenbrier St.

Terms of sale: 10% down day of sale, balance within 30 days. These sales are subject to the right of equity of redemption. All ad valorem property taxes will be paid thru sale proceeds. 2016 property taxes will be prorated.

**Nathan S. Nichols
Clerk & Master**

Cripple Creek Cloggers set to celebrate 50th anniversary

A planning committee has been formed and a tentative date of March 25, 2017 has been set for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Cripple Creek Clogger organization. Through social media, personal

contact, and print media, attempts are being made to contact all previous members of this group, which began in 1967 as the Kittrell 4-H Square Dancers. In 1968, the name was changed to Rutherford County Square Dancers and in

1980, adults, many of them former members of the younger group, called Cripple Creek Cloggers, became a part of the organization.

The troupe made their first out-of-state trip in 1968 to the National Folk Festival in Milwaukee, WI. In 1973, they were selected as Ambassadors of Friendship to tour and perform in Romania for three weeks. Their first participation in an international folkloric festival was in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1977. Following their travels, they organized International Folkfest, the first festival of its type in the U.S., which they still host.

Still maintaining their goal to help preserve Appalachian-style square dancing with a clogging step, the troupe meets weekly. All interested persons are invited to participate. There is no charge and for more information, write to RCSDCCC50th@gmail.com or see the facebook page, "RCSDCCC Reunion Party."

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Meat 'n' Potatoes

MIKE VINSON



Trials of the Century: Ever Heard of Earl Rogers?

"The People vs. O.J Simpson: American Crime Story," the highly-rated television mini-series (FX channel) has, inadvertently, fused together trendy pop culture with high-profile legal names, from booty queen/TV reality star Kim Kardashian to Attorney F. Lee Bailey ... literally!

As most know, football great O.J. Simpson, Heisman Trophy winner and record-setting, All-Pro running back, was accused of killing his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, aspiring actor Ronald Goldman, in June 1994, in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles. During the course of what many call "The Trial of the Century," Simpson's eclectic array of attorneys, dubbed "The Dream Team," included, among others:

*Attorney F. Lee Bailey: Best known for representing Dr. Sam Sheppard, who served 10 years in prison for allegedly killing his wife in 1954. Bailey's cagey defense resulted in Sheppard's release on bond from prison in 1964, and subsequent acquittal by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1966.

*Attorney Johnnie Cochran (deceased): Best known for deftly negotiating a huge civil suit settlement for King of Pop Michael Jackson, accused of child molestation, in 1993. Jackson did not serve any time.

*Attorney Robert Shapiro: A hard-charging, "go-to" attorney for celebrities in trouble.

*Attorney Robert Kardashian (deceased): More a successful businessman than a defense attorney, Kardashian ended up on Simpson's defense team, simply, because he and Simpson were best friends. And, yes, Robert Kardashian is the ex-husband of Kris Kardashian and, also, the father of Kim, Kourtney, Khloe, and Rob Kardashian, of "Keeping up With the Kardashians" television reality show.

Though O.J. Simpson was acquitted in October 1995 of the Brown and Goldman murders, he now is serving a lengthy prison sentence for an unrelated strong-armed robbery conviction.

However, around the turn of the 20th Century, 1900, if you were in big trouble and had big money, the catchphrase was, "Get me Earl Rogers!"

As records indicate, Earl Rogers was admitted to the bar and opened an office in Los Angeles, CA, around 1897. Fashionable, charming, and brilliant, Attorney Rogers quickly garnered both praise and loathing in the legal community. In particular, he was known to use unorthodox, somewhat quirky tactics in defending his clients.

For example: Defending a male client for shooting to death a man, Rogers had the dead man's intestines, housed inside a jar, brought to court to show the trajectory of the death slug, in an effort to prove self-defense. The client was acquitted.

Another time: "Rogers got another

client off after he had his assistant dress just like the accused. While the key witness was not looking, he had the assistant switch places with the client at the counsel table. Rogers then asked the witness to point out the perpetrator numerous times; each time the witness pointed to the assistant. The jury agreed with Rogers that the witness's identification was unreliable and returned a not guilty verdict" (Source: "Tennessee Bar Journal," March 2016 edition).

However, it was when Rogers defended renowned attorney Clarence Darrow—himself, considered one of the more superlative legal minds in the history of jurisprudence—that Rogers became known as "the trial lawyer's trial lawyer." Before going further, though, allow me to veer off the path a bit and correlate with this story an indispensable piece of Tennessee history.

In 1925, Attorney Darrow defended John T. Scopes in what became known as the "Scopes Monkey Trial." The trial took place in Dayton, Tennessee, and pitted Darrow against another legal eagle, William Jennings Bryan as special prosecutor. John Scopes, a science teacher in Dayton, had been charged with teaching "evolution," which was illegal in Tennessee. Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100.00. What the case boiled down to was: Did God create man...or rather, did man evolve via ape? Though Darrow technically lost the case, he widened the doorway for a more liberal mindset and Freedom of Speech. The Scopes Monkey Trial, also, was called "The Trial of the Century."

Back to Attorney Earl Rogers defending Attorney Clarence Darrow: In 1912 Clarence Darrow was indicted for attempted jury bribery in Los Angeles. The case stemmed from Darrow's defense of the McNamara brothers. Labor leaders who were indicted in the 1910 dynamiting of the "Los Angeles Times/LAT" building, in which 21 non-union "LAT" employees were killed. Since the "LAT" was recognized as one of the most rabid anti-labor newspapers in the country, it was highly suspected organized labor was behind the bombing.

Expectedly, Rogers and Darrow butted heads throughout the three-month trial regarding defense strategy. Rogers' primary defense was that Darrow was "too shrewd" to be a willing participant in such a nefarious act. Ultimately, Darrow was acquitted. Again, this was referred to as "The Trial of the Century."

Sadly enough, the higher he rose in the legal profession, the lower he sank, personally. February 22, 1922, at age 52, Attorney Earl Rogers was found dead in a run-down hotel. Reportedly, a life of alcoholism was the reason for his premature demise.

While some attorneys argue that Earl Rogers was the best criminal defense litigator of the 20th Century, a surprising number of attorneys never have heard of him.

AUCTION

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This is our annual spring consignment sale. Two trucks may run. We will receive equipment on Wednesday, March 23 through Friday, March 25 from 8:00 to 5:00. No Saturday consignments accepted. \$5.00 minimum sales commission and \$500 maximum commission on any 1 item. 10% sales commission on items under \$500, 6% commission on items over \$500. No buyer's premium. We reserve the right to refuse any item. Concessions available by Viola Valley Committee.

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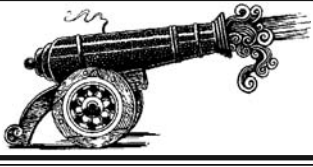
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**Country Music Jam Session
Pocahontas Community Center
1st and 3rd Fridays**

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

Celebrate Recovery

A Christ-centered recovery program created to help people overcome any struggle in life meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place where people can be honest about real problems, real hurts, habits and hang-ups, and together experience free freedom and new life through God's love. On Tuesday, March 22, Celebrate Recovery will have a communion service to reflect on sacrifices made and to remind each other who we are, how we got here and why it matters. Contact: Hunter Hay 615-542-2132
musclers66@yahoo.com

**Celebration Place
Tuesday, March 15**

Celebration Place, a free program for kids ages 5 through 6th grade, starts Tuesday, March 15, and meets at the same time and place as Celebrate Recovery. It runs along side the adult program to offer the whole family recovery and healing. Each evening, kids experience teaching though songs, friendship, videos and games about how Jesus gives us hope. Contact: Hunter Hay 615-542-2132
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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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Flags for Sale

The American Legion Post 279 in Woodbury is selling flags and accessories. The monies raised from the sale of these flags goes 100% back to our Community, our Youth and our Veterans, in Cannon County. This is an on-going project. We have available an assortment of all sizes and all types of flags - United States Flags, State Flags, Military Service Flags; and all sizes of flag poles. The United States Flag 3'x 5' nylon is \$25 (best price anywhere). This is our most popular flag. The United States Flag 4'x 6' is .50 each or \$5 a dozen for special occasions. The military services/branches flags are \$30 each. For that special display. We can get you any State Flag, different size flags and different size flag poles, (small house flag poles to large business flag poles.) WE ALSO HAVE INDOOR FLAG SETS. FLAGS FOR ALL OCASSIONS. If you need to make a special order, call and we have a catalogue available to make your selections. CONTACT A MEMBER OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 279 OR CALL CHARLIE HARRELL 615-542-1289, OR JIM STONE 615-563-6111, OR BRENT BUSH 615-563-2691, OR BRITT KNOX 615-904-5644, OR PENNY DANIELS 615-563-6729. We will be glad to take your order, deliver your order, and all with a smile and a big thank you, for Supporting the American Legion Post 279, AND OUR YOUTH, OUR COMMUNITY, AND OUR VETERANS, OF CANNON COUNTY.

Looking for a fun trip during Spring Break?

Join the West Side Travel Group as they travel to Washington D.C. During Cherry Blossom Time. March 28 -- April 1. "The West Side Travel Group" will be touring sites in Washington D.C. See the sites of DC with a guided tour through the Capital Building and Arlington Cemetery. Travel by comfortable Coach Bus. Included in the cost will be hotel fee with free hot breakfast, coach bus transportation, one dinner meal and admission cost to attractions and sights. The cost will be approximately \$375.00 more or less depending on the number of people traveling on this trip. Tour Director Kathy Simon has over 20 years experience in directing and organizing tour group. West Side Travel Group is located in Woodbury. Get your name on the list. Contact Kathy Simon Tour Director at 615-904-5303

**Lions Club Blood Drive
Thursday, March 17**

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross invites individuals to become everyday heroes by giving blood. Upcoming blood donation opportunities include: Lions Club Building, 540 W Adams St. Woodbury on March 17 from noon - 6 p.m. March has been recognized as Red Cross Month by every U.S. president since 1943. Red Cross Month is a celebration of supporters who are the face of the Red Cross in their communities, helping to prepare for and bringing help and hope after emergencies. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Cannon Co. Extension Celebration
on the Square
Friday, March 18**

Free food, fun, photo booth, games and door prizes on March 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Square in Woodbury. Sponsored by the UT Agriculture Extension.

**Banks Cemetery Meeting
Sunday, March 20**

The annual meeting for Banks Cemetery in DeKalb County will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at Banks Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Financial information will be presented, trustees and officers will be elected, and other business will be discussed as necessary. Please make arrangements to remove old flowers from your family and love ones' graves since mowing season will soon begin. For anyone interested in submitting a bid for mowing and upkeep of the cemetery, please contact Ernie Winchester at 615-812-9921.

**Benefit Shower for Bill and Linda McPeak
Sunday, March 20**

The McPeak's home burned in January and was a total loss. The shower will be held Sunday, March 20 at the Senior Citizen;s Center, 609 Lehman St., Woodbury. The family is registered at Walmart under the name Linda McPeak.

**Red Cross Blood Drive
Auburn Elementary School
Tuesday, March 22**

Auburn Elementary School is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 22nd from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Interested donors please contact Cindy Larson at cindy.larson@ccstn.net for an appointment or call the school at 615-464-4342. If you have never given blood please consider this life-saving gift.

One donation could save up to three lives. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have given blood in the past 56 days. There is no upper age limit. Walk in donors are also welcome!

**Cannon County Community for Animals
Tuesday, March 22**

Cannon County Community for Animals, an independent group not associated with any state or national humane organizations, will meet at 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lions Club Building at the Cannon County Fairgrounds.

**9th Annual Princess Ball
Friday, March 25**

Presented by the Woodbury Lions Club, the 9th Annual Princess Ball is a father and daughter dance. It is open to girls 18 years old and younger accompanied by their father or a father figure including grandfathers, uncles or older brothers. All escorts must be 18 or older. Advance tickets are \$25 per couple. Call 615-563-2222 or 615-542-2311 for more information.

3 hours of Darkness

First United Methodist Church Woodbury, will observe Good Friday March 25th with a prayer vigil from 12 noon until 3 pm, representing the 3 hours of darkness that fell across the land, during the time Jesus was dying on the cross. The church will be open for silent prayer and meditation, with someone continuously praying during this time. People are invited to enter the sanctuary in silence and reverence for those who are praying, and to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ. Everyone is welcome for this holy observance. The church is located at 502 W. High Street in Woodbury. For more information please call: 6415-563-2135.

**Community Easter Celebration for Children
Friday, March 25**

A Community Easter Celebration for Children, Friday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free event at First Baptist Church, 413 W. Main St., Woodbury. There will be food, puppets, crafts, games, egg hunts and inflatables. Discover the true reason why we celebrate Easter -- Jesus is Alive. Call 615-563-2474 for more information.

Happy 100th Birthday

WT McBroom will celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the Senior Citizens Center in Woodbury, from 2 p.m, to 4 p.m. Please come by and wish her a happy birthday. No gifts please. A card would be nice.

**Cannon County Senior Center
Music Night
Friday, March 18**

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

**Annual Waterfall Tour
Saturday, March 19**

March 19 -- The 15th Annual Waterfall Tour by Friends of Edgar Evins State Park: Ride a school bus to selected waterfalls in the Middle TN area. This year we will visit the falls at Old Stone Fort State Park, Cascade Hollow Falls, near the George Dickle Distillery and Rutledge Falls. We will eat lunch at the Farmers Market Family Buffet in Manchester. Expect short walks on uneven ground. Cost is \$15 per person, plus lunch. Reservations required. On-line reservations may be made at www.tnvacation.com/events/10382. If help is needed making reservations please phone the park office, (931) 858-2114 or (800) 250-8619, for contact information for Fount Bertram, President of Friends of Edgar Evins. Fount or Anna will be happy to assist you. See us on Facebook at FriendsofEESP or visit our website at www.foesp.alturl.com Friends of Edgar Evins State Park is a non-profit organization with the sole purpose of helping the park.

**Cannon County Senior Center
Music Night
Friday, April 1**

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

**PARQ to meet
Tuesday, April 12**

PARQ (Preserve our Area's Rural Qualities) will be holding our quarterly meeting Tuesday April 12, 2016, at 3632 Locke Creek Road Readyville TN 37149. Time TBA. The April meeting will include the election of two vacancies on the Board of Directors. Come and hear what is going on in your community or inform us of one of your interests! If you are would like to attend, please call to confirm time, place and possible weather challenges! 563-2200, 563-8088 or 409-6009.

Ornaments still available

The Lions Club Arts Center of Cannon County Christmas ornament is available at \$8 each from Lions Club members or at Jennings Jewelers, Woodbury Funeral Home, First Bank, Sue Patrick CPA, and the Register of Deeds Office.

What's Happening in Cannon County Schools

March 15--TN Promise mandatory student meeting, 3 p.m., CCHS Cafeteria

March 15--K-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3-6 p.m., various schools

March 15--CCHS Tennis match with Dekalb Co. at home, 3:30 p.m.
March 17--CPAC meeting at the Central Office, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

March 17--CCHS Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3-6 p.m.

March 17--CCHS Softball game at Central Magnet, 4:30 p.m.

March 17--CCHS Tennis match at Watertown

March 18--CCHS Baseball game at Cannon Co. with Boyd Christian, 5 p.m.

March 18 - CCHS Tennis match with Coffee Co. at home, 3:30 p.m.

March 18 & 19 - CCHS Softball games at Gordonsville, Time TBA

March 21--CCHS Baseball game at Livingston, 6 p.m.

March 21--CCHS Tennis match with Macon Co. at home, 3:30 p.m.

March 22--CCHS Tennis match with Webb School at home, 3:30 p.m.

March 22--CCHS Soccer match at Watertown, 6 p.m.

March 22--CCHS Baseball game with Livingston at home, 5 p.m.

March 22--CCHS Softball game at Smith Co.

March 24--CCHS Soccer match at Sequatchie Co., 6 p.m.

March 24--CCHS Tennis match with Livingston at home, 3:30 p.m.

March 24--CCHS Softball game with Macon Co. at home, 5 p.m.

March 24--CCHS Baseball games with Eagleville at home, 4:30 JV, 6:30 Varsity

March 25--CCHS Soccer match with Goodpasture at home, 6 p.m.

March 26--CCHS Baseball game at Fayetteville City (DH), 1 p.m.

March 28--CCHS Baseball game with Macon Co. at home, 5 p.m.

March 29--CCHS Baseball game at Macon Co., 6 p.m.

March 29--CCHS Softball game at Upperman

Trading Post Chat

BY SAVANNAH CUNNICK



True Mark of a Champion - You Can Dig Yourself Out! Always have that shovel ready!

TURN EVERY STUMBLING BLOCK INTO A STEPPING STONE....

Always remember your dream. Don't ever stop believing in yourself. In tough times, don't get discouraged. Quit worrying about things that are only temporary. It's not the way it always is going to be. We all have goals and dream of something special that just ourselves want to do.

Open our own business, write a book, travel, build our own home, save every animal on the planet, grow the most beautiful garden ever, open a restaurant, get that college degree... Put yourself in first place and don't let anything or anyone steal your joy! Sometimes, people that are closest to you can be the biggest distraction and throw dirt on your goals. The true mark of a champion is that if someone does throw dirt on your dreams, you can dig yourself out. Always have that shovel ready.

Hey, you may have been knocked down. You may have had to give yourself a second chance and restore those years that have been lost or stolen....divorce, illness, addictions, wayward ways...Go back and try again. You may have been knocked down, but GET BACK UP!

Use those backward steps...everything you have been through...and focus on yourself. Don't worry what other people are doing or think...keep going and don't let any negativity distract you from your dream.

Of course, you must deal with your daily commitments in life...but don't dash that chance to live that dream...don't die with your dreams still undone.

Just a warning, life is short...do for others...but take that special secret time to make your life complete and live that dream.

Believe in yourself and make all those good things happen!

First Lady Nancy Reagan has passed away. She lived a very full life and definitely fulfilled so many of her dreams. She married a gentleman whom she looked up to and loved with all her heart. She raised her children. She traveled. She was sincere in her role as a model wife to our president.

Ronald Reagan lived his dream as an actor and then as the leader of his country. Nancy always was neat, dressed immaculately and always remained a lady. She and Ronald loved their ranch. Ronald was known to say: Our Ranch may not be heaven, but it has the same zip code.

There ya' go Folks...of all the things the Reagans did in their life...the accomplishment of that ranch was truly their fulfilled biggest dream of all!

Uncle Festus has a little bit of a twist in his dream world. He wishes for the first day of deer season be declared a national holiday. (Actually, if everyday was deer season, he would then be truly livin' the dream!)

Aunt Martha is so buried in her housework that her wish is to someday find those socks that got lost somewhere in the dryer. At this point, she has come to the conclusion that the dryer lint is the cremated remains of all those missing socks.

I am hoping that my five year old niece will someday get over her obsession with road kill. Presently, she only believes that a possum is a flat animal that sleeps in the middle of the road! Hey guys, Why did the chicken cross the road? To show the stupid possum that is CAN be done!

Aunt Patsy told me the other day that: Line Dancing was started by women waiting to use the public bathroom. (That just might be true...)

Cousin Clarence came up to me the other day and said:

Did ya' JEET yet, Savannah? Finally, I realized that he was asking me: DID YA' EAT yet?

If there is anyone on this earth that can Southern speak better than Clarence, I want to meet them. He definitely has created his own mode of speaking.

Uncle Pete is all stirred up on this election situation and how they run our country. He said: Our economy is so bad...I hope they never find life on any other planet. because sure enough, our government will start sending THEM money!

Well, aside from the debate on: How SMALL are Trumps hands and what the heck is that on Cruz's lip...the Fun Wagon keeps on rollin'!

My prediction that it will be Trump against Hillary appears to be coming true. Scary. Either way...it should be a most entertaining next four years. Not that a whole lot will get done to benefit our nation...but the political soap opera will be on rewind.

Keep tuned on our announced spring opening day date. Any of you out there interested in being part of our Opening Day Family Flea Market and Free lunch Event... please call me at: #615-464-7824. Get all your crafts and garage and housewares you want to garage sale and do it FREE at the Short Mountain Trading Post. Get on the list now and reserve your spot!

Watch out for the Zika Virus this spring. Mosquitos carry it...we will talk more on this next week.

Gotta Run for now, but you start working on that dream in your spare time...it will happen. You are special. You can do it!

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Most Chronic Pain Patients Use Alternative Therapies, But Many Don't Tell Their Doctors

The statement above comes from a PRNewswire release from Kaiser Permanente on July 20, 2015. The release is based on a study published that same day in the American Journal of Managed Care (AJMC) titled "Acupuncture and Chiropractic Care: Utilization and Electronic Medical Record Capture."

The study, conducted by Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, reviewed the questionnaires returned from 6,068 patients who were suffering from chronic pain. The responses showed that 47 percent reported using chiropractic care. Additionally, 32 percent said they used acupuncture, and 21 percent used both.

The study showed that one third of those who used acupuncture did not tell their Kaiser medical physician. An even higher percentage, 42%, of those who saw a chiropractor did not tell their MD. The study also notes that many of those who went for either chiropractic or acupuncture did so regardless of their insurance coverage.

Dr. Charles Elder, lead author of the study commented, "Our study

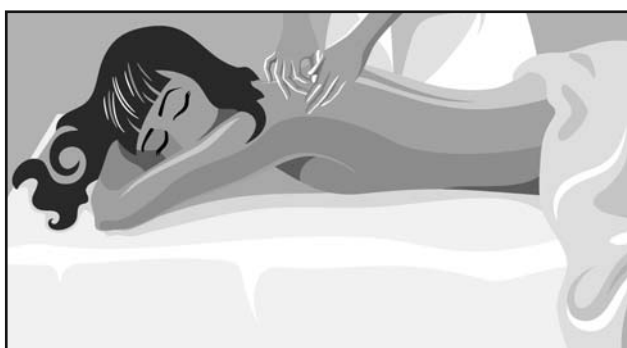
from the desk of

Dr. Trea Wessel

confirms that most of our patients with chronic pain are seeking complementary treatments to supplement the care we provide in the primary care setting.

they haven't tried."

The AJMC article begins by reporting that, "Acupuncture and chiropractic care are popular among patients,



The problem is that too often, doctors don't ask about this treatment, and patients don't volunteer the information."

Dr. Elder went on to state, "We want our patients to get better, so we need to ask them about the alternative and complementary approaches they are using. If we know what's working and what's not working, we can do a better job advising patients, and we may be able to recommend an approach

especially those who suffer from chronic musculoskeletal pain. Caring for this population has become an increasingly important and visible challenge for the healthcare system. Pharmaceuticals are commonly used for managing pain, yet the use of such agents on a chronic basis is of questionable efficacy, and can be associated with high costs and significant adverse effects."

"It is interesting

to note from this study that almost half of those enrolled in a medical health HMO decided to use chiropractic regardless of their insurance coverage," says Dr. Robert Braile, a chiropractor and chairman of the International Chiropractors Association public relations committee. "The study also showed that 55% of those using acupuncture did so based upon a physician referral, while 9% went to the chiropractor because of this type of referral." Braile concluded, "This statistic demonstrates that medical physicians still harbor some prejudice against chiropractic. The desire to avoid a negative response could account for the high percentage of people who do not mention receiving chiropractic to their medical physician."

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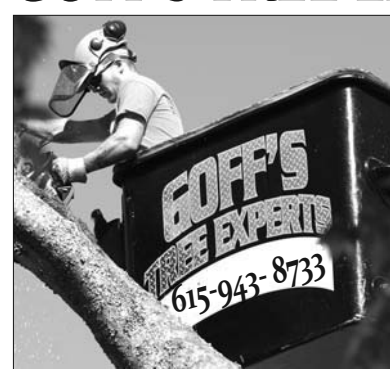
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TRASH...

mind. "So many people work outside of the county," he explained. "We try to accommodate their working schedules by being open on weekends and later in the evening." Meanwhile, the convenience center is working to be more of a recycling center than ever before.

"For a small county, we do a good bit of recycling of scrap metal, tires, cardboard, paper, aluminum cans and plastic containers. We hope to add glass to the list soon," Gannon said. Last year, Cannon County received \$23,741 for recycling. "That's a penny on the tax rate and I'm proud of that," he said. As for Cannon County

citizens having a problem with littering in their neighbor, they are urged to call either the County Executive's office at (615) 563-2320 or the Cannon County Sheriff's Office at (615) 563-1000. "We will send out a crew to clean up the problem and we will attempt to prosecute the offenders," Gannon said.



This time of year, trash seems to pop up everywhere.

AUDIT...

people are chosen for the Audit Committee, that group will always be a blessing to our county," he said.

Instead of being adversities, the Audit Committee decided to have a positive approach. It was like "how can we help you," Gannon said.

Typically, past audit problems were due to confusion instead of misdeeds, "All our county officials want to do the best job humanly possible and the Audit Committee has given us the tools to do that," Gannon said. "I just can't say enough about that."

The state auditing process grew tougher with the appointment of Justin P. Wilson as state comptroller.

The Comptroller of the Treasury is a constitutional officer elected by a joint vote of both Houses of the General Assembly for a two-year term. The Comptroller's duties include the auditing of state and local governments.

"They are stricter now and, at first, some of their

recommendations seemed silly. For example they stress segregation of duties among county employees," he said.

That can be difficult for counties as small as Cannon, but once those changes are made confusion is reduced and accuracy improved, Gannon said.

Meanwhile, Cannon County government needs to keep pushing for perfection.

"This audit report was a much improved audit. You would like to have a perfect audit, but as long as you can whittle down the findings you are making improvement," said County Commissioner Glenn Steakley, former Audit Committee chairman.

The Audit Committee, while it doesn't have any actual power, provides an outside perspective to fiscal issues facing Cannon County.

"What we did is work with county officials to discover the nuts and bolts of budgetary issues. We tried to find things that were right and work them into a way of solving the defi-

ciency," Steakley said. "You have to tweak the process," the commissioner said, "how to do this in the simplest way."

Steakley says the Audit Committee worked because of dedication and due to the right approach.

"We all agreed, at our first meeting, not to go in and alienate our county officials," he said.

The Audit Committee was established in 2011 following a tough audit with 21 findings, 13 of which were recurring, 59 incidents and a special report on the R.E.A.C.H. Program.

"My hat is off to this county's officials who are working to do the right thing," Steakley said.

"In many cases the county personnel didn't know they were doing wrong. There were no guidelines and no job descriptions," he continued.

Steakley predicted that performance will continue to improve as a new Audit Committee comes online.

"I expect them to take the Audit Committee to the next level," he said.

THREAT...

the investigation, Cannon County High School will be closed tomorrow, March 11, 2016. Parents have been notified. The incident is under investigation by local law enforcement officials. The next information will originate from Cannon County Law

enforcement officials." The threat was considered more serious than an anonymous bomb threat. "We were contacted by a psychologist at a mental health facility," said Sheriff Darrell Young. The psychologist passed on information concerning CCHS.

A decision was made to be on the safe side of the issue and search the high school completely.

"When we are through with our investigation we will release all the information we have collected," Young said. "We will be going after the people who made the threats."

ART...

ist Homer Green whose delightful sculptures are a centerpiece of the exhibit.

Also featured are several improvements to the collection: more informative labels and a new eco-friendly LED lighting system. Also new are Kids Cards which will be

available on the Arts Center's website; these new interactive printable activity sheets are tools to help parents and children learn about and experience art together.

The exhibit will open on March 18, 2016 with a reception starting at 6:30 pm in Cannon Hall.

Related Programming

A sister exhibition entitled No Church in the Wild will open on March 28, 2016 at MTSU's Todd Hall. The show will focus on how artists in the Caldwell Collection referenced both pop culture and art history. Reception will be on March 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Todd Hall.

TOURISM...

our tourism industry but for all Tennesseans," Haslam said. "An 18-to-1 return on investment is pretty impressive no matter what kind of business you're in, but when you consider that the national average is only half that, it has an even bigger impact. We are blessed in Tennessee to have an abundance of incredible attractions - our music, our history, our beautiful landscapes and family destinations, and I want to thank our tourism and hospitality industry for their hard work to attract so many people and so much investment from around the world to Tennessee."

"The SMARI Report confirms two important facts," Triplett said. "The brand campaign messaging 'The Soundtrack of America, Made in Tennessee' is inspiring vacationers to choose our state and Tennessee taxpayers are reap-

ing the benefit of tourism's success with an 18:1 return on investment."

The study also shows Tennessee visitors spent on average \$229 for every dollar invested in the campaign. The national benchmark is \$152. Additional data indicates Tennessee spent one-third less than the average state destination marketing organization with only \$0.22 spent per traveling household against a national benchmark of \$0.67 per household.

SMARI Executive Vice President Denise Miller said, "Our company measures marketing effectiveness for destinations across the country, and the Tennessee Tourism campaign performed extremely well, and significantly better than what we typically see for destinations. Tennessee Tourism combined strong creative with an effective media plan to

influence significant travel to the state - and this is travel that would not have occurred without the advertising. Tennessee achieved a strong return on investment, and the results were especially impressive given that this is a relatively new advertising campaign."

The announcement provides added support for the positive economic impact of tourism in Tennessee. In August 2015, Haslam announced record breaking numbers for Tennessee tourism's direct domestic and international travel expenditures, reaching \$17.7 billion in 2014, up 6.3 percent, and an all-time high for the state.

Tourism-generated jobs for Tennesseans reached 152,900, an increase of 2.8 percent. State and local sales tax revenue for the industry topped \$1.5 billion, up 7 percent over 2013, and the ninth consecutive year tourism topped \$1 billion.

Adams Library plans series of computer classes

The Adams Memorial Library is having a series of computer classes to help our patrons and citizens of Cannon County learn more about the necessary evil in our lives - computers.

Even if you don't own a computer, knowing how to work with computerized devices is becoming a must in our society. Unless you always pay with cash, you are now having to use a variety of different credit card machines to make even the simplest purchase. Being familiar with how computers work is becoming as necessary as knowing how to drive a car. During the next few weeks computer classes on introductory topics will be given in the Jennings Community Room at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk if you want to participate.

Friday, March 18: Introduction to MS Word and Graphics. 11:30 a.m.

MS Word has become a standard in word processing and has powerful tools to create beautiful documents such as: invitations, advertising, letters, business cards, menus and anything else you can think of. Marsha Petty, Library Director, is well versed in all the tricks of making beautiful documents easily and quickly.]

Tuesday, March 22: Introduction to MS Word and Line Spacing & Paragraph Spacing. 11:30 a.m.

This class will explain how to modify the line and paragraph spacing in MS Word. Learn how to make your document more readable and understandable by changing from the standard spacing formats.

Tuesday, March 22: Introduction to Keyboarding/Home Row. 12:30 p.m.

Learn the basics and practice those keyboarding skills.

Thursday, March 24: Introduction to MS Word/Creating a Letter. 11:30 a.m.

MS Word had many standard templates for creating a letter. Learn how to find these and use them as they are or modify

them to suit your specific needs.

Thursday, March 24: Computer Maintenance. 11:30 a.m.

Come learn the basics in keeping your computer up-to-date and safe.

Thursday, March 24: Introduction to Keyboarding/Extended Letters (ETRVBNMYUI). 12:30 p.m.

Spend some time with the extended letters from the home row. Enhance your typing skills with another lesson on computer keyboards.

Tuesday, March 29: Introduction to MS Word/Common Tasks/Copy-Paste, New, Saving, Creating PDFs. 11:30 a.m.

This class will explain various tasks common to MS Word that make document creating easier. It will explain how to create Portable Document Formats or PDFs which will translate your Word document in a format that can be read by all most any computer or device.

Tuesday, March 29: Introduction to Keyboarding/Third Row (Hard to reach QWZXOP,./?). 12:30 p.m.

Continue learning about the keyboard as you explore the more difficult to reach letters.

Thursday, March 31: Introduction to MS Word/Creating a Flyer. 11:30 a.m.

Come to this class to learn how to set up and create a flyer to advertise or announce an event important to your life. Learn how to create an eye catching flyer with simple tricks of the trade. These skills can also be used in a variety of other ways as well, so if creating a flyer isn't something you'll be doing, you will be able to create other documents that will be of interest.

Thursday, March 31: Introduction to Keyboarding/Numbers and Review. 12:30 p.m.

Finish the keyboarding class series with the final class in numbers and review previous class information.



The Friends of Edgar Evins State Park recently bought a new Stihl pole pruner for the park. It was purchased locally from funds raised by the Friends to benefit the park. Fount Bertram, President of Friends of Edgar Evins State Park states, "This is a good example of where the proceeds go from our fund raisers such as the upcoming Waterfall Tour, the History Hayride and Color Boat Cruise in the fall. We are an all volunteer organization dedicated to helping the park. We are always looking for new members to help us in these endeavors.. More information about the Friends is posted on Facebook (friendsofesp) and the website www.foesp.alturl.com Edgar Evins State Park is located on Center Hill Lake about 20 miles north of Smithville.



Top photo, from left, Jason Cross, maintenance supervisor, Jacob Young, park manager, Wayne "Grady" Thompson, maintenance and Fount Bertram, president of Friends of Edgar Evins State Park. Above, Wayne "Grady" Thompson demonstrates the capabilities of the new tool to onlookers.

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34th Annual B-Team Traditionally Delivers Cake to Winners!

The 34th annual B-Team Tournament came to an end with exciting championship games and once again those "getting their cake and eating it to" were the Woodland Lady Warriors and Westside Eagles. The Auburn Lady Knights gave the Lady Warriors a run for their money as did the Woodland Warriors against the Eagles. Congratulations to all those who participated.

Members of the Lady Knights Cheer Clinic took the floor during half time of a game and the crowd enjoyed the good performance.

Lisa Reed is back at it again – the beach that

is! Friday before leaving, however, she was in McMinnville at The Park Theater. Way to go Lisa!

Friday the 4th Bridgestone Arena in Nashville was a hit for Alana Neely and John Buryl, Abby Tuck, Paige Tenpenny, Amanda Francis and Jenny Francis. Why a hit? It was Blake Shelton in concert!

The Auburntown Volunteer Fire Department has a new chief. Chris Singleton was elected at their March meeting. Jeremy Whited is Assistant with Nick Smith and Jaylene Johnson are captains.

They reminded

Auburntown News

By ANNA PATRICK

you (in case you would forget) to change the batteries in your fire alarm as you "sprUng forward early Sunday morning.

Another reporting period has passed for Auburn students. On the Principal's List with all A's are Lily Crook, McCarlee Eubank, Lily Hughes, Nathan Junker, Kyleigh McCoy, Henry Williams, Garrett Goff, Kiley Hughes, Hannah Junker, Sharon Bessant, Lauryn Crawley, Anna Leach, Shelby Parker,

Hunter Patterson, Dylan Avera, Lulu Maier, and Adrianna Reed.

Making the Honor Roll with A's and 1 B were Emma Crook, Carter Hancock, Emily Whited, Keely Brandon, Olivia Robbins, Alex Williams, Caitlyn Crook, Ryan Scott, Katelyn Duggin, Baleigh Fulkerson, Audrey Gordon, Madison Gaither and Mary Beth Patterson.

The Merit List with nothing less than a B includes Mikyla Blair,

Alana Stansbury, Ben Brown, Bailey Campbell, Lindsey Campbell, Hunter Eidson, Maleeya Murry, Caleb Powres, Nevaeh White, Leighanne Dodd, Jacob Tramel, Carly Brown, Anna Williams, Alyssa Avera, Angeleena George, Ashton Gilley, Katie Hancock, Daysha Murry, Kaylee Rusnock and Destiny Woods. There were 61 students who had not missed a day for this 9 weeks. Congratulations! One more to go.

Having birthdays this week are Sandra Gaither and Tracy Hollandsworth on the 17th. Trisha Dunn, Aiden Courage Gaither, John

Mark Turney and Kyle Patrick will all enjoy their day on the 19th. Barbara Harris' is the 20th as is Sam Garrison's. The 21st is Angela Leyhew's, Clarence Nipper's and Ann Bryson's special day. Here is wishing each of you have a great day.

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\$714K USDA grant boosts MTSU agriculture's research efforts Partnership endeavor includes Texas A&M, Sam Houston State University

A \$714,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to MTSU for collaborative research with two Texas universities will support a partnership to discover novel ways of land management and solve important ecological problems in changing climates and agricultural management.

The three-year joint venture between MTSU, Texas A&M and Sam Houston State University is the largest USDA grant the MTSU School of Agribusiness and Agriscience has ever received and largest of 12 national competitive awards totaling \$4 million granted by the USDA in February.

The award is for precision agriculture, agroecological education and research.

MTSU will oversee the overall research and educational components of the project and coordinate with the other partner institutions, said Song Cui (pronounced CHOY), assistant professor in the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience and project leader.

"We will be setting up a very strong agroecological research site here in Middle Tennessee," he added. "Texas A&M will provide strong research and contribution on the ecological modeling component of the project. Sam Houston will focus on agroecological education and leadership building for agricultural students."

Calling it a milestone for the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience, interim director Jessica Gentry Carter said the \$714,023 award "provides a great opportunity for us to build on this partnership and improve research opportunities for our students."



Including 100 MTSU students, about 260 altogether from the three universities will be involved. Twenty will be in research-based summer internships; the other 240 will enroll in and complete agriculture courses that have been revamped because of this project.

Twelve courses will be modified at MTSU, Texas A&M and Sam Houston. Four are graduate courses, two at MTSU that will be taught by mathematical sciences' associate professor Qiang Wu and one at each of the other schools. Nine undergraduate courses – three taught by Cui at MTSU and four at Sam Houston and one at Texas A&M – await students.

The award was made a reality because of MTSU's Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture designation and "the combined strength in agriculture, aerospace, math and our strong partners,"

Cui said. He added that the grant competition will strengthen agricultural research and education programs.

Precision agriculture is the science of using computer information systems, sensors, geographic information system (GIS) and global position system (GPS) technologies "to enable producers to apply the right inputs at the right location at the right time and in the right quantity and right matter," Cui said.

Jackie Eller, interim vice provost for research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, said MTSU now has received more than \$1 million from the USDA and "this success is a result of MTSU's collaborative spirit and its strength in agriculture, aerospace and mathematics."

Cui and MTSU earned a \$300,000 USDA grant in 2015 to support precision

agriculture research and education in partnership with the University of Tennessee-Martin.

Professor Warren Gill, the former director of the school, credits Cui in leading the proposal team.

"This successful effort is a compliment to the growing reputation MTSU has as institution where scientific innovation is nurtured and rewarded," Gill said. "MTSU is beginning to attract scientists of Song Cui's caliber and continue to enhance the educational experience of MTSU students, particularly those 'best and brightest' who become interested and involved in the cutting-edge work this grant award supports."

Advances in unmanned aircraft systems vehicles, commonly called drones, machine learning and modeling in computer science will be incorporated into students' undergraduate and graduate courses.

MTSU has been working to secure a certificate of authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration to operate unmanned aircraft at the MTSU Experimental Learning and Research Center (the MTSU farm and dairy) in Lascassas, Tennessee, about 6 miles from the university.

This is the first comprehensive research project that has been conducted combining these techniques on a regional scale, said Todd Gary, special assistant to the MTSU vice provost for research.

In addition to Cui, Gary and mathematical sciences' Wu, the research team includes aerospace's Doug Campbell, Nithya Rajan of Texas A&M and Shyam Nair of Sam Houston State University.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PRESENTS BE WELL BORO AT STONES RIVER MALL Community invited to learn about healthy living

In the spirit of creating a healthy community, The Junior League of Murfreesboro will host its 3rd Annual Be Well Boro Health & Wellness Fair at Stones River Mall from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.

Area residents are invited to visit with more than 30 health and wellness vendors during this free, family-friendly event.

"We are thrilled to partner with Junior League Murfreesboro by hosting Be Well Boro at

Stones River Mall," said Melinda Hudgins Noblitt, Marketing and Events Manager for Stones River Mall. "This event allows us an opportunity to share health- and wellness-focused vendors, services, and activities with our shoppers."

Participants can learn about their personal health status through one-on-one consultations and screenings, ranging from blood sugar and blood pressure to hearing loss and posture assessments.



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MURFREESBORO

Magnolia Medical Center will be on-hand to perform free, stress-relieving massages, while Beauty Studio offers make overs. Additionally, The Primary Hope and Care Clinic will provide information regarding breast cancer warning signs and preventative measures, and Stones River Dermatology will offer skin cancer exams. Senior Helpers' mobile dementia unit will also be available to provide an enlightening experience about a brain disease. Other featured

vendors include: The Child Advocacy Center, Stanlick Chiropractic, H3O Aquatics, Domestic Violence Center, Fleet Feet Sports, Special Kids, TrustPoint Hospital, Autism Speaks, Portico Pregnancy Support, Vibe Nutrition, Pure Barre, and the Rutherford County Health Department.

Young shoppers are also invited to activities near the Children's Play Area, where Snodgrass-King Pediatric Dental Associates' mascot, Chomp, will be

teaching proper dental hygiene to children of all ages.

This year's fair will include a fashion show featuring various styles of athletic wear and business casual ensembles, entertain giveaways, and an inspiring line-up of exercise and health-related demonstrations. Tennessee Titans DJ Rod Youree will serve as emcee during the event. For information on this and other events, sales and more, visit www.StonesRiverMall.com.

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ORGANIC FARMERS OFFERED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION COSTS



Tennessee farmers who grow organic crops and have become USDA certified can now qualify for a cost share reimbursement for the costs of their certification.

Certified organic producers can apply to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for a 75 percent cost share up to a maximum of \$750. The money may help defray costs related to receiving and maintaining organic certification, including inspection costs.

Organic operations that have achieved certification since Oct. 1, 2015 meet the time qualification to seek imbursement, as do organic operations that become

certified between now and Sept. 30, 2016.

Organic certification typically costs small farm producers between \$600 and \$1,000 annually. Costs increase based on product and sales volume.

"The latest USDA census results show the continued interest in organic agriculture among consumers, producers and businesses," TDA director of Market Development Debbie Ball said. "When we respond to consumer interest with programs that help our farmers participate more competitively in these trends, everyone benefits. Farms increase

their incomes, their rural communities thrive because of it, and Tennesseans get greater access to the fresh, local products they want."

The 2016 cost share application is available at <http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/topic/ag-farms-organic>

For more information about USDA organic certification and cost share reimbursement, visit <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>.

You can also contact Debbie Ball at (615) 837-5163 or email Debbie.Ball@TN.gov.



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POT LUCK DINNER

The Hilton Stone American Legion Post 279 is having an **"OLD FASHION POT LUCK DINNER"** Thursday, March 17th, 2016, at the Senior Citizens Center, at 5:30PM. Our Post 279 meeting follows dinner at 6:30pm. Come on out, bring a dish, and enjoy some great fun and fellowship together. Bring your good ideas and share with us what we can do better for our Community, our Youth, and our Veterans. **HONORING THE VETERANS OF CANNON COUNTY.**

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required at Niagara Falls in Canada. You can get your passport card at several County Clerk's offices or the Post Office on Church Street in Murfreesboro. You need to call or make an appointment. We have such an exciting schedule. We will see lots of history and educational information as well as having fun.

For information and reservations contact Kathy Simon Tour Director at 615-904-5303. Kathy has over 20 years experience in organizing and directing tours.

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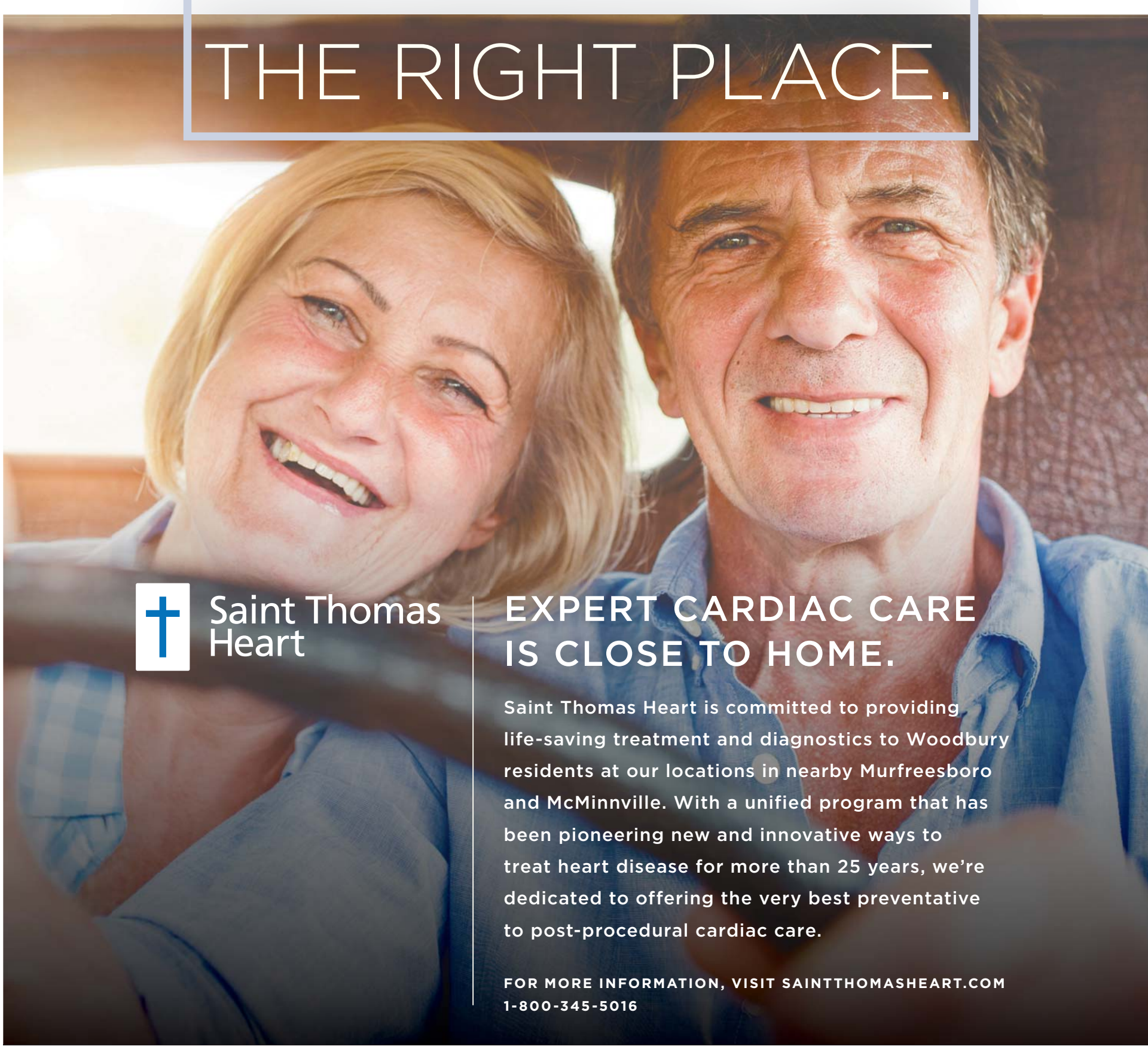


Channel 4 Meteorologist Paul Heggen participated in the Mid-Cumberland Head Start community partner reading program to celebrate our recent two week reading campaign. Mr. Heggen read two books about the weather "Tip Tap Boom Boom" and "Otis & The Tornado". He talked with the children about safe places to go in a tornado and how to know how far away a storm is by listening to the boom of the thunder. The Head Start children enjoyed the stories and learned about the weather.



Cannon County Schools Tar Wars State Winners
Woodbury, TN Cannon County Schools- March 7, 2016- Recently, 4th and 5th grade students in Cannon County participated in Tar Wars, a tobacco-free education program. Tar Wars is owned and operated by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the program is implemented locally by Dr. Jeff and Paula Todd. Two students from Cannon County were winners at the state level in the Tar Wars poster contest. Sawyer Parton, son of Jason and Jennifer Parton, a fourth grade student at Eastside elementary, placed 4th overall. Eli Nokes, son of Heath and Susan Nokes, a fourth grade student at Short Mountain Elementary School won Honorable Mention. Congratulations to both of these students.

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SPORTS

It's time for some gridiron payback

DAVID HUNTER
The Cannon Courier

Gridiron alumni from DeKalb and Cannon County will have one more chance for revenge on May 14 at the CCHS football stadium with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

"It is just a fundraiser and a good idea," current CCHS head football coach T.J. Daniels said. "I talked to (DCHS head coach

Steve) Trapp and see what happens. This is our first year and we are looking forward to it."

Trapp added, "It is an exciting opportunity to have former players I have coached over the last 11 years, a few guys that I played with, and a few guys that I never played with to be able to come together as a team and have the opportunity to play one more time and represent

not only themselves but also DeKalb County."

Besides the two current head coaches working together to put this event together, the alumni game is also being put on by the group, Alumni Football USA. Schools from around the state have been holding these type of football games for several years and the two district rivals decided to do one of its own in a couple of months.

Since making the announcement about the upcoming game, both coaches have received a lot of feedback from former players at each school about playing in the event.

"It is picking up, and the closer to game time it will get more exciting," Daniels said. "It is one more time to put on the pads and help out for a good cause. I have heard from a lot of former players and met a lot of

guys I have not seen since I have played. It has been really cool."

Trapp added, "It has been great to see and reconnect with alumni and give them some insight and procedures on how our current program is ran."

An added bonus to the game is a chance for the budding rivalry between the neighbors to continue to grow since they have only been district foes for a

short time.

"We get to play DCHS again, and a lot of us know each other, because we are not far apart," Daniels said. "We are just going to have a fun and competitive time."

Next year, the alumni football game between the two schools will be held at DCHS, according to both coaches.

Reach David Hunter at dhunter@cannoncourier.com



Lionettes softball

Cannon County Lionettes, falling short of reaching District 8-AA's championship game last season, are preparing for a new spring season. The squad, anchored by four key players, has a new coaching staff this season. Brittany Cook is the new head coach for the Lionettes makes her debut as the head coach for the Lionettes. Assistant Coach Wade McMackins is working with the team on hitting and pitching.

DAVID HUNTER photos



Boys soccer squad roars back with new leadership

DAVID HUNTER
The Cannon Courier

The CCHS boys' soccer team roars back on the pitch this season under new management with the season kicking off on March 22 at Watertown.

Long time Lions assistant in several sports, Jeran Tenpenny, takes over the program as they try to compete in a tough district this season. The assistant coach will be long-time soccer coach Guillermo Novoa.

"We got a lot of guys coming out and working hard for us," Tenpenny said. "We have a lot of veteran players coming back and they have put in some big minutes for us. We got some new players to build the future on."

CCHS will be led by seven returning players, who each brings a wealth of experience back as the overall team has a mix of youth and experience this season. Those returnees include seniors Kyle and Kody Margarito and Reece Wisdom along with juniors Jake and Josh Walkup, Qwentin McMackins and Jon Micah Davis.

"Our expectations is for

our players to get better each time they step on the field," Tenpenny said. "We want to help build a program here and gain some stability on the field. We want to represent our school and community well every time we step out of the field."

As for the competition, the district the Lions play in is one of the toughest in the state as they will face powerhouses Goodpasture, Merrol Hyde and Murfreesboro Central Magnet. However, CCHS knows it will have to be at their best each time it steps out on the pitch in order to compete in the district this season.

"We got to do the little things well, and just play our game well," Tenpenny said. Coach Novoa tells the players, "Before we learn how to win, we got to learn how not to lose."

The Lions will play a defensive style of soccer to go along with a fast-paced controlled offense hoping to use the speed which they have on both sides of the pitch.

"That will give us the best opportunity to win games is to approach with a defensive-minded

strategy," Tenpenny said. "If we can stop the other team from scoring, we got players that can score. It does not matter if we score 10 goals, if we let the other team score 11."

The Lions season kicks off March 22 at Watertown with first kick at 7 p.m.

2016 Schedule
Tuesday (March 22) at Watertown 6 p.m.

Thursday (March 24) at Sequatchie Co. 6 p.m.

Friday (March 25) at Goodpasture 5 p.m.

Tuesday (March 29) vs Macon Co. 5 p.m.

Tuesday (April 5) at Merrol Hyde 7 p.m.

Thursday (April 7) vs Bledsoe Co. 6 p.m.

Friday (April 8) vs Goodpasture 6 p.m.

Monday (April 11) at Warren Co. 6 p.m.

Thursday (April 14) vs. Smith Co. 5 p.m.

Tuesday (April 19) at Jackson Co. 6 p.m.

Tuesday (April 26) at Murfreesboro Central Magnet 5 p.m.

Thursday (May 5) vs Community (Senior Night) 6 p.m.

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SOCIETY



Correction listed in the Names of the Winners for Eastside School of the Woodbury Lions Club Peace Poster and Drug Essay Contest



Student winners at Eastside School in the Woodbury Lions Club Peace Poster and Drug Essay Contest for 2015-2016, were from left, First Essay School and Second Essay Country Stella Brown, Second Essay School, Madison Prater, Third Essay School, Jasmine Young, First Poster School, Hunter Davis, Second Poster School, (Not Pictured) Michael Barrett. Assisting Students were Wilma Arbaugh Art Teacher and Gay Burger English Teacher. All students received cash awards from Woodbury Lions club, John Basinger served as Lions Club Chairman.

AUBURNTOWN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2016

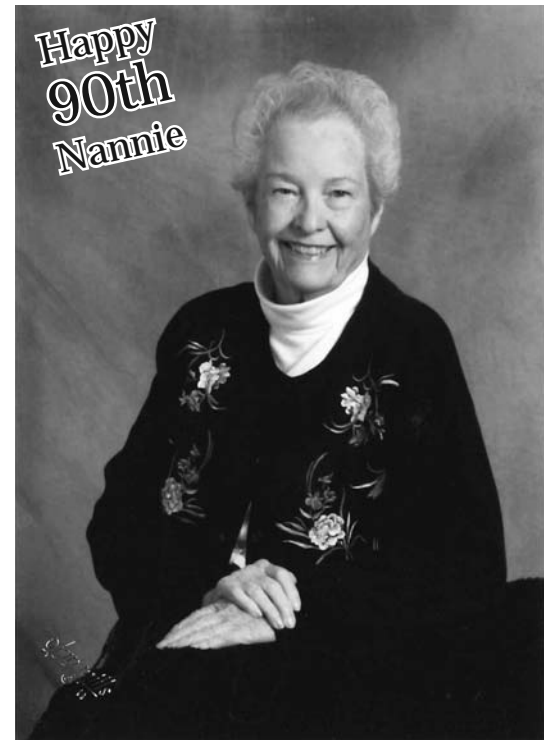
The Auburntown City Council met on February 2, 2016, with the following members of the City Council present: Rita Davis, Tina Fletcher, Denise Crowell, Chris Blackburn, Janice Fletcher, and Mayor Roger Turney. The meeting was called to order, and the January Minutes and Financial Report were read and approved. Mr. Turney pointed out on the Register Report for January the T.V.A. payment in the amount of \$789.18, which is paid instead of sales tax. This payment is received quarterly. The City's account continues

to increase, and all large expenses have been paid at this time. Mr. Turney shared a map with the Council that shows the location of the proposed Verizon cell phone tower that will be constructed here in Auburntown. However, it will be located just outside of the City Limits. The City's contract with Mr. Poole to serve as our Auditor for this year has been approved by the State. In May, Mr. Turney will have an amended budget for this year and a proposed budget for next year ready to present.

After contacting Amanda Maynard with Upper Cumberland, Mr. Turney learned that grant money could not be used for repaving the tennis courts and track in the city park. The grants are designed more for new construction rather than upkeep or maintenance on existing structures. Chris reported to expect a large gas bill for the fire department building next month due to the extremely cold weather. Also, a streetlight on R. E. Davenport needs to be replaced. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Fletcher
City Recorder

Happy "90th" Birthday to
Edith "Nannie" Northcutt
"March 19, 2016"



"From Your Loving Family"

Make One Great Dish Honey Mustard Roast Chicken and Potatoes

By the editors of Relish Magazine



Photo by Teresa Blackburn

Honey and mustard make a classic combination. The sweetness of the honey combines beautifully with the tangy acidity of the mustard. And when roasted on top of chicken or pork, the honey mustard mellows and become just the right seasoning—sprightly, bright, with just a touch of sweet.

In this recipe, another flavor is added by the herbes de Provence. A blend of dried rosemary, marjoram, thyme, savory and lavender, herbes de Provence include the herbs traditionally used in southern France. You can sometimes find herbes de Provence packaged in beautiful little crocks from France. Mostly likely, at the supermarket, you'll find them in glass spice jars. Use them to flavor not only chicken but also meat and vegetables.

Honey Mustard Roast Chicken and Potatoes

The best way to test for doneness is with a meat thermometer. Insert the thermometer between breast and thigh, far enough so it goes into the thigh meat. When the temperature reaches 165F, the bird is safe to eat. Don't wait until you can the wiggle the drumstick; by then it will be overcooked.

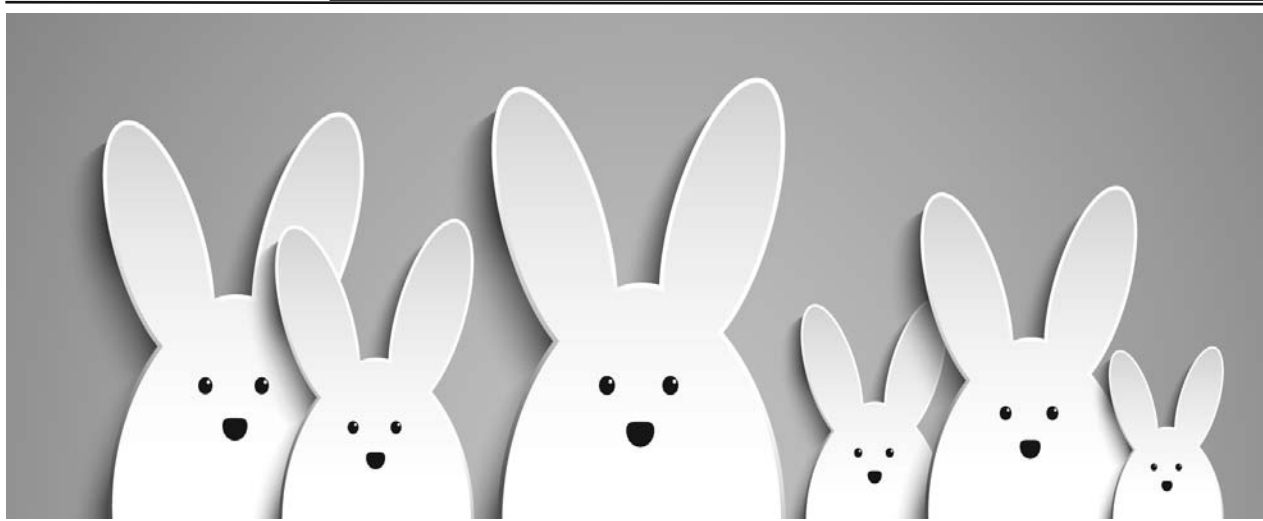
- 3 Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 1/2 tablespoons honey mustard
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon dried herbes de Provence
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, divided
- 1 (3 3/4-pound) chicken
- 1 1/2 pounds unpeeled Yukon gold

potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Coat roasting pan and rack with cooking spray.
2. Combine mustard, 1 tablespoon oil, herbes de Provence, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl.
3. Rinse chicken inside and out with cold water. Pat dry with paper towels. Loosen skin from breast and drumsticks. With a small spatula, spread about half the mustard mixture under loosened skin and the rest on outside of chicken. Place chicken, breast side up, on roasting rack.
4. Combine potatoes, remaining 1 1/2 tablespoons oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl. Toss to coat potatoes well. Transfer potatoes to pan around chicken.
5. Roast 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours, until meat thermometer in thigh registers 165F. Transfer chicken to a platter and let rest 20 minutes. Remove rack from pan. Transfer potatoes to platter.
6. Spoon off and discard fat from drippings. Pour about 1/2 cup broth into roasting pan and stir to scrape drippings from bottom. Pour mixture into medium saucepan and stir in remaining 1/2 cup broth. Simmer, stirring often, until reduced to about 1 cup. Serve with chicken and potatoes. Serves 6.

Per serving: 418 calories, 21g fat, 103mg chol., 29prot., 22g carbs., 1g fiber, 565mg sodium

Look for Relish magazine, celebrating America's love of food, each week in The Cannon Courier.



Hop on over for Easter Bunny Fun at Stones River Mall

Hop on over to Stones River Mall for fun-filled events with the Easter Bunny!

Kick off the spring season by enjoying Breakfast with the Bunny at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, inside Chuck E. Cheese's.

Tickets are \$5 each and include a pancake breakfast, 10 game tokens, face painting, balloon art, giveaways, and more! Visit Chuck E. Cheese's to purchase tickets for adults and children.

Shoppers can also capture the magic season with a professional photo of their loved ones with the Easter Bunny from Thursday, March 10, through Saturday, March 26. As in years past, the photo set will be located near the Children's Play Area between JCPenney

and the Food Court.

The Bunny Bundle Photo Package includes prints, a digital download, and online print credit. For a list of photo set hours, visit stonesrivermall.com. Shoppers can schedule a reservation in advance by texting "Bunny 198" to 57682. Early bird discounts are available for reservations made before March 24. Reservations are strongly encouraged, but not required.

Fido and Kitty can have their photos taken with the Bunny again this year during Wags & Whiskers, held from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, March 14 and 21. (Dogs and cats only, and they must be leashed or crated at all times.)

Stones River Mall is excited to announce the pet nights will be sponsored

by Doggie's Day Out, a local cagefree dog daycare. Shoppers can also donate a bag of dog food for Rutherford County P.A.W.S. during Wags & Whiskers to receive a free 5"x7" print, while supplies last.

Stones River Mall will also host an Easter Bunny Coloring Contest. Pick up a coloring poster at the Easter Bunny Photo Set, then return entries to the Easter Bunny's Mailbox, located near the Photo Set. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups (3-5, 6-8, 9-12); 1st place receiving \$50 Chuck E. Cheese's gift card, 2nd place will receive a \$25 Chuck E. Cheese's gift card, and 3rd place will receive a \$10 Chuck E. Cheese's gift card, compliments of Stones River Mall.

For information on this

and other special events, sales and more, visit www.StonesRiverMall.com.

Stones River Mall is located at 1720 Old Fort Parkway in Murfreesboro, TN, just three miles west of Middle Tennessee State University. The mall is anchored by department stores Dillard's, J.C. Penney, and Sears, which are complemented by a diverse mix of national retailers including Aeropostale, Books-A-Million, Finish Line, PacSun and Victoria's Secret.

Restaurants include T.G.I. Fridays, Olive Garden, Chuck E. Cheese's and Buffalo Wild Wings. The mall is owned and managed by Sterling Organization.



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The Transfiguration

Many rumors had been circulating about the identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Some thought he was the second coming of the Old Testament prophet Elijah.

Jesus asked his disciples who they thought he was, and Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16, NIV) Jesus then explained to them how he must suffer, die, and rise from the dead for the sins of the world.

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a mountain to pray. The three disciples fell asleep. When they awoke, they were astounded to see Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah.

Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun, his clothing was dazzling white, brighter than anyone could bleach it. He spoke with Moses and Elijah about his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension in Jerusalem.

Peter suggested building three shelters, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was so terrified he did not know what he was saying.

Then a bright cloud enveloped all of them, and from it a voice said: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:5, NIV)

The disciples fell to the ground, paralyzed with fear, but when they looked up, only Jesus was present, returned to his normal appearance. He told them not to be afraid.

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This 23 day of February, 2016.

Robin Vance & Larry McAllister Co- Executor of the Estate of Amos Merrill McAllister, deceased.

NATHAN S NICHOLS CLERK & MASTER

MATTHEW COWAN ATTORNEY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Daniel Vaughn

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This 23 day of February, 2016.

Nancy Youngblood Executrix of the estate of Daniel Vaughn deceased.

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Estate of Burton Eugene Moulder

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2016, letters of administration or letters of testamentary in respect of the estate of Burton Eugene Moulder 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 8th day of March, 2016.

Cynthia Lance Administratrix of the estate of Burton Eugene Moulder deceased.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Ralph Mooneyham

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, 2016, letters of administration or letters of testamentary in respect of the estate of Ralph Mooneyham 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 10th day of March, 2016.

Lovie Phillips Executrix of the estate of Ralph Mooneyham deceased.

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Estate of William R Moore

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This 7th day of March, 2016.

William R Moore, jr & Kimberly K Bailey Co Executor of the estate of William R Moore deceased.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Robert E Tooley

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This 8th day of March, 2016.

Carolyn Mazurik Administratrix of the estate of Robert E Tooley deceased.

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Older Tennesseans should be aware of IRS scams



As we head into the final month of tax season, the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability reminds seniors to guard against fraudulent financial scams that arise around taxes.

These scams usually consist of aggressive and threatening phone calls by individuals impersonating the Internal Revenue Service. These scam artists threaten police arrest, excessive fines, license revocation and other things.

One of the more typical variations to this scam involves the caller indicating that payment is owed to the United States Government and threatening the senior with arrest or court action to trick them into making the payment. In addition to threats, another variation of this scam includes claiming that the senior is entitled to a huge refund and then requesting bank account information.

"There are numerous financial

scams that occur every day," Jim Shulman, Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, said. "Take the steps necessary to protect yourself. If you are not sure of how to handle the call, tell the caller that you must confirm your records and that you will have to call them back. Do not be intimidated. You can also call us at 1-866-836-6678 and we can help you."

According to the IRS there are some simple tips that may help older Tennesseans avoid these scams: Protect Yourself Scammers make unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They can the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through phone "robo-calls,"

Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. Scammers

often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do. Any one of these five things is a telltale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

- *Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- *Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- *Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- *Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.



From left, Chairman John Naylor, Secretary/Treasurer Anna Pittman and Vice Chairman James Adkins attended the annual 911 Winter Workshop Conference recently in Gatlinburg. Under direction of board attorney, Micheal Mann, the conference was informative and advised 911 Board of Directors of changes in state laws. While the 911 Board was in Gatlinburg, 911 Director Roy Sullivan was in Nebraska for a training session.

NOTICE OF MEETING
Cannon County 911 Board of Directors
The Board of Directors of the Cannon County 911 Emergency Communications District will meet at 6:30 pm, April 28, in the conference Room of the Stones River Hospital in Woodbury, Tennessee, or such other location as may be posted at the Courthouse, where and which time the Board will consider any matter that may be properly presented. The public is invited to all meetings. John Naylor, Chairman, 911 Board of Directors

Sam Houston Statue to be Unveiled in Downtown Maryville

Representatives from many communities will gather in Maryville Saturday to celebrate the only person to govern both Tennessee and Texas

The City of Maryville and the historic Sam Houston Schoolhouse will host a day of celebration Saturday, March 19 surrounding the unveiling of a statue commemorating famous Tennessee governor, honorary Cherokee citizen and Texas forefather Sam Houston. The festivities include the statue unveiling ceremony March 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Maryville Municipal Building and a celebration on the Schoolhouse grounds beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The statue will reside in front of the Maryville Municipal building at the corner of Broadway and Lamar Alexander Parkway. The ceremony will include remarks from Sam Houston's great-great granddaughter, a leader from the Cherokee Nation, mayors from Ireland and Texas, and Maryville Mayor Tom Taylor. The Sam Houston Elementary School choir will honor the school's namesake with an original song.

"We are excited to unveil this reflection of art and history," said City

of Maryville Councilman Joe Swann. "Sam Houston is one of America's most celebrated and interesting historical figures who has quite a story to tell. The unveiling of Houston's statue in our downtown area, accompanied by important representatives from Texas and beyond, will culminate the long-awaited recognition of Maryville and Blount County's most famous historical resident."

Donations to support the completion of the statue can be sent to the City of Maryville through March 30. Interested contributors can contact the city at (865) 273-3401.

Other events are planned in conjunction with the unveiling celebration. After the unveiling of the statue, a reception will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Sam Houston Schoolhouse, where Houston taught in the early 1800s. Attendees will listen to live music, enjoy historic tales and learn about the hidden history of Sam Houston. Ruby Tuesday

Lodge will host a private reception Friday, March 18 for special guests from around the country and abroad. The lodge has a block of rooms available to the public for the weekend. Rooms can be booked by calling (865) 981-9800 or visiting www.rtlodge.com.

The Texas Center for Regional Studies is offering a weekend-long Sam Houston Tour, which begins March 17 and lasts through March 21. Guests will visit historic sites in Dayton, Tenn., attend the unveiling ceremony and related celebrations and explore noteworthy locations such as Fort Loudoun, the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and the Tellico Blockhouse. Interested participants can register by March 10 at www.samtrail.net.

Those interested in more information about the unveiling event can contact the City of Maryville at (865) 273-3401. For information about the Sam Houston Schoolhouse event, (865) 983-1550.

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Honors Tennesseans

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth has honored Tennesseans whose contributions are helping build the state's next generation. Awards were presented Tuesday at the 28th Children's Advocacy Days, along with the inaugural Governor's Awards for Excellence in Early Foundations.

Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Awards were presented to two licensed clinical social workers who have given their work lives to help children in the child welfare system, Jan Dick, program director for Permanency Consulting at Family and Children's Service, and Bonnie Beneke, Department of Children's Services Training and Curriculum director in the Office of Learning and Development.

Anchors with Knoxville's WATE television, Kristin Farley and Lori Tucker, received the John Seigenthaler MAKING KIDS COUNT Media Awards for broadcast media. They both have assisted the East Tennessee Council on Children and Youth with training and information events.

Children's Advocacy Days is an annual event drawing child advocates and service providers from across the state. The primary focus of this year's event, "Under Construction: Building the Next Generation," is research on and response to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), stressful experiences damaging to the developing brains of young children.

In addition to the award presentations, the agenda

included a keynote address by Dr. Megan Smith, of the Yale University Medical School Child Study Center and a collaborator with Discover Together Grundy County, a program building family resiliency in Southeast Tennessee, and panels of commissioners of state departments serving children, juvenile court judges and experts on mitigating the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences.

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth is an independent agency created by the Tennessee General Assembly. Its primary mission is to advocate for improvements in the quality of life for Tennessee children and families. Information on the agency is available at www.tn.gov/tccy.

CRIME & COURTS

An Incident is followed by several charges

Cannon County Sheriff's Office

Domestic Assault

Jeremy Shane Churchwell, 29, of Auburntown, was charged with domestic assault following an incident on Main Street in Auburntown. Deputy Drew Colwell made the arrest. A hearing is set for April 5 in General Sessions Court.

Driving on a Revoked

Hester Emanuel Lockridge, 37, of Murfreesboro, was charged with his fifth offense of driving on a

revoked license and with driving on expired tags. A hearing is set for April 5 in General Sessions Court.

Arrested on Warrants

Jonathan Wayne Johnson, 24.

DUI

Dustin S. Ferrell, 31, was charged with DUI following a traffic stop on Doolittle Road. A hearing is set for May 5 in General Sessions Court.

Weapons Violation

Jerry Lynn Sissom, 46, of Morrison was charged with reckless endangerment, felony possession of a weapon, public intoxication and resisting arrest following an incident on Orville Duke Road. A hearing is set for April 5 in General Sessions Court.

Burglary

Jamie Pennington reported a burglary at his home on Dug Hollow Road. Taken were a Smith and Wesson handgun and an AR-15 rifle. Also taken was a tattoo kit containing two tattoo guns and several needles.

Woodbury Police

Credit Card Fraud

Danille Lee Tedhaus was charged with multiple cases of theft under \$500, and fraudulent use of a credit card by Police Chief Lowell Womack. Hearings were set for General Sessions Court.

DUI, Multiple Charges

Ferrell Nicholson was charged with possession of a legend drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication and

theft of property under \$500 by Patrolman John House. A hearing is set for April 12 in General Sessions Court.

Driving on a Revoked License

Ricky Lee Bynum was charged with driving on a revoked license by Patrolman John House. A hearing is set for April 12 in General Sessions Court.

Steven James Bullard was charged with driving on a revoked license by Patrolman John House. A hearing is set for April 12 in General Sessions Court.

Assault

Lisa Jane Knight was charged with assault by Patrolman Dustin Pack. A hearing is set for April 12 in General Sessions Court.

Multiple Charges

Taryn Renee McDonald was charged with public intoxication, resisting stop-frisk-halt, disorderly conduct and theft of property by Patrolman John House. A hearing is set for April 12 in General Sessions Court.

Fayette County Audit Includes Multiple Uncorrected Problems



An audit released today by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office identifies 14 areas of concern with the way Fayette County is being run.

The findings in the fiscal year 2015 report are spread across several county offices. Six of the findings were also noted in last year's report, but had not been sufficiently addressed by local officials.

For the third year in a row, at least two funds required material audit adjustments in order to correct year-end financial statements. Account balances in the General and General Debt Service

funds required adjustments totaling \$525,505 and \$175,749, respectively. These adjustments are a strong indicator of a county's failure to maintain its accounting records.

Auditors also found multiple other problems that included county purchasing procedures, expenditures exceeding appropriations, cash overdrafts, and unreconciled accounts.

Comptroller auditors have included recommendations to correct all 14 of the findings noted in the audit report.

"Fayette County leaders should work closely with its Audit Committee

to address these ongoing issues," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "It concerns me when I see the number of audit findings growing from one year to the next. It's also troublesome when issues have gone uncorrected over several years."

To view the audit online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>

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TDCI Announces New Lost Life Insurance Policy Service

Tennesseans' Search for Lost Insurance Policies Will Become Easier

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) announces a new service enabling Tennesseans to more easily locate lost life insurance and annuity policies.

TDCI's Lost Policy Service, which recently became available, enables beneficiaries to track down the life insurance policies or annuity contracts of deceased family members or friends. To use the service, Tennesseans submit a simple request form either electronically or by mail to the Department. The Department then sends the request to all licensed Tennessee life insurance carriers.

"Locating the correct insurance records following the death of a loved one can sometimes prove to be a challenge," TDCI Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak said. "This service provides useful assistance in situations where a Tennessean thinks



he or she may be the beneficiary of a policy, but cannot provide sufficient information to identify an insurance carrier."

Each month, TDCI representatives will collect all request forms received from consumers and then contact Tennessee-licensed insurance carriers. The carriers will then search their records to determine whether they have any Tennessee in-force policies or annuity contracts in the name of the deceased.

Insurance carriers will be expected to respond directly to the consumer within 30 days of receiving

notification from TDCI, if the consumer is legally authorized to receive the information.

"Tennesseans' interest in lost policies seems to have spiked in recent weeks," said TDCI Assistant Commissioner Michael Humphreys. "This new service allows the Department to serve as a platform that connects Tennesseans to the life insurance and annuity benefits that they may have otherwise had a hard time identifying."

TDCI will send its first notification to carriers at the end of April 2016.

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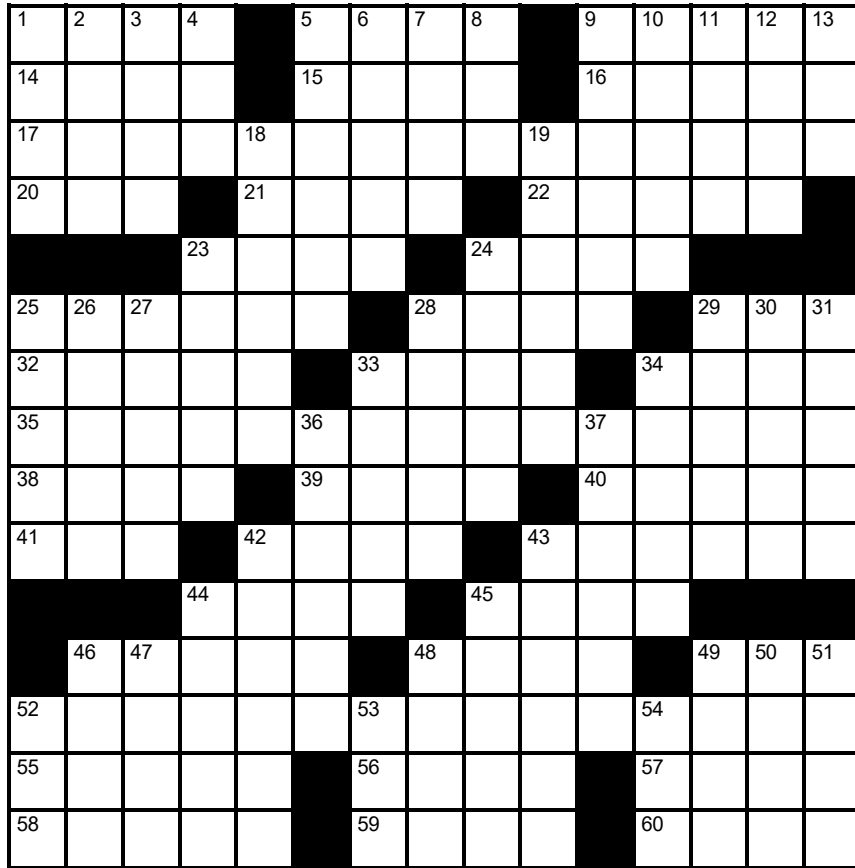
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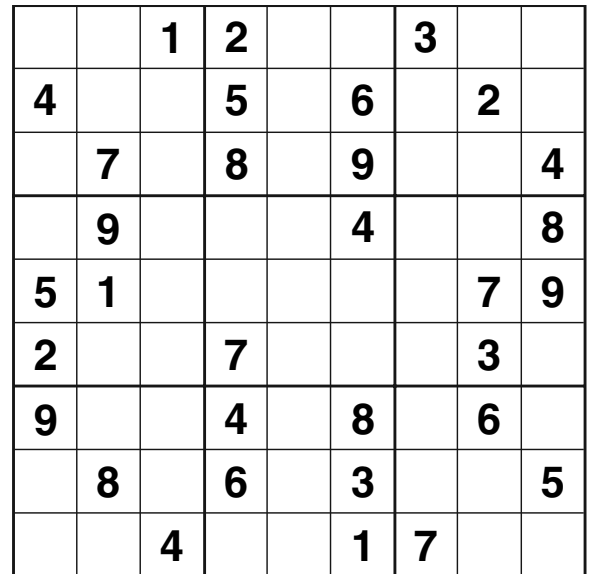
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Savvy Senior

How to Avoid Medicare Mistakes When You're Still Working
Dear Savvy Senior,
Should I enroll in Medicare at age 65 if I'm still working and have coverage through my employer?
Almost 65

Dear Almost,

The rules for enrolling in Medicare can be very confusing with all the different choices available today. But when you postpone retirement past age 65, as many people are doing, it becomes even more complicated.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people. And Part B, which covers doctor's bills, lab tests and outpatient care. Part B also has a monthly premium of \$104.90 in 2016 (though it's higher for individuals earning \$85,000 or more a year).

If you are receiving Social Security, you will be enrolled automatically in parts A and B when you turn 65. If you aren't yet receiving Social Security, you will have to apply, which you can do online at SSA.gov/medicare, over the phone at 800-772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.

If you plan to continue working past the age of 65 and have health insurance from your job, your first step is to ask your benefits manager or human resources department how your employer insurance works with Medicare. In most cases, you should at least take Medicare Part A because it's free. But to decide whether to take Part B or not will depend on the size of your employer.

Small employer: If your current employer (or spouse's employer if it's providing your coverage) has fewer than 20 employees, Medicare will be your primary insurer and you should enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period. This is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday.

If you miss the seven-month sign-up window, you'll have to wait until the next general enrollment period, which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium.

Large employer: If your employer has 20 or more employees, your employer's group health plan will be your primary insurer as long as you (or your spouse if the coverage is from his/her employer) remain an active employee. If this is the case, you don't need to enroll in Part B when you turn 65 if you're satisfied with the coverage you are getting through your job. But if you do decide to enroll in Medicare, it will supplement your employer insurance by paying secondary on all of your claims.

Once your employment (or group health coverage) ends, you will then have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty. This is known as the Special Enrollment Period.

Drug coverage: You also need to verify your prescription drug coverage. Call your benefits manager or insurance company to find out if your employer's prescription drug coverage is considered "creditable." (Creditable prescription drug coverage is one that is considered to be as good as or better than the Medicare prescription drug benefit.) If it is, you don't need to enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. If it isn't, you should purchase a plan (see medicare.gov/find-a-plan) during your initial enrollment period or you'll incur a premium penalty (1 percent of the average national premium for every month you don't have coverage) if you enroll later.

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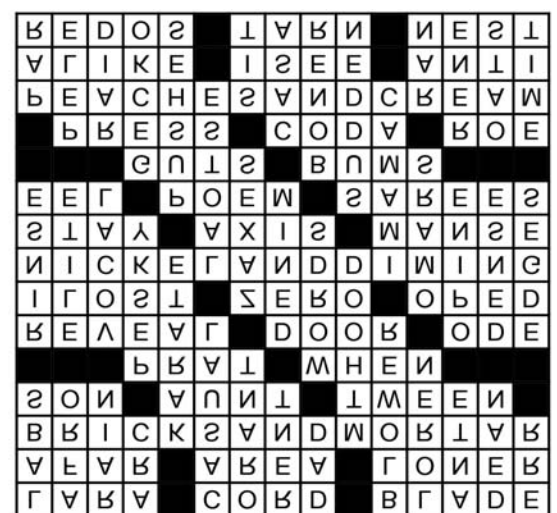


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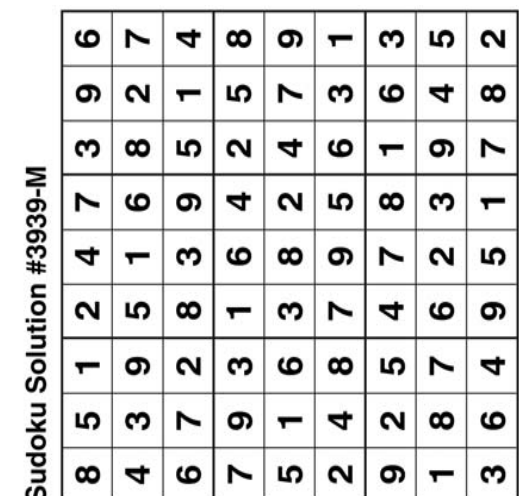
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MTCS Basketball Homecoming



Representing the Sophomore Class at Middle Tennessee Christian School 2016 Basketball Homecoming are Natalie Knox and Parker Bates.

Natalie is the daughter of Chris and Susan Knox of Murfreesboro and the granddaughter of James and Sue Maxwell of Woodbury, and Howard and Judy Knox of Murfreesboro.

Parker Bates is the son of Ward and Leanne Bates of Murfreesboro and the grandson of Ralph and Lela Peebles and Pat Bates and the late Sam Bates of Rutherford County. The Homecoming Court was presented on January 9, 2016.

Registration Filling Up for Special Kids Race



The 5th Annual Special Kids Race announced Tuesday that registration is 88% percent full for the 15K, 5K, and 1 Mile on Saturday, March 19, at Murfreesboro Medical Clinic (MMC).

Organizers are expecting over 3,000 participants in this community race to support local nonprofit, Special Kids Therapy & Nursing Center. Online registration is offered through Friday, March 18, and event day registration will be available on March 19 for an additional \$5 late fee.

The 2016 Special Kids Race will be held in memory of Quinton Young, a child who attended Special Kids for 10 years. Young recently passed away on February 29 due to his having hydrocephalus since birth. To honor and celebrate Young's life,

race organizers will be dedicating this year's event to this special child who touched many in the local community.

Race fees are \$45 for the 15K, \$40 for the 5K, and \$20 for the 1 Mile Fun Run. Registration is open online at specialkidsrace.org.

Beyond entrance in the event, race participants receive a soft-style t-shirt, race medal, and baseball cap from presenting sponsor MMC. For the fifth year, all race expenses are covered by sponsors, allowing funds from registration fees to directly benefit children with special needs at Special Kids.

The Special Kids Race is presented by its founding sponsor Murfreesboro Medical Clinic with platinum sponsor Max Shred.

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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 on Special Kids, please visit specialkidstn.com or call 615.893.4892



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