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Big Sandy drug bust results in arrest

A drug bust Saturday in Big Sandy resulted in the arrest of Jacqueline S. Comuzie, 43, of Big Sandy on felony drug charges and reckless driving on Saturday, October 1. This was at approximately 4:18 p.m.

Big Sandy Police Chief James Sukach stopped a black Chevrolet Equinox driven by Comuzie, for reckless driving in the city limits of Big Sandy.

The vehicle ran through a stop sign at a high rate of speed and ran another vehicle off the road. The Equinox was chasing after a black pickup driven by Troy Pierpoint, her boyfriend, according to Sukach, and was only a few feet from the bumper, failing to stop for Sukach's emergency lights and sirens. After a short pursuit, the Equinox did stop and the driver was identified.

During Sukach's investiga-

tion, she would not consent to a search of her vehicle. Sukach deployed K9 Shea for an external search of the Equinox and she alerted to the presence of narcotics. While searching the vehicle, Detective Michael Strader and Sukach found approximately 2.11 ounces of methamphetamine in four separate plastic bags, close to \$1,000 in cash, digital scales with residue, glass meth pipe with residue, and a good amount of extra plastic bags.

Comuzie was arrested and taken to the Benton County Jail where she is being held on a \$250,000 bond. The vehicle and money were seized by the Big Sandy Police Department under Tennessee drug laws.

The Equinox was registered to Pierpoint and will stay in-

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Radio Auction begins this Monday

Fall is in the air and that means football, fair, and yes, the Benton County United Way 'Good Neighbor' Radio

Auction. Three weeks in October starting Monday, Oct. 10.

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Johnson charged with inmate death

A Benton County inmate has been indicted and charged in connection with the in-custody death of a fellow inmate earlier this year. On Monday, October 3, the Benton County Grand Jury returned indictments charging Jason K. Johnson with Second Degree Murder and Introduction of Contraband into a Penal Facility.

On May 24, at the request of former 24th Judicial District Attorney General Matt Stowe, TBI special agents began investigating the in-custody death of Christopher S. Ellis, 44, at the Benton County Jail. An autopsy determined Ellis' death was due to a drug overdose. During the course of the investigation,

agents determined Johnson, 47, was the person responsible for supplying the drugs to Ellis while in the Benton County Jail.

Ellis was incarcerated on charges of violation of probation, related to being found guilty of DUI on Jan. 27.

On Monday, in conjunction with current 24th Judicial District Attorney General Neil Thompson, agents presented the case. Johnson remains incarcerated in Benton County on unrelated charges, was



Jason Johnson

served arrest warrants on the indicted charges. His bond on these counts is set at \$500,000.

Benton County Sheriff's Office does not possess any X-ray or other scanning equipment for physical searches of an inmate's body by jail personnel when inmates are logged into the facility.

"We are in need of so much equipment, I have even tried to get some of the older equipment from Nashville and such but it is so expensive," says Benton County Sheriff Christopher, "but my main concern right now is keeping

our county schools safe. But that's another story."

Since 2001, the number of people who have died of drug or alcohol intoxication in state prisons has increased by more than 600 percent, according to data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. In county jails, overdose deaths increased by over 200 percent during the same period.

Johnson has an extensive criminal history according to Christopher and was being held on charges on manufacturing meth, and other drug related charges, eight being felonies.



MEET AND GREET - Vickie and Jay D. Reedy at the Sept. 24 "Meet and Greet" for Benton County's new state representative for TN House District 74. The informal event drew more than 50 people, including Benton County Mayor Mark Ward, Benton County Administrator of Elections Jeff Beasley and Benton County Republican Party Chairman Matthew Jones. Visitors enjoyed chili dogs and conversation in the Apex Bank Community Room in Camden, hosted by Friends of Jay Reedy and the Benton County Republican Party.

Local teachers join WestTeach program

Melissa Berry, of Big Sandy, and Holly Meyer, of Paris, both were selected for UTM's 2022 WestTeach program. Program applicants must be recommended by their principal and director of schools, and only one teacher per school district is chosen to participate each year.

Now in her 17th year of teaching, Meyer is a third-grade teacher at Briarwood School in Camden. She has been involved in summer learning camps in West Tennessee for the past several years. Meyer contributes to her school by designing the school's website, applying for and receiving grants, and presenting at professional development trainings. For the past two years, she has tutored

for the Tennessee Accelerated Literacy and Learning Corps tutoring program to mitigate learning loss and accelerate student achievement. She received the 2018 *Paris Post Intelligencer* Reader's Choice Award for "Favorite City Teacher."

After serving on the faculty at Big Sandy School for many years, Berry is now the transition case manager at Henry County High School. She is the sponsor of the student group Students Against Destructive Decisions. Berry will use her WestTeach program experiences to interact with leaders in her community and better understand the needs of employers,

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Melissa Berry



Holly Meyer



ELECTION INTEGRITY - Tennessee voters must present a government-issued photo ID when casting a ballot in person and voting machines in the state aren't connected to the internet. Those policies pushed Tennessee to the top of election integrity, ranking Tennessee's election processes among the most secure in the nation, according to The Heritage Foundation.

Absentee ballot requests open until Nov. 1

Last day to register to vote is Oct. 11

By Sabrina Bates

The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the Nov. 8 election in Tennessee is Nov. 1. The early-voting period for the Nov. 8 election is Oct. 19 through Nov. 3. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 11.

There is a wide range of eligibility requirements for registered voters in the state to vote absentee by mail, which can be accessed at <https://sos.tn.gov/elections/services/absentee-voting>.

Those requesting an absentee ballot are encouraged to fill out a request form to their local election commission office, which includes the following information: Name, residential address, Social Security number, date of birth, mailing address, date of the election, reason the voter needs to vote absentee, and the voter's signature. A request for an absentee ballot may also be printed from the website at GoVoteTN.gov.

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County welcomes new state representative

Benton County's newest representative visited with constituents recently for an introductory meet and greet. Jay Reedy, Tennessee District 74 Representative, is the sole candidate for the House seat in the upcoming Nov. 8 election.

Reedy served Houston and Humphreys counties and a portion of Montgomery County in Tennessee District 74, prior to the redrawing of District lines in the state. After Census numbers were finalized from 2020 data, the state redrew some district lines to reflect current populations. As a result, Benton County moved out of House District 75 into District 74. District maps were approved by the Tennessee General Assembly and Gov. Bill Lee in February. District 75 former state representative Bruce Griffey retired

from state politics and successfully sought the 24th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge seat in August.

Tennessee House District 74 is now comprised of Benton, Humphreys, Houston and Stewart counties and a portion of Henry County. District 75 is now made up of only a portion of Montgomery County.

Reedy is a Republican from Erin. He was elected to the state House seat in 2014. His wife, Vickie, is a high school science teacher in Erin, as well as a member of the Houston County Commission. The couple has three children.

Reedy is a Veteran of the United States Army, where he served as a Commissioned Officer in the United States

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COMMUNITY

Shovels remind to call 811 before you dig

By Sabrina Bates

The West Tennessee Public Utility District is offering a chance at sweet treats while spreading a message of safety. In its second year, the WTPUD "Shovels for Ice Cream" program invites community members to find miniature shovels marked with 811 scattered throughout the town in exchange for a free scoop of ice cream.

WTPUD Marketing and Public Awareness Manager Madison Endres believes the shovels program is a fun way to spread the word about the importance of calling 811 before you dig.

Anyone who plans a project that involves digging, from planting trees and shrubs to putting in fencing and mailboxes, is required to call 811. The national number connects the caller to a local utility company in their service area, with whom they can schedule for the utility to mark underground lines for services such as gas, water, and electricity in the area where the dig is planned. The service is free.

It is recommended to call 811 at least three and no more than 10 working days in advance of a planned dig to request an area be surveyed for utility lines. Once an area is marked or flagged, those flags are valid for 15 days.

Endres said WTPUD is in the process of placing 500 shovels in the company's service coverage areas in Benton, Carroll, and Weakley counties. The shovels will be slightly hidden through mid-October and can be redeemed for a scoop of ice cream through Nov. 18. Places participating in redeeming scoops of ice cream are listed on the backs of the shovels and include Craig's Pizza in Camden and the Cornerstone Eatery in Huntingdon.

Shovels are being placed near courthouse lawns, inside of flowerpots, and on playgrounds



DIG THE SHOVEL - The West Tennessee Public Utility District offers "Shovels for Ice Cream" to remind people to call 811 before you dig to avoid unsafe underground power, water, phone, or gas lines.

throughout WTPUD's service area, Endres said. Those interested in finding a shovel can check the West Tennessee Public Utility District's Facebook page for daily hints.

This is one of a handful of

community involvement and education projects offered by the team at West TN PUD. Team members make visits to local libraries throughout the year and visit every fourth-grade classroom in their service areas each

school year. The company also offers a summer internship program for students. Call the office in Huntingdon at 731-986-8289 for more information.



Utility assistance open for low-income homes

Residents with lower incomes can see some relief from energy bills through the "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" (LIHEAP), which opened for applications in Tennessee on Oct. 1.

LIHEAP is a federally-funded grant program for those who are low-income, elderly, and disabled. It is available to qualified applicants in all 95 counties in Tennessee through a network of 20 agencies across the state.

Eligible applicants can see relief from a high summer energy bill, a home-heating bill, or gain emergency utility assistance during cooler months. Those who qualify can use assistance from two of the three programs.

To qualify, applicants must meet yearly-income guidelines. All income requirements are calculated before taxes. Applicants who receive assistance

from SNAP, SSI, or TANF automatically qualify for LIHEAP.

A single-person household must have an annual income of less than \$20,385. Two-person households must have an income below \$27,465. The income cut-off for a three-person household is \$34,545. A four-person household must have an annual income of less than \$41,625. For households with more than eight people, add \$7,080 per person.

Summer assistance for qualified applicants includes a maximum benefit of \$325 paid directly to a utility company. Heating assistance includes a maximum benefit of \$250 paid to a utility provider.

Benton County residents who want to apply for LIHEAP need to contact Lalan Hilliard with the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council at 731-364-3228.

WESTTEACH

From 1A

and in turn she will share that information with her students in the classroom. The knowledge she gains from WestTeach will assist the students at Henry County High School's rigorous work-based learning program.

WestTeach is the premier leadership-development program for teachers in the 21 counties of West Tennessee, with a mission to engage and equip teachers with tools and leadership skills for success in and outside the classroom. Pro-

gram topics expose teachers to relevant and influential issues that can shape and reshape the classroom engagement for their students. Participants are challenged and equipped to translate their WestTeach experiences into transformational opportunities for their students.

For more information, visit www.utm.edu/weststar/westteachprogram or contact WestStar Assistant Director Virginia Grimes at weststar@utm.edu or 731-881-7298.

No more tiny houses in Tennessee

An important code change was issued by the Benton County Electric Company on Thursday, Sept. 29. The Electric company will no longer be able to connect electricity to tiny homes or portable buildings used as residences going forward.

BCES was notified Thursday, Sept. 29 by the State of Tenn. Electrical Inspectors Office any activity prior to that will be grandfathered per the electrical inspector possibly.

Ready Removable Structures by TN Code 68-16-311 Manufactured (B) No Ready-Removable shall be modified for use as residential, recreational, or emergency housing in the state of Tennessee.

Summary per State Electrical Office:

- Any manufactured home,

both tiny or otherwise, must be pre-inspected by the manufacturer and must have a pre-inspection decal visible to the state electrical inspector. If not present, the electrical inspector will not be able to pass a Final Inspection. BCES will NOT be able to connect electricity.

- Ready Removable (A pre-built structure slid off a trailer, for example, Portable Building) shall NOT be modified for use as residential, recreational, or emergency housing in this state.

- BCES will no longer be able to offer a residential rate or connect service for any ready-removable building other than a shop, she/he shed, storage shed, etc.

- Any ready-removable structure that has had a "passed" inspection previously as a shop/outbuilding that is converted to

a residential status is subject to disconnection by BCES per the order of the State Deputy Electrical Inspector's Office.

Respectfully from Scott Owens, GM BCES "This new enforcement is beyond BCES's control, and feel this is an overreach by the state in relation to the electrical inspector's job. The electrical inspector's job is to ensure safe wiring and wiring standards based on the use of a structure, not base a pass/fail on the structure setup.

If you feel similar, I recommend contacting your local and state representatives. The inspectors and state officials are doing their jobs, but personally feel this is an overreach of expectation for electrical inspector's duties."

BALLOT

From 1A

The request that contains the required information will be processed, and if complete and approved, a ballot will be mailed to the voter. Ballots must be returned via mail (UPS, FedEx, USPS, etc.) to the local election commission office no later than the close of polling locations on Nov. 8.

To prevent absentee by-mail voter fraud, ballots are watermarked and election officials match the signature on the en-

velope with the one on file. Absentee by-mail ballots are not opened until Election Day and are counted by local bipartisan counting boards.

Tennessee was determined by The Heritage Foundation to have the most secure elections in the nation because of two factors. First, voters must present a government-issued photo ID to cast a ballot at polling locations. Second, the Secretary of State's office noted voting machines in

Tennessee are not connected to the internet.

For more information on registering to vote, registration status, address changes and absentee ballot requests in Benton County, contact the Benton County Election Commission office at 731-584-6144 or visit the office at 113 Maple St. in Camden, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

STATE

From 1A

Army Reserve. He was a former commissioner for the Houston County Election Board.

The graduate of Austin Peay State University earned a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and is a Master Beef Certified cattle farmer in Houston County. Reedy is also a locksmith and owns and operates Houston County Lock & Key.

"Education has been and will continue to be an import-

ant part of me and my family's lives. Our State must continue to move forward in education without being impeded by the federal government. We must stand together against federal-mandated programs that are detrimental to our way of life in Tennessee and stand tall in our support for proper interpretation of our Constitution as it was drawn up by our founding fathers who had a strong belief

in God," Reedy notes on his campaign website.

Reedy is an advocate of Second Amendment rights and partnerships between IT companies and APSU as well as other community colleges. He opposes a capital gains tax on corporations and a state income tax.

Contact Reedy at 615-741-7098 or by email to rep.jay.reedy@capitol.tn.gov.

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BIG SANDY

From IA

pounded pending the general sessions judges ruling. Pierpoint was not charged.

“We just got a search warrant for Comuzie’s cell phone today (Tuesday, Oct. 4), from Judge

Bruce Griffey,” said Chief Sukach. She had her initial appearance before the general sessions judge on Wednesday morning, Oct. 5. Rulings were not available at press time.

UNITED WAY

From IA

“We look forward to having a three week auction again this season. There will be no spring auction in 2023,” says Director Jo Jones.

Listen to radio station WR-JB-FM 95.9 and call in bids. Phone number for bidding is: 731-441-9748. Each day auction items are sold in 30-minute slots starting at 1 p.m. with the exception of any auction item valued above \$75. These items will go long-term and be auctioned the last day of auction, Friday Oct. 28.

Monday, Oct. 10 through Friday Oct. 28 are the 2022 dates. All donations, or auction items can be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church gymnasium in Camden as early as 8 a.m., as in years past. Times will stay the same, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Auctioneers auctioning the first week are encouraged to bring their items on Thursday and Friday before the auction starts. Baked and homemade items may be brought the day they will be auctioned. There will be someone at the church building to accept items each day from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Everyone will have the same chance to bid on the phone, come into the gymnasium to bid and will be able to follow the auction via Facebook. Meals will be sold each week-day of auction. “There will still be great home-cooked meals,” continued Jones. This will be dine-in and/or carryout.

Volunteers are in the process of gathering auction items now and will need everyone’s help. “This is such a giving community and with the COVID-19 pandemic still underway, the

area needs are greater than ever.

Next weeks schedule is:
Oct 10: Providing auction items are: Holladay/McIllwain VFD, Boy Scouts, Baker’s Chapel UMC, The Bridge-Camden Church of God, and Friends of the United Way.

Lunch \$5: two hot dogs, chips and dessert may be purchased for additional donations.

Oct. 11: auction items: Eva FVD, Camden Police & City of Camden; Flatwoods UMC, Eva Baptist and Camden/Benton County Chamber.

Lunch \$8, provided by Flatwoods UMC: Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, and drink.

Wednesday, Oct. 12: auction items from: BC Track & Field, Camden First Assembly, Benton County Library and Benton County Electric.

Lunch \$8, provided by Country and Western: Chicken & dumplings, cornbread, slaw, dessert, and drink.

Thursday, Oct. 13: auction items provided by Wee Care, Eastside Baptist Church and 4-H.

Lunch \$8, will be provided by Cowell’s Chapel UMC: BBQ Sandwich, baked beans, slaw, dessert, and drink.

Friday, Oct. 14: auction items provided by: Carey Counseling, Carroll Bank & Trust, Sandy Point Baptist Church and Stockdale Malin/Oakdale Funeral Home.

Lunch \$8, will be provided by Lisa’s To Go: Enchiladas, beans and rice, dessert and drink. This is sponsored by the Lashlee Family.



Ron’s Ravings

Ron Park

In case you haven’t noticed, there’s a lot of pushing and shoving going on these days to bring about some pretty extreme changes in American culture and society. And, as I touched on last week, there are quite a few manipulative tools being employed to advance these changes and chip away at anything or anyone that stands in the way.

As we’ve all seen and heard over the past few years, this process involves a lot of name-calling and leveraging this country’s past sins and ongoing imperfections as reasons why the pushers of radical change should be given the power and authority and money they desire so they can rewrite the rules regarding pretty much everything

It’s Okay

under the sun in any way they see fit.

But I’d just like to take this opportunity to let everybody out there know that it’s okay if you don’t feel like passively submitting to all this, and it’s even okay to push back (in a nonviolent way, of course).

Last I checked, we’re still free people living in a free country – at least the Constitution and the Bill of Rights says we are.

And if those documents still hold true, we all have the inalienable right to determine and decide what we will believe and what we will value. And if what anyone decides regarding their own beliefs and values doesn’t line up with what our society’s self-appointed cultural judges say everyone is supposed to value and believe, then, I’m so sorry, but that is what it is.

And, by the way, holding dissenting views and opinions doesn’t make you a bad person. It makes you a free person.

If you so choose, you have the right to hold to old-school, Biblical beliefs when it comes to things like gender and sexu-

ality. And you’re also free to side with science and acknowledge that there are very real, genetically determined differences between the male and female sexes.

If you want, you can choose not to be obsessed by race or feel obligated to view everything through a racial lens.

You don’t have to accept that the color of your skin automatically makes you either an oppressor or a victim of oppression.

You don’t have to believe that all our society’s institutions are hopelessly polluted by systemic racism – or that America was originally founded on racist principles.

You’re free not to view your skin pigmentation or gender or some other immutable attribute as the most important thing about you as a person – and you’re free to think and speak and even vote in ways that are supposedly disloyal to some sacred identity tribe to which you supposedly belong.

And if you’ve got kids, you

have every right to have a say in their education – and every right to speak out if anybody tries to indoctrinate them or expose them to stuff you strongly disagree with or see as inappropriate.

It’s okay to value faith and family and community and all the simple, everyday things that you love above partisan politics or culture war agendas or the latest existential threat or big corporate interests or anybody else’s bottom line.

And, in spite of what some people say, none of this makes you a racist or a homophobe or a transphobe or a bigot or backwards or unenlightened or an extremist.

It just means you’re a free person who has chosen not to get onboard with what is obviously a concerted and determined effort by some to fundamentally transform the cultural, moral, social, and political landscape of this country and impose those changes on everyone else, whether they like it or not.

And it’s okay not to be okay with that.

Amendment 25 gives Congress a means to remove the president



The Silent Majority

Paul G. Summers

The 25th Amendment addresses vacancies in the office of president or vice president, or ways to remove a president who is unfit for duty. It concerns the inability of the president “to discharge the powers and duties of office,” and Congress’ duties and responsibilities to determine whether the president is able to so discharge.

Amendment 25 was ratified by the states on Feb. 10, 1967. Because of the complexity of Amendment 25, I allotted two articles to discuss it. The previous article discussed voluntary

relinquishment of office by the president due to disability. This article addresses involuntary transfer of power.

Suppose the president is unable physically or mentally to discharge his or her duties or powers, but the president does not recognize this incapacity? What is the constitutional procedure if, for whatever reason, the president will not submit a voluntary written document to that effect?

Section 4 of Amendment 25 provides a constitutional process for someone to take her or his place. If the vice president and a majority of the cabinet (or other body provided by Congressional legislation) submits a written declaration to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives stating that the president cannot discharge

his or her duties, then “the vice president shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as acting president.”

In return, when the president submits to those Congressional leaders a written declaration “that no inability exists,” he or she shall resume the office. That is, the president resumes unless the vice president and a majority of the cabinet or body provided by Congressional legislation, within four days, provides in writing reasons that the president cannot assume the duties and powers of office.

If there is conflicting opinion regarding the president’s fitness to serve, Congress then must decide the issue, and Amendment 25 sets an expedited time frame for a decision. If Congress “... determines by two-thirds vote of both houses that the president is unable to discharge the

powers and duties of his or her office, the vice president shall assume the powers and duties of the office.”

This is the procedure for both a voluntary and involuntary temporary relinquishment of duties and powers from office concerning the president of the United States.

We shall continue our study of the U.S. Constitution with a review of the 26th Amendment in the next article. Remember, studying the Constitution is time well spent.

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Broadband grants will benefit Benton, Carroll counties

One in six rural Tennesseans lack access to broadband internet, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 2020 Broadband Deployment Report. Since 2018, the Tennessee Economic and Community Development Department has awarded nearly \$120 million in broadband grants through state and federal funding to serve more than 140,000 Tennessee households.

In a recent announcement by the state, nearly \$447 million more was awarded to help expand broadband internet in 58 counties. Thirteen of those counties, including Benton and Carroll counties, worked with The Ayers Foundation and Rural Innovation Strategies, Inc.

(RIS) to secure funding opportunities.

The Tennessee Rural Broadband Project (TRBP), led by The Ayers Foundation and RIS, provided broadband technical assistance to rural leaders in at-risk and distressed counties experiencing significant gaps in broadband availability. Through their guidance, Benton and Carroll counties have been awarded funds.

The initiative, which began with county mayors and expanded to involve internet service providers, municipal utilities, electric cooperatives, rural telephone companies, and other stakeholders helped county leaders apply for broadband infrastructure funding through the Tennessee Emergency Broadband Fund (TEBF) American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant program.

The result of these efforts is that more than \$80 million was awarded to rural counties through the Tennessee Rural Broadband Project. TEBF uti-



lizes a portion of the state’s federal ARP funds to address the economic fallout of the pandemic and represents a \$447 million investment in broadband expansion across the state.

Locally, some funds will be dispersed to Charter Communications (\$20,429,809), serving Benton, Carroll, Loudon, McMinn, McNairy, and Meigs counties; to the Lexington Electric System (\$27,490,416), serving Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin and Henderson counties; and to the Peoples Telephone Company (\$5,385,719), serving Benton, Carroll, and Henry counties.

“The Ayers Foundation has always been committed to improving the lives of rural Tennesseans across the state,” said Foundation President Janet Ayers. “A reliable and fast internet connection is no longer a luxury, but a true necessity of 21st-century life. Work, education, healthcare, agriculture, manufacturing, and entrepreneurship all rely on fast internet. Bringing the gold standard of broadband connectivity to rural areas is crucial to rural job creation and prosperity.”

The more than \$80.4 million in successful grant awards will leverage, at minimum, an additional \$34 million in private funding to reach a total of more than \$114 million for broadband expansion in the 13 counties supported by the work of The Ayers Foundation and RIS. Five internet service providers will be involved in deploying this new broadband infrastructure.

“People are moving to Tennessee from across the nation in record numbers, and we have an obligation to prepare our state for continued growth,” said Governor Bill Lee. “Our strategic investments in broadband infrastructure will ensure our rural communities are connected and have every opportunity to thrive.”

To learn more about Tennessee’s broadband initiatives, visit tn.gov/broadband.

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SOCIETY

Family features five generations

About 26 years ago, members of Shirley Kirk's family posed for a "five generations" photo that ran in the newspaper. Recently, Kirk and her family took time to pose for another photo showing five generations of women in the same family.

In 1996, Kirk assembled her mother the late Ruby Turney, her daughter Delba Gula, her granddaughter Connie Riggs, and her great granddaughter Taylor Reid – then a baby – to pose for the five generations photo. The photo meant a lot to Kirk, and she kept a newspaper clipping of the photo for all these years.

In 2022, Kirk once again assembled the women of her family for a photo. In the recent photo, Kirk's great granddaughter Taylor is now a mother herself, and her daughter Mela Merrell – Kirk's great great granddaughter – is the youngest in the photo.

Thank you to the women of the Kirk family for sharing these five generation photos with *The Camden Chronicle!*



Five generations are pictured above. Shirley Kirk is holding her great granddaughter, Taylor Reid. She is sitting beside her mother, Ruby Turney. Standing behind are Kirk's granddaughter, Connie Reid, and Delba Gula, Kirk's daughter.



FIVE GENERATIONS - Young Mela Merrell (front) is joined by her (back row, from left) grandmother Connie Riggs, mother Taylor Reid, great great grandmother Shirley Kirk, and great grandmother Delba Gula. This is the second time the Kirk family has posed for a five generations photo.



CREW - Those on hand for the delivery were (from left) school personnel Dr. Myles Hebrand, Chris Finley, and Christy Brasher; Pastor Adam Kelchner with Camden FUMC; Granges team members Jennifer Burnine, Hannah Belew, Brooklynn Burress; and Donna Vick with Second Harvest Food Bank-Ray Smith Family Distribution Center.

School Food Pantry restocked for the start of the school year

The 2022-23 school year is underway and the first delivery of food supplies for the Hollow Rock-Bruceton School Food Pantry arrived. This Second Harvest Food Bank School Food Pantry was made possible by the generous support of Granges, Camden First United

Methodist Church, and Apex Bank. A School Food Pantry Program increases food access for school children and their families. Additional food supplies for their backpack program and afterschool program were also delivered to the school.



UNLOADING - Second Harvest Food Bank driver Phillip Garner helped Dr. Myles Hebrand of Hollow Rock-Bruceton School unload donation items for the school's Food Pantry Program, which helps provide food access for school children and their families. The donation of food was made possible by Granges, Camden First United Methodist Church and Apex Bank.

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Announcements

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
Library

The Friends of the Benton County Public Library will have their monthly book sale Friday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the basement of the library. It will be \$1 bag day.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
CHS Class of 1980 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1980 class reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29 from 6-11:30 p.m. at the Camden Elks Lodge. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 12. Contact Sharon Nunnery at slnunnery@comcast.net Also check out the Facebook page Camden Central High School Class of 1980 for details.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15
Workshop

Daughters of the American Revolution Glover's Trace Chapter Invites all interested ladies to a Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Benton County Public Library. For more info. contact Thelma Traut at trautt@bellsouth.net

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
CHS Class of 1958 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1958 class reunion will be Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. at Country and Western Steakhouse in Camden. Any questions, call Dan Johnson at 423-421-1030.

ONGOING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Needs Adult Program

Saturdays at 5 p.m. at the Independent Church of Big Sandy, 95 Main St. For info. contact Christina O'Neal 517-867-9280. This is where you will find friends and the love of Jesus in a safe, welcoming place.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Help

Narconon can help families overcome drug and alcohol addiction. If you or someone you care about needs help with drug or alcohol addiction, call 800-431-1754 or visit www.narcononnewliferetreat.org.

Church Library

The First Baptist Church Library is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 269 Post Oak Ave., Camden.

Senior Center

The Benton County Senior Center is completely open with all activities and would like to have all Benton County seniors join us. Check out our Facebook page for a calendar of events or stop by 119 Cole Ave. and pick one up. Call 584-4101 for more info.

Genealogical Society

The Benton County Genealogical Society meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Room of the Benton County Library in Camden. For the safety of all attendees, masks and social distancing will be observed.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery for hurts, hang-ups and addictions meet every Monday night at 6 p.m. at Missionary Grove Baptist Church in Camden.

NA Meeting

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Camden Library at 121 S. Forrest Ave.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Camden.

Al-Anon Meeting

Al-Anon Family Group meets Thursday at 7 p.m. at Cumberland Presbyterian in Camden. Enter the door on the west side of the building and go downstairs. For more info. call 584-4924.

Family Support Program

There is a support program for those helping a person with a severe disability. For more info. contact Amy Davidson at 855-2316 or adavidsonfsc@bellsouth.net.

American Legion

American Legion Post 228, Big Sandy, has Karaoke every Saturday night from 8-12 p.m. and a DJ every Wednesday night from 5-9 p.m.

Veteran's Meeting

VFW Post #2109 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #30 meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at The Grainery Restaurant in Camden. For more info. call 584-2657 or 731-431-3012. All Veterans are welcome.

Reasoned hope



Sunrise

David Coy

If we wanted to dwell on the negative in our lives or in our world we certainly could. All we need to do is look around or listen to what is passed off as news reporting to find sufficient evidence to cause us grief. In our world there is the invasion of one nation into another, to another contemplating an invasion into still another. Or the unjust, immoral murder of individuals because they are different or live differently than some think they should. To the 71,000 overdose deaths from fentanyl in the U.S. last year. Or the dramatic rise in homicide in too many of our cities such as Philadelphia. Closer to home there are always family members who are struggling to combat cancer, or to cope with the death of a loved

one, or loved ones struggling to manage chronic mental illness. There is more than enough sorrow to dwell upon if that is the direction we choose to focus our attention.

Yet, in spite of all of the above and more, there is reason to hope in today. What is the one thing that we all have? Whether rich or poor, whether male or female, child or adult, what do we all possess the same? A riddle I heard asks the question above this way: To the left, what is left no longer there, like ribbons and bows in her hair. Her head ahead we cannot see, adorned in bows eventually. It said what is left was once ahead adorned in ribbons and bows. Well, when they are not on our head, one is a gift who now knows? -author unknown. The answer is, our present. While we all possess today, there is hope for a better future, a better tomorrow. We can be better, our circumstances can change for the better, and to some extent we have control and influence as to the outcome. ~David

Veteran's Meeting

The Camden American Legion Post #102 meets the second Tuesday of the month 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Camden. For more info. call 731-693-7708. All Veterans are welcome.

Support Group

The Benton County Community Resource Center (CRC) holds an Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the CRC, 145 Hospital Dr. in Camden. Contact CRC with any questions 731-213-2362.

Recycling Program

The Lions Club recycles cell phones and ink cartridges for Kidsight, a program at the Lions' Eye Center at Vanderbilt that screens kids for eye problems. Collection boxes are at Mark's Bldg. Materials, TVA Employees Credit Union, the Courthouse, and First United Methodist Church. For more info., call Joey Cooper at 584-8571.

Nutrition Program

The Benton County Nutrition Program provides congregate meals to the elderly, and home delivered meals to seniors with disabilities. Anyone needing meals, contact Debbie Hill at 584-3627 or bentonco@nwthra.org.

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice needs volunteers to help chronically ill adults and their families. For more info. contact Barry Fowler at 584-9500 or Wanda Perry at wperry@avalon-hospice.com.

Foster Parents

Youth Villages needs foster parents. For more info. contact Donna Goodman at 660-6767 or visit www.youthvillages.org/foster.

Meeting

The Big Sandy God Girls meet every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big Sandy Christian Community Outreach Center (CCOC), 30 Front St., Big Sandy. Any girl from grades 2-12 is welcome to come enjoy cooking, baking, dancing, sewing, car washes, bake sales, and more. For more info., call 731-333-6710.

Drug Disposal

Safely dispose of expired or unwanted medications in drug take-back boxes, located at both Big Sandy and Camden City Police Depts. For other box locations visit <http://tdeconline.tn.gov/rxtakeback>.

Veterans Honor Guard

The Veterans Honor Guard of Parkers Crossroads needs new volunteers due to an increase in Full Military Honors funerals. Only Honorably Discharged Veterans are accepted. We meet and train at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at 2150 Wildersville Rd., in Wildersville. For more info. contact Keith Hair 252-0129 or Sherman Boyd 225-0613.

K of C Meeting

Council 9754 Knights of Columbus meet the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church on W. Main St., Camden. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. For transportation call 584-6459.



William M. Hicks
1938-2022

William Marshall Hicks, 84, of Camden, passed away Sunday, Oct. 2, at his residence. Funeral services will be Thursday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m., in the chapel of Oakdale Funeral Home of Camden with Bill Douglas and Mark Hollingsworth officiating. Burial will follow at Cross Roads Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Marshall was born April 23, 1938, to the late William G. Hicks and Myrtle Ellis Hicks. He was retired from DuPont in New Johnsonville where he worked for 26 years and was a member of Prospect General Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and in numerous other positions.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Aubrey and Dwayne Hicks, two sisters Claty and Velma Stigall, brothers-in-law, Bill Johnson, Bill Hargrove, James Hargrove, Wayne Stigall and Harry Stigall.

He is survived by his wife, Lou Hicks; a son, Kevin (Stacey) Hicks, two daughters, Melissa (Randy) Douglas, and

Amanda (Chris) Medlin, all of Camden; a sister, Leta Johnson, seven grandchildren, Mariah Hicks, Dakota (Kayla) Beecham, Lauren, Laiken and Livia Medlin, Desiree (Cody) Carlton, and Zach (Rachel) Douglas, six great-grandchildren, and loved by numerous other sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Men's Breakfast

Faith Christian Fellowship, 1525 Hwy. 641 S., Camden, Men's Breakfast (all ages) is every third Saturday at 8 a.m. For more info. call Shirlee Faircloth 584-8500.

Fitness Program

Basic Fitness in Camden offers Silver Sneakers. For more info. come by or call Melanie 584-6697 or 441-4738.

FNBFSF Meeting

Friends of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park meet the second Sunday each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Folk Life Museum. For more info. visit www.friendsofnbfsf.vpweb.com or "Like" us on Facebook.

Cemetery Fund

Rushing's Creek Cemetery Fund donations are needed from family members for upkeep of the cemetery. Donations can be made at Apex Bank in Camden, attention Karen Seaton or Faye Berry.



Charles E. Elmore
1969-2022

Charles Eric Elmore, 52, of Burns, formerly of Camden, passed away Thursday, Sept. 29, at St. Thomas Ascension Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Plunk Funeral Home of Camden with Auntwaun Jordan officiating. Burial followed at the Morris Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Elmore was born Nov. 3, 1969, in Hinsdale, Ill., to the late Lucian Elmore and Mary L. Staggs Elmore.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Kristie Johnson Elmore, and two brothers, Lucian R., and Timothy H. Elmore.

He is survived by three daughters, Samantha (Michael) Wessels, of Burns, Whitney (John Keeney) Elmore, of Van Leer, and Tiffany (Brian) Gross, of Bruceton; a son, Alex Driggers, of Bruceton; four grandchildren, Braxton and Braylee Wessels, Ansley Elmore, and Briar Keeney, two sisters, Nettie (Jesse) Guajardo, and Sandy Elmore, and a brother, Steve Elmore, all of Camden; and several nieces and nephews.



Howard Melton
1945-2022

Howard Melton, 77 of Camden, passed away Monday, Sept. 26, at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville. Memorial visitation was held Friday, Sept. 30, from noon until 2 p.m., in the chapel of Oakdale Funeral Home of Camden.

Mr. Melton was born April 17, 1945, in Detroit, Mich., to the late Howard N. Melton and Naomi E. Walker Stockdale. He was retired from Camden Castings and was Church of Christ in faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Dawn Hester, and brother Ron Melton.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rita K. Melton; stepfather Doyle Stockdale, of Camden; a son, Kenneth (Debbie) Melton, of Greenville; a daughter, Jennifer (Jason) Flowers, of McEwen; two sisters, Patricia Melton, of Texas, and Debra Johnson, of Kentucky; eight grandchildren, Jesse, Kayla, Brandon, Joshua, Skye, Asia, Dalton, and Logan; and six great-grandchildren, Bailie, Elijah, Hazel, Annabelle, Eliza, and Levi.

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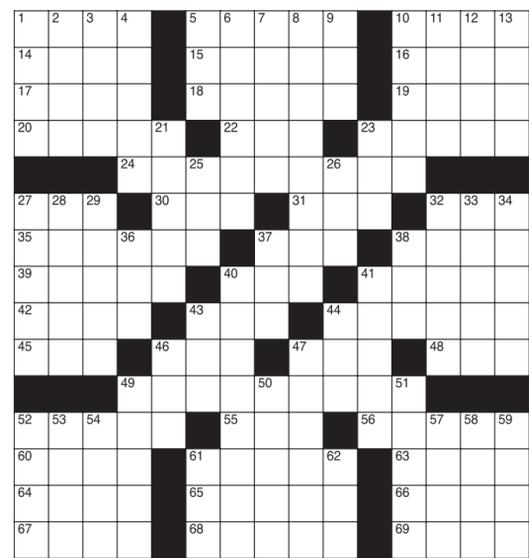
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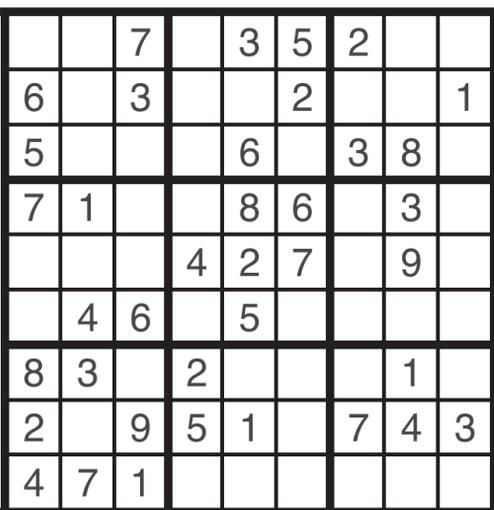


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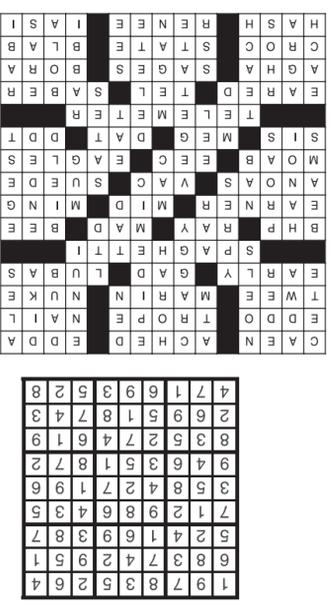
- 1. Bay Area humorist
- 5. Hurt
- 10. Icelandic poems
- 14. A taro corn
- 15. Metaphorical use of a word
- 16. It fears the hammer
- 17. Excessively quaint (British)
- 18. Laid-back California county
- 19. Cook in a microwave oven
- 20. Not late
- 22. Go from one place to another
- 23. Peoples living in the Congo
- 24. Popular pasta
- 27. Available engine power (abbr.)
- 30. Popular musician Charles
- 31. Angry
- 32. Spelling is one type
- 35. One who makes a living
- 37. Indicates location
- 38. Imperial Chinese dynasty
- 39. Small water buffaloes
- 40. Hungarian city
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 43. Precursor to the EU
- 44. Philly footballers
- 45. Female sibling
- 46. "When Harry Met Sally" actress
- 47. Magnetic tape of high quality
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Apparatus to record and transmit
- 52. Some is considered "dog"
- 55. Israeli city - Aviv
- 56. Fencing sword
- 60. Ottoman military title
- 61. Wise people
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Popular type of shoe
- 65. Administrative district
- 66. A way to reveal
- 67. Cooked meat cut into small pieces
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small town in Portugal
- 2. Site of famed Ethiopian battle
- 3. German river
- 4. Christmas carols
- 5. Cash machine
- 6. Rough and uneven
- 7. Rumanian round dance
- 8. Widespread occurrence of disease
- 9. A place to relax
- 10. Feeling of listlessness
- 11. Coat or smear a substance
- 12. Wild mango
- 13. Brews
- 21. Belgian city
- 23. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Small amount
- 27. Part of buildings
- 28. Vietnamese capital
- 29. Sailboats
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Terminated
- 34. Discharge
- 36. Snag
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. A container for coffee
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Consume
- 46. Type of student
- 47. Erase
- 49. Instruct
- 50. Girl's given name
- 51. Jewish spiritual leader
- 52. "To ___ his own"
- 53. North-central Indian city
- 54. Greek alphabet characters
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness



Level: Beginner



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Psalms 23:6

The Most Important Book in the World

Randy Reed

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me...and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." I love how real saints tend to speak so positively about their future. Paul did not ever pray, "Lord, save us in Heaven," but rather said of God, "Who hath saved us, and called us..." He knew he was saved already on Earth! David knew where he was headed, because it didn't depend on him, but God's keeping of his soul.

I know I'm saved forever because: 1. Justification, that is God attributed or counted all my sins to Christ on the cross. Sins can only be paid for once for all. While our sins were

counted to Christ, His righteousness was counted to us! (Romans 5). 2. Promises - so many I can't list. John 5:24, "He that...believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is past from death unto life." Wow, what a clear promise! 3. Chastening of a loving Father as Hebrews 12 says, "Whom He loveth He chasteneth." God disciplines his own, so they can not go back into a state of condemnation eternally. Think on this verse, Hebrews 12:9, "...Shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?" If we insist on rebelling against the Holy Spirit, He will take us out of this world completely, insuring our keeping! If I could "lose my salvation," what happened to the faithful love and discipline of a great Father? God bless you today, as you live in the joy of eternal security in Jesus Christ.

Are we dedicating or hesitating?



Living on Purpose
 Billy Holland

I attempt to keep my eyes and ears open to learn about the Holy Spirit and human behavior. In my spiritual journey, the situations I've encountered through counseling and teaching have graciously allowed me to see the importance of walking in humility through the awareness of God's presence. I'm not implying that I've arrived at a spiritual plateau where God and I float through the clouds together, but I do believe we can be as close to Him as we desire to be. To be honest, the more I discover about His written and specific will, the more I realize I have hardly scratched the surface of pleasing Him. I've learned that our rebellious human nature loves being independent while God is constantly trying to reveal to us how the meaning of life is doing His will. He desires that we snap out of our defiant trance and allow Him to transform our thinking so that He can use us to accomplish His desires.

and avoid talking about how they have never lived for Him and now feel guilty to call upon Him because they need His help. Yes, there are times when even the strongest follower of Christ are shaken to their core but generally speaking the reason why people do not have spiritual security and discernment in times of tragedy is because they have drifted away from Him. If we communicate with Him in the good times, we will also be more likely to know what He is saying when facing a battle. If we do not have an intimate relationship with Christ in our daily prayers and worship, how can we expect to know what to do when the bottom drops out? When we are constantly talking with Him, praying, and worshipping Him every day, when adversity comes we will not need to search for Him. We are already with Him.

I'm sure that some of you comprehend what I mean when I declare how difficult it is to keep our carnal will under subjection to God's still small voice. Even though many do not have a clear understanding, there is a huge difference between religiously knowing about God and knowing Him personally. We realize that it's possible to drift away from God and fall into a backslidden state but it's also a reality that we can be deceived about what it means to be born-again. Most everyone has a knowledge of Bible stories but many do not have the burden or discipline to pray, have never studied the Bible, nor have they witnessed or shared their testimony with anyone. These individuals appear to have everything under control until they are facing a serious crisis and their world is turned upside down.

When someone contacts me for prayer and counseling, the first question I ask is if they can remember a specific time when they surrendered their life to Jesus. Most responses are related to being baptized or attending church as a child. It seems that some individuals are ashamed

There are levels of advancement with God and He desires that we keep moving closer to Him throughout our earthly existence. Following Jesus includes the responsibility of being a soldier who fights a spiritual war against the kingdom of darkness. If we are not broken-hearted about the world's blatant disregard for the Bible and the lack of a reverential fear of God, then we have already fallen into a state of lukewarmness.

Yes, it's hard to be different from the culture and to separate ourselves from sin, but learning how to develop a passion to obey Christ is the only way to be filled with His hope and joy. If we refuse to nurture our holy covenant vow with God while we are living on the mountain-top, we will not have enough time to build an intimate relationship with Him when we find ourselves in a dark valley. This is the danger of not taking advantage of making Him our highest priority today because when we are knocked down to our knees tomorrow it's too late to start building a foundation of faith. The majority of those who are in shock from a crisis become so overwhelmed with confusion and fear they cannot concentrate on anything except their agony. Today is the day to know God personally so that when troubles come (and they will) we can trust Him and hear His voice within the peace and confidence of the Holy Spirit.

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A remarkable Frenchman visited Tennessee in 1797



TN History for Kids

Bill Carey

Without intending to, I've been following the path of a former king of France. I haven't left the country, and my only notable trip out of state was a six-day family vacation in New England this summer, but I've been running into Louis Philippe wherever I go. Let me explain.

When Tennessee first became a state in 1796, the most important thing happening in the world was the French Revolution. Members of the French royalty who remained at home did so at their own peril.

Louis Philippe, at the time a 24-year-old nobleman and a distant relative of King Louis XVI, came to the U.S. along with two of his brothers and one servant. They met some of the most remarkable Americans of that era, including Alexander Hamilton and John Jay.

During Louis Philippe's stay at Mount Vernon, former President George Washington reportedly got out a map and said something like, "If I had time to travel, here's where I would go," drawing a route across the Appalachian Mountains, across Cherokee territory and into the Southwest Territory.

The French quartet took Washington's advice, heading south and west into Tennessee, following the natural river valleys. The entourage arrived in Knoxville on April 30, 1797, and, at first, stayed at a local inn called Chisolm's.

The royal visitor had a very

bad experience there, however. A story, still repeated by tour guides at Knoxville's Blount Mansion, claims he woke up screaming one night and ran headlong into the Tennessee River. At the time he thought he was on fire - in fact, he was being attacked by bedbugs.

The next night, the story goes, Louis Philippe moved to William Blount's home. That home is also still standing, and I visited it in July.

From here they headed south and spent several days at the Cherokee blockhouse at Tellico. They met many members of the Cherokee tribe, watched an event in a large Cherokee meeting house, and witnessed a long game of stickball. In his diary (which was published in 1976), he made many comments about Cherokee culture, religion and family life.

"When the Cherokee take a notion to travel, they saddle and bridle a horse, roll their blankets, and leave without further ado," he wrote. "Truly nothing is freer or happier than these Indians." He also described what was left of Fort Loudoun - "buried under brush now, with only a little rubble and a few irregularities of terrain to commemorate the fort's existence."

Then came the most dangerous part of his journey, as he and his entourage headed west across the Cumberland Plateau, which still Indian territory at that time. Although officials advised people to wait for military escort to cross the mountains, the French visitors headed west anyway across what was commonly referred to as a "desert."

Louis Philippe was impressed by the wildlife he saw. "There is more game in this desert than in a hunting preserve at home,"

he wrote. "Here are many bears, deer, some buffalo, few elk."

After a few days they arrived at the landmark known as Fort Blount (along the Cumberland River in present-day Jackson County). The travelers were disappointed by the hospitality. "To restore us from the hungers and fatigues of desert they gave us cornbread, a little milk, and fatback of bear, salted and smoked, which we found impossible to swallow, hungry or no," he wrote.

Hungry and tired, the visitors continued west, staying at homes along the way, as people did in that era. Nashville made a positive impression on Louis Philippe, although it was far more crowded than the visitors would have liked.

"The house was full, and even sleeping on the floor there was hardly room," he wrote.

Remember, the Nashville encountered by Louis Philippe was a small frontier town. Nashville officially was established in 1784, and by 1800, had only 345 residents. Nashville being Nashville, there are no structures standing in which Louis Philippe stayed. However, the house in which he spent the night was at the present-day corner of Fifth and Church - a corner I walk past every week.

From Nashville the Frenchmen headed north, into and through Kentucky, back towards Pennsylvania. They later visited Pittsburgh, Buffalo, New York City, and Philadelphia again, and event spent the night at the little-known William Pitt Hotel in Portsmouth, N.H. (which I happened to visit in June)!

To put all of this in context, here is some history you may have slept through in high school: King Louis XVI was beheaded during the French Revolution.



YOUNG LOUIS PHILIPPE - This portrait of young Louis Philippe reflects his appearance shortly before his travels to the U.S. in the late 1790s.



KING LOUIS PHILIPPE - This photo was taken in the 1840s of King Louis Philippe of France, who visited Tennessee in the 1790s during the dark days of the French Revolution. He was the only French monarch ever to be photographed.

Decades later, in the revolution of 1830, Charles X was driven from the French throne, and Louis Philippe became King of France. In 1839, while reflecting on his visit to the U.S., the king explained in a letter to a friend that his three years in the U.S. had a large influence on his political beliefs and judgments when he became king. He remained king until he was driven from power in 1848 - in the events depicted in the Victor Hugo novel "Les Miserables." He died in exile in England in 1850.

While he was king, Louis Philippe would often greet visitors from America and ask them whether they still made visitors sleep three to a bed in a place called Nashville.

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What is Media Literacy?

Knowing the difference between news that really happened and news that is a made-up story is important. Today, information comes from all directions. It shows up in print, online, on the radio, on billboards ... all kinds of places!

Reading carefully and knowing the difference between real and false is called Media Literacy. Check out your media literacy skills with today's Kid Scoop page!

True news or not?

Today, you get information from lots of different places - the Internet, TV, newspapers, magazines, radio, and more. Some of it is true, and some of it is not. When something isn't real, we say it is "fake," "false," or "made up."

Clearly, our article about a fairy finding a leprechaun's gold is not true. It is made up and just for fun. But sometimes, it's not so easy to tell the difference between real (true) news and stories that are false.

True Clues

Here are three ways you can check to see if something you read is true or made up. Ask a librarian or another trusted adult to help you when you go online.

Answer the following questions when you read or hear a news item.

1. Does it say if it is fiction or if it is news?

Sometimes an exaggerated story is meant to poke fun. This is called **satire**.

YES NO

2. Look at the source.

Notice where the news came from. In this case, it is from "Fairy Land News." Is that a real news reporting source?

YES NO

3. Look at the byline.

The byline tells you the name of the person who supposedly wrote the article. Is Normen Gnome a real person?

YES NO

What other clues tell you this is not a real article?

Fairy Tale Facts

Knowing the difference between a **FACT** and an **OPINION** is another skill that helps you decide if a news article is true or made up.

Two of the Three Little Pigs are sharing **opinions**, and one is making a statement of **fact**.

Do the math to find out which pig is sharing a fact. Odd-numbered answers are opinion, and even-numbered answers are fact. Circle the opinions in red crayon. Circle the fact in green.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish between fact and opinion.

17 + 4 =

My little yellow straw house was the coolest house in Storybook Land!

13 + 6 =

Houses made of sticks are my favorite because they're easy to build!

21 + 3 =

My brick house is the only one still standing!

Ad Facts and Opinions

Find an advertisement you like in today's newspaper. Circle the **facts** in green. Cross out the **opinions**. What does the ad say if you read only the facts?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish between fact and opinion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Prove it, Pinocchio!

It was easy to tell when Pinocchio wasn't telling the truth because his nose grew whenever he fibbed. But it's not always that easy. Sometimes you need **proof** to tell the difference between what is **TRUE** and what is **FALSE**.

Look closely at this picture to see which of Pinocchio's statements are **TRUE** and which are **FALSE**. Cross out the false statements. Circle the true ones.

"My water bottle leaked!"

"I'm not wearing a hat right now!"

"My backpack is wet!"

"My backpack has pockets."

"I'm not wearing a hat and bow tie."

"Now there's a puddle on the floor!"

"I have over 300 big books in my backpack."

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Pencil spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together

Three Bears Fact and Opinion

Read each of the following statements by the characters in *The Three Bears*. Decide if the character is sharing a **FACT** or an **OPINION**. Have a family member check your work and discuss your answers.

1. "This porridge is not too hot nor too cold," said Goldilocks. "It's just right!"
 FACT **OPINION**
2. "My chair is broken!" cried Baby Bear.
 FACT **OPINION**
3. Mama Bear said, "It's a lovely day for a walk in the forest."
 FACT **OPINION**
4. Papa Bear growled, "Someone has been sitting in my chair!"
 FACT **OPINION**
5. "I'm getting sleepy," said Goldilocks after eating Baby Bear's bowl of porridge.
 FACT **OPINION**
6. "This chair is too soft," said Goldilocks.
 FACT **OPINION**
7. Baby Bear shouted, "Someone has been sleeping in my bed. And they're still here!"
 FACT **OPINION**
8. "Going into unfamiliar places can be dangerous," said Goldilocks.
 FACT **OPINION**

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Safe at Home offers victims of abuse a confidential address

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Tennesseans who are potential victims of abuse are encouraged to use the state's free Safe at Home program, which is an address confidentiality program for anyone who has experienced domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, or any sexual offense.

"Right now, nearly 550 Safe at Home participants across the state are protecting themselves from being further victimized by protecting their address," Secretary of State Tre Hargett said. "I encourage Tennesseans of any age who've been victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, or any sexual offense to take advantage of this free program."

Under current Tennessee law, most state and local government records are available for public review. These public records, which include home addresses and other identifying informa-

tion, can make it easy for abusers to track and find their victims, according to Hargett.

Safe at Home prevents abusers from locating their victims through such public records by providing approved applicants a substitute address that may be used for legal purposes, including voter registration and government services, such as a driver's license and access to assistance programs.

Program participants are issued a substitute address they can use anytime they interact with an agency or government entity that potentially could make their home address part of the public record. This substitute address can be used by anyone in the household, including children, elderly parents, and new spouses.

"I appreciate the Safe at Home program simply because it keeps my address confidential," said a program participant who

asked to remain anonymous. "I don't have to worry about my mail anymore. It is sorted and sent to me in a timely fashion. I love that the people behind the scenes really care about keeping me safe."

The first step to enrolling in the Safe at Home program is to apply through a partner agency, which includes state and local agencies and nonprofit organizations that provide services to victims of domestic violence and other crimes. Each partner agency has certified application assistants to guide participants through enrollment.

In Benton County, WRAP can help residents enroll in the Safe at Home program. This service can be accessed by calling 731-668-0411. For more information about the Safe at Home program, participant eligibility, or becoming a partner agency, visit SafeAtHomeTN.com or call 615-253-3043.



Karen Lund, Rich and Abby and Samantha

PAWS and BCAS receive memorial donation

It is devastating and heart-breaking when a loved one passes, but many times they make a gesture, no matter how small they may think it is, they makes a huge impact on the lives of many, and they live on in our hearts. Karen Lund was such a person.

Jo Anne Malanowski first met Karen when they moved to the same town of Shelbyville, Ill. They soon discovered they had a common bond..the love of Doberman pinschers. They became friends and spent time together, many times including their beloved Dobs, who got along great. Karen rescued all her pets and would spare no expense for them to have the best care. A woman from Karen's church asked her to watch her dog, Sadie, while she went on vacation and of course Karen said "yes". When the woman got back from vacation Karen asked her to come and pick up the dog, but the woman said she didn't want Sadie back and Karen could keep her. Karen did, of course, and then a few years later (the dog was an older dog to begin with) Sadie got sick and no one could figure out what was wrong. Karen ended up going to Champaign, Illinois to the University of Illinois Small Animal Clinic. Just to make an appointment to see the vet was \$2,500. Sadie died the next day, still not knowing what was wrong. The total bill was close to \$5,000, but Karen didn't mind or regret it. She did the best she could for Sadie. Her red Dobe, Abby, was 13 when she passed. When Abby turned 11, Karen started taking her for acupuncture 2-3 times a month. It must have worked as most Dobs don't

live much more than 11-12 and Abby didn't look or act like she was in any arthritic pain. Again Karen spared no expense for her dogs. Bella was her last Doberman rescue and she was able to re-home her when she could no longer take care of her due to ALS. Karen cried for days. The new parents were kind enough to send Karen pics of Bella until Karen passed away on November 3, 2021, at the age of 78. She outlived all her relatives, including her husband...her pets were her family.

Karen asked her good friend, Jo Anne to serve as the executor of her estate, to fulfill her wishes to support facilities and organizations that save the lives of animals. Karen donated her entire estate of over \$400,000 to 29 animal rescues throughout the country. Neither PAWS or Benton County Animal Shelter was on that list. However, Jo Anne's friends, Huey and Arlene Conrad retired from the Chicago area and moved to Camden several years ago and they stayed in touch. Huey was Jo Anne's husband's work partner at Electro Motive for years and their families were close. Huey and Arlene became involved with BCAS when they adopted numerous animals from the Shelter. When Huey passed a few years ago, Jo Anne sent BCAS a donation in his memory. To this day, Jo Anne has a Chewy order of food sent to BCAS every six weeks. Jo Anne decided that she really didn't need the executor fee from Karen's estate and thought donating it to BCAS would just spread Karen's estate out a little further like she wanted. Jo Anne has never been to BCAS, but she follows them



Karen Lund

on Facebook and likes what she sees they do for animals. So Jo Anne made a donation to Proactive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) of Benton Co. TN in honor and memory of her friend, a great lover of animals, Karen Lund. PAWS will use these funds to help BCAS in programs that are not covered by their budget. We are all blessed by Jo Anne and Karen, and thankful for the generous donation. We will do our best to make them proud of the work that is done at BCAS in Karen's memory.

If you would like to learn more about PAWS and our mission, visit us on Facebook or www.pawsofbentoncotn.org. On our webpage, you can see how you can make a difference in the lives of our shelter pets by making a donation in honor or memory of your loved ones, whether they have two or four legs. Thank you!

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The 16th annual WestStar Soybean Festival Luncheon was held on Sept. 9 at the Martin Public Library's event center. Approximately 80 alumni and guests from 17 West Tennessee counties attended the event hosted by Martin Mayor Randy Brundige.. Pictured (l-r) are Virginia Grimes, WestStar assistant director, Katelyn Spivey from Benton County and Dr. Charley Deal, secretary for the WestStar board. The WestStar mission is to identify, encourage and equip community-minded people who want to become more involved. For more information about WestStar, contact Grimes, at vgrimes@utm.edu.



No-Bake Pumpkin Pie

- Ingredients:**
 2 cups canned pumpkin
 1/2 cup sugar
 8 ounces cream cheese soft-ened
 2 8-ounce containers of Cool Whip or other whipped cream
 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 3.4-ounce box instant vanilla pudding
 1 cup milk
 2 pre-made 9-inch graham cracker crusts



Directions:
 Set out your graham cracker crusts so they're ready for the filling.
 For the bottom layer, add cream cheese, sugar, and one 8-ounce tub of whipped cream in a separate bowl and blend well with a hand mixer. Fill your pre-made crusts with this layer evenly.
 Next, mix pudding and milk and stir until thick. Add 2 cups of canned pumpkin. Add pumpkin pie spice, nutmeg, and cin-

namon. Stir until blended. Put this on top of the cream cheese layer.
 For the top layer, use the second 8-ounce container of Cool Whip to top the pies. I suggest sprinkling a little pumpkin spice on top. It looks lovely and is oh-so-delicious!

This recipe makes TWO pies — one for me and one for everyone else! You'll have extra whipped cream to either cover the top of each pie or use on something else. You can also make one deep pie in a spring-form pan

COMMUNITY COOKS

Joe's Bar-B-Que Chicken in a Bag

- Ingredients:**
 5 Tbsp. Ketchup
 3 Tbsp. Vinegar
 1 1/2 Tbsp. Lemon Juice
 3 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
 6 Tbsp. Water
 3 Tbsp. Butter
 6 Tbsp. Brown Sugar
 1 1/2 tsp. Salt
 2 tsp. Mustard
 2 tsp. Chili Powder
 1 1/2 tsp. Paprika

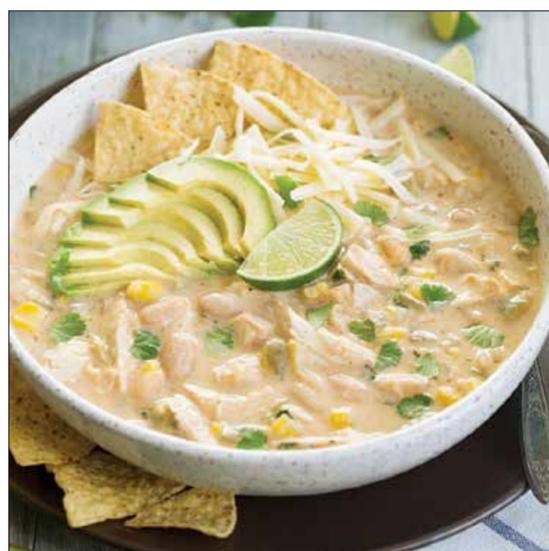
- 1 1/2 tsp. Cayenne
 Chicken Breasts sliced

Directions:
 Mix and heat above ingredients thoroughly. Pre-heat oven to 500 degrees.
 Grease inside of medium sized brown paper bag. Place bag in heavy roasting pan. Skin and slat each piece of chicken.
 Dip pieces of chicken in sauce

mixture and drop in greased bag. Pour remaining sauce over chicken. Fold top of bag over. Place lid on roasting pan.
 Cook at 500 degrees for 15 minutes, then at 325 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Do not remove lid until cooking time is up. Remove chicken and sauce from bag.
 Serve on cooked rice.

White Chicken Chili

- Ingredients:**
 1 small yellow onion, diced
 1 tbsp olive oil
 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
 2 (14.5 oz) cans low-sodium chicken broth
 1 (7 oz) can diced green chilies
 1 1/2 tsp cumin
 1/2 tsp paprika
 1/2 tsp dried oregano
 1/2 tsp ground coriander
 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
 salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 1 (8 oz) pkg Neufchatel cheese (aka light cream cheese), cut into small cubes
 1 1/4 cup frozen or fresh corn
 2 (15 oz) cans cannellini beans
 2 1/2 cups shredded cooked rotisserie or left-over chicken*
 1 Tbsp fresh lime juice
 2 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro, plus more for serving
 Tortilla chips or strips, monterrey jack cheese, sliced avocado for serving (optional)



Directions:
 Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and saute 4 minutes minutes. Add garlic and saute 30 seconds longer.
 Add chicken broth, green chilies, cumin, paprika, oregano, coriander, cayenne pepper

and season with salt and pepper to taste. Bring mixture just to a boil then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 15 minutes.
 Drain and rinse beans in a fine mesh strainer or colander then measure out 1 cup. Set whole beans aside, transfer 1 cup beans to a food processor along with 1/4 cup broth from soup, puree until nearly smooth**.

Add Neufchatel cheese to soup along with corn, whole beans and pureed beans and stir well. Simmer 5 - 10 minutes longer.
 Stir in chicken, fresh lime juice and cilantro. Serve with Monterey Jack cheese, more cilantro, avocado slices and tortilla chips if desired.

Old Fashioned Apple Crisp

- Ingredients:**
 6 Apples
 1 cup Brown Sugar
 1 tsp Vanilla
 3/4 cup uncooked Old Fashioned Oats
 1/2 cup Flour
 1 tsp Cinnamon
 1/2 cup Butter, cold



Directions:
 Peel, core and slice apples. Preheat oven to 375.
 Layer apples into baking dish.
 Mix together flour, brown sugar, oats and cinnamon in a bowl.
 Add in vanilla and cut in butter with a pastry blender or fork. Work until mixture forms

large crumbs. Sprinkle over apples. Bake 30-35 minutes or until

topping is browned and apples are soft.

Macaroni & Cheese

- Ingredients:**
 4 c. dried macaroni
 1 whole egg
 1/4 c. (1/2 stick or 4 tablespoons) salted butter
 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
 2 1/2 c. whole milk
 2 tsp. (heaping) dry mustard, more if desired
 1 lb. cheese (such as cheddar, jack and/or fontina), grated
 1/2 tsp. salt, more to taste
 1/2 tsp. seasoned salt, more to taste
 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
 Optional spices: cayenne pepper, paprika and/or thyme



Directions:
 Cook the macaroni until very firm. The macaroni should be too firm to eat right out of the pot. Drain.
 In a small bowl, beat the egg.
 In a large pot, melt the butter and sprinkle in the flour. Whisk together over medium-low heat. Cook the mixture for 5 minutes, whisking constantly. Don't let it burn. Pour in the milk, add the mustard, and whisk until smooth. Cook for 5 minutes until very thick. Reduce the heat to low.
 Take 1/4 cup of the sauce and

slowly pour it into the beaten egg, whisking constantly to avoid cooking the egg. Whisk together till smooth.
 Pour the egg mixture into the sauce, whisking constantly. Stir until smooth. Add in the cheese and stir to melt. Add the salt, seasoned salt and pepper. Taste the sauce and add more salt and

seasoned salt as needed! DO NOT UNDERSALT. Pour in the drained, cooked macaroni and stir to combine. Serve immediately (very creamy) or pour into a buttered baking dish, top with extra cheese, and bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes, or until bubbly and golden on top.

So Delish!

Slow Cooker Tater Tot Casserole

- Ingredients:**
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
 1 onion, diced
 1 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
 1 cup corn kernels, frozen, canned or roasted
 1 cup salsa, homemade or store-bought
 1 4.5-ounce can chopped green chiles, drained
 1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix
 1 10-ounce can mild enchilada sauce
 1 16-ounce package frozen tater tots
 3/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese



Directions:
 Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add ground beef and onion and cook until beef has browned, about 3-5 minutes, making sure to crumble the beef as it cooks;

drain excess fat and remove from heat.
 Stir in black beans, corn, salsa, green chiles, taco seasoning and enchilada sauce.
 Lightly coat the inside of a 4-qt slow cooker with nonstick spray.

Spread half of the tater tots onto the bottom of the slow cooker; top with ground beef mixture and remaining tater tots. Cover and cook on low heat for 3-4 hours. Add cheese during the last 30 minutes of cooking time.



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From East to West Tennessee, farms offer outdoor family activities this Fall

Tennessee's agritourism season is in full swing. Spanning from Shelby County to Johnson County, people of all ages will visit pumpkin patches, corn mazes, and apple orchards looking for décor, wagon rides, festivals, and all sorts of fun right up through Halloween.

"Now more than ever it's important to support your local farms," Vera Ann Myers of Myers Farm in Hawkins County said. "By visiting a farm this fall, you will have an opportunity to learn and experience outdoor fun, purchase a pumpkin, explore a corn maze, or sit by a fire with your family and friends."

If you are looking for the

perfect adventure this season, you're in luck. Many pick-your-own pumpkin patches are already open, and most operations will be well under way the beginning of October.

Sunset Valley Farms in Henderson County is also ready for autumn visitors. "By visiting your local pumpkin patch, not only are you supporting your local farmers, but you're learning what goes on at a farm," owner Brian Muetze said. "My recommendation is to unplug from the business of life and enjoy what the farm has to offer—take in the scenery, see the magic of how things grow, and most of all enjoy the experience with those you love."

There are currently 864 Pick Tennessee Product businesses that offer activities like wagon rides, fishing, horseback riding, pick your own produce, and cut your own Christmas tree, as well as on-farm lodging, wineries, distilleries, and breweries.

Check out agritourism opportunities near you by visiting www.picktnproducts.org/find-products/fun-education.html. Or use the free Pick Tennessee mobile app. Follow @PickTNProducts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn more about seasonal activities, artisan farm products, and recipes.

Are you ready to get a REAL ID?

By Sabrina Bates

The REAL ID Act of 2005 makes it a requirement for people who board flights or want to access federal facilities in the U.S. to do so using a REAL ID, a driver's license or identification card that is also a federally accepted form of identification. A REAL ID is deemed optional for anyone.

Beginning May 3, 2023, residents 18 and older will be required to present a REAL ID to access federal buildings, fly domestically, or enter military installations across the country. Those with a current passport may still fly in U.S. after the REAL ID requirement goes into effect: However, a REAL ID will be necessary to gain access to federal buildings requiring a photo ID or military installations, for those who don't have a military ID.

The REAL ID photo identification will be embossed with a gold star. For most, the gold star will be added to their driver's license. For an initial issuance of the REAL ID, people must apply in person and expect to have a photo taken.

Benton County residents who want to obtain a REAL ID are encouraged to do so at the Benton County Court Clerk's office in the County Courthouse in Camden. Appointments are required and available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and can be made by calling 731-584-6053.

Those who need to renew their driver's license between now and May 2023 must request a REAL ID if they choose to obtain one. Those wanting a REAL ID whose license is not due for renewal will be issued a duplicate for an \$8-12 fee, in-



WHAT REAL ID LOOKS LIKE - The top photo depicts an example of a REAL ID, which will be required beginning May 2, 2023, for people wanting to board domestic flights, enter federal buildings, or gain access to military installations across the nation. Note the gold star on the REAL ID.

cluding other costs charged by county clerks' offices and driver services centers.

Those who want to obtain a REAL ID must provide the following documentation:

1. A birth certificate or valid passport or other official form proving full citizenship.
2. A Social Security card.
3. Two documents showing Tennessee residency such as a utility bill, check stub, vehicle registration, voter registration card, etc.

4. Official documentation of a name changes for those whose name differs from their birth certificate, passport, or other proof of citizenship. These may include marriage licenses or divorce decrees.

A paper copy of the REAL ID will be issued immediately, with the hard copy expected in the mail 10-20 days later. For more information about the REAL ID, visit <https://www.tn.gov/tn-realid/get-real-id.html>.



The Fall Plant Sale at the UT Gardens, Jackson, has been scheduled for October 6 and 7. Lectures and garden tours scheduled to take place. Image courtesy UTIA.

UT Gardens, Jackson, to host Fall Plant Sale and Lecture Series

Harvey Cotten is the featured speaker

The University of Tennessee Gardens, Jackson will host the Fall Plant Sale on October 6 and 7, which will include tours, a lecture series and more.

The featured speaker for the 2022 Fall Plant Sale and Lec-

ture Series is Harvey Cotten, retired chief horticulturist at the Huntsville Botanical Garden and noted garden writer, designer and consultant. Cotten will present two lectures: "Native Plants in the Landscape" and "New Plant Introductions."

"We love the opportunity to share with our community all of the wonderful horticulture research that takes place at UT Gardens, Jackson and invite the community to come enjoy the grounds, learn about plants and take home a few new garden additions," said Jason Reeves, horticulturist at the UT Gardens, Jackson.

"Madison County Master Gardener volunteers, who donate many hours of service to the gardens, are proud to sponsor the guest lecturer and invite our community to attend all sessions free of charge!" said Celeste Scott, UT Extension agent for Madison County.

Thursday, October 6, begin-

ning at 9 a.m., the UT Gardens, Jackson will host a garden tour and Cotten begins the first guest lecture at 10:30 a.m. At noon, there will be a lunchtime Q&A session with experts and food options offered by Poot's BBQ Food Truck. The Fall Plant Sale will be from 2-6 p.m. in the main parking area. At 6:30 p.m., the Madison County Master Gardeners will host a potluck, followed by the second guest lecture and self-guided twilight garden lantern tour.

On Friday, October 7, the Fall Plant Sale will continue from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with no other scheduled events.

Cash and checks are preferred at the Fall Plant Sale, but credit cards can be used.

For more details on the Fall Plant Sale, go to westtn.tennessee.edu/other-events/. A detailed list of available plants will be posted on September 29 and shared on the UT Gardens, Jackson Facebook page.

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HOLLADAY 6TH GRADE – 4-H officers for the 6th grade class of Mr. Stokes are (back row, from left) Joseph Hatley, Josiah Bryant, Sylous Gatrost, Maddex Horton, Jesse Greene, (front row) Dakota Valentine, Haven Sharum, and Aniesya Menzies.



BRIARWOOD 4TH GRADE – 4-H officers for the 4th grade class of Mrs. Qualls and Mrs. Walkers are (back row, from left) Reese Meier, Layla Woods, Jordyn Warren, Lola Woods, Abby Smith, Bri Douglas, Louren Maher, (front row) Adian Hollinsworth, Lanston Boyd, Charlie Ragan, and Drake Shearin



HOLLADAY 5TH GRADE - 4-H officers for the 5th grade class of Mr. Stokes are (back row, from left) Tyler Harris, Dalton Hannah, Tyler Hazlett, (front row) Dixie Pernyak, Kavya Patel, Annabelle Maxwell, and Aniaya Menzies.

September meeting minutes of Benton County 4-H clubs

CJH 8th grade
By Sadie Fry

The first meeting in Mrs. French's B2 class eighth-grade 4-H club at Camden Junior High was held on Sept. 6. Our staff introduced the 4-H program. The theme for the year is "Stay groovy in Benton County 4-H." We filled out enrollment forms and elected officers for the school year.

Officers for this 4-H club are President Kade Johnson, Vice President A.J. Dobson, Secretary Sadie Fry, Community Service Project Leaders Doss Hicks and Nathaniel Melton, and Bulletin Board Leaders Julia King and Sophie Lynch.

Briarwood 4th grade
By Bri Douglas

The first meeting of the 4-H club for the fourth-grade class of Mrs. Qualls and Mrs. Walkers at Briarwood School was held on Sept. 15. Our 4-H staff introduced the 4-H program and the theme for the 2022-23 school year.

We filled out enrollment forms and elected officers for the year. After elections, the meeting was adjourned, and a new 4-H club year began.

Officers for this 4-H club are President Reese Meier; Vice President Charlie Ragan; Secretary Bri Douglas; Community Service Project Leaders Louan Maher, Jordyn Warren, Lola Wood, and Layla Woods; and Bulletin Board Leaders Lanston Boyd, Aidan Hollingsworth, Drake Shearin, and Abigail Smith.

Holladay 5th grade
By Kavya Patel

On Thursday, Sept. 25, Ms. Crystal met with Mr. Stokes' fifth grade 4H Club at Holladay School. Ms. Crystal told us all about the different projects we will be working on during the school year. Our next meeting will be Oct. 27.

Officers were elected, and they are: President Dixie Pernyak, Vice President Aniaya Menzies, Secretary Kavya Patel, Community Service Project Leaders Tyler Harris and Annabelle Maxwell, and Bulletin Board Leaders Dalton Hannah and Tyler Hazlett.

Holladay 6th grade
By Josiah Bryant

On Thursday, Sept. 25, Ms.

Crystal Floyd met with Mr. Steve Stokes' sixth grade 4H Club at Holladay School. Ms. Crystal spoke about several opportunities that will be available for us throughout the school year. Our next meeting will be Oct. 27.

Officers were elected. They are as follows: President Jesse Greene; Vice President Maddex Horton; Secretary Josiah Bryant; Bulletin Board Leaders Haven Sharum and Dakota Valentine; and Community Service Representatives Joseph Hatley, Aniesya Menzies, and Khloe Neltner.

Please note: *The Camden Chronicle* published the meeting minutes received from 4-H clubs, but not all clubs sent minutes to the paper, thus not all clubs are represented in this article.



CELEBRATING 4-H CLUBS – Wearing their 4-H "stay groovy" shirts are students in the Briarwood 4th grade class of Mrs. Qualls and Mrs. Walkers.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES
(To be read at the October meeting)

The first meeting of the Mrs. Kelly and Ms. April 4-H Club was held on September 15, 22. Our 4-H Staff introduced the 4-H program and the theme for the year: 2022-2023. We filled out enrollment forms and elected officers for the school year.

They are:

President: Reese Meier Secretary: Bri Douglas
Vice-President: Charlie Ragan
Community Service Project Leader: Jordyn Warren, Layla Woods
Bulletin Board Leader #1: Lanston Boyd #2: Aidan Hollingsworth
#3: Drake Shearin #4: Abigail Smith

The meeting was adjourned and a new 4-H Club year began. Reported by: Bri Douglas

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ROYALTY - The CHS Football Homecoming royalty with their escorts. Photos by Bailey Photography.

CHS students participate in a full week of Homecoming activities

by Bobby "Flash" Melton

Because of the pandemic, Camden Central High School Homecoming events could not

be held in 2020 or 2021. Activities fully resumed last week with great participation from CHS classes and climaxed with the Lions football victory over

Houston County. All week long freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes held competitions in eight total events, seeking to become "Homecoming Week Champions," and to receive the coveted "Homecoming Spirit Stick."

Some competitions the classes took part in were powder-puff football, boys cheerleading, bulletin board decorating, the Homecoming games, float decorating, scavenger hunt, pep rally participation, and dress-up day participation.

When the competitions ended on Friday, and points were tallied up, the junior class was declared "2022 Homecoming Week Champions." Tying for second place were the seniors and freshmen. Third place recipients were the sophomores. As a result of their victory, the juniors will receive a "Spirit Stick" to keep, and will have their name added to the perpetual Home-

coming plaque that will be located in the lobby of CHS. They also earned Friday outdoor lunches when weather permits.

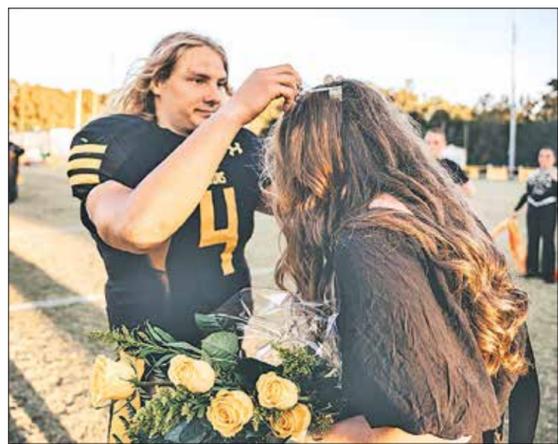
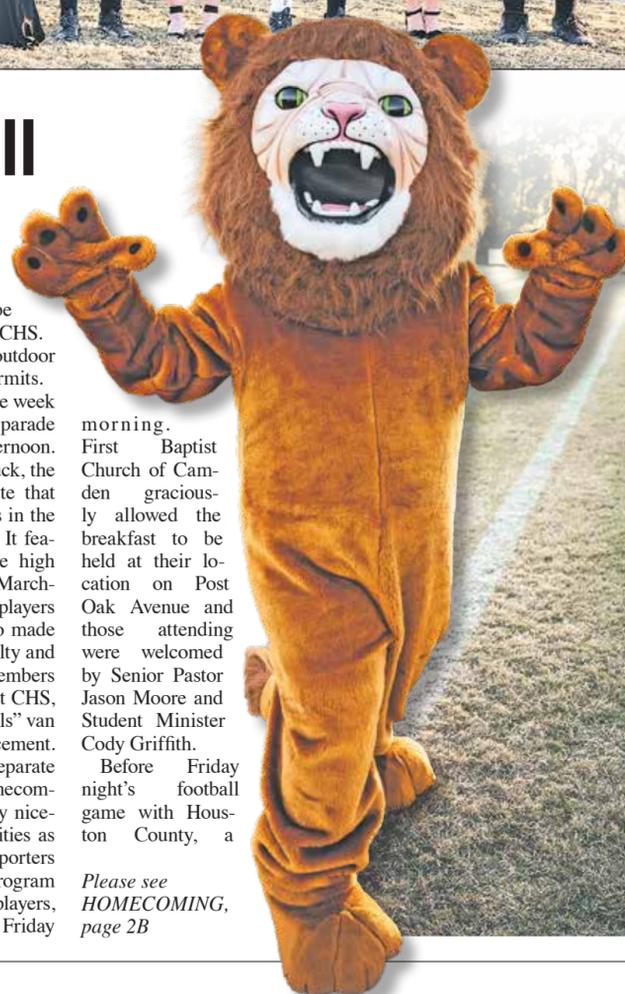
Another highlight of the week was the Homecoming parade held on Thursday afternoon. Led by a Camden fire truck, the 2022 parade took a route that saw it pass by all schools in the Camden School District. It featured floats from all the high school classes, the CHS Marching Lions Band, football players and coaches, seniors who made up the Homecoming royalty and class representatives, members of other athletic squads at CHS, the new "Words on Wheels" van and units from law enforcement.

Although it was a separate event from official Homecoming activities, it fit in very nicely with the week's festivities as some parents and supporters of the Lions Football program prepared breakfast for players, coaches and guests early Friday

morning. First Baptist Church of Camden graciously allowed the breakfast to be held at their location on Post Oak Avenue and those attending were welcomed by Senior Pastor Jason Moore and Student Minister Cody Griffith.

Before Friday night's football game with Houston County, a

Please see *HOME COMING*, page 2B



CROWNING - Homecoming Queen Audrey Jackson is crowned by her twin brother and escort, Tucker Jackson. Photo by Bailey Photography.

Lions defeat Houston County 56-30 for Homecoming

It's been three years since Camden Central High School has been able to celebrate its Homecoming in a way that will be remembered. After the pandemic, school officials were required to take caution until otherwise cleared to allow participation in "large group events." All of those years of missing out must have been building up for these kids, because they "showed up and showed out" this week! So many activities were a success, and there's an article cover-

ing that, but let's talk about Friday night and the record setting performance, once again, from your Camden Lions.

Houston County visited the Lions to try and spoil their Homecoming, and in the first drive it looked like they just might. Camden fumbled the ball and Houston County made short work of a touchdown drive to take the lead 6-0. The Lions clearly didn't like that, and drove the ball 65 yards down the field on the next drive where Quar-

terback Will Dobson connected with Wide Receiver Tucker Jackson for a 17 yard touchdown pass. From there, Camden took the reins and started piling on stats. In the second quarter the Lions scored 3 touchdowns. Two by running back Jaylen Boggs and one by running back Gage Lee, who both had outstanding nights combining for over 386 yards on the ground.

After half-time, Gage Lee and Jaylen Boggs each tacked on another rushing touchdown and quarterback Will Dobson rushed for one himself. Camden's defense played aggressively all night. Once again, Nathan Redman led the Lions with 8 tackles. Karson Goodwin produced

7 tackles, and Bradley Chandler had 5. Jayden Owens had 4 tackles on the night with 2 tackles for a loss. Combined, the Lions defense had 52 tackles, 8 tackles for a loss, 3 sacks, and 1 pass break up by Isaac Moore.

Many of the Lions games have been special this year, with several records being broken here at home. Friday night was no different. Camden's 614 yards of offense is a new school record, surpassing the previous record of 598 yards vs. Stewart County in 2005. An outstanding performance that will likely stay on top of the record books for quite a while. Another achievement was accomplished by quarterback Will Dobson who overtook former Lions quarterback Spencer Berry, moving into the 4th position for the most career passing yards of all-time. Dobson finished the night 10/16, 163 yards passing, and 2 touchdowns.

Top performers in the contest include Gage Lee who had 20 rushes, 236 yards, 2 touchdowns, 5 tackles and 1 sack. Jaylen Boggs who had 7 rushes for 150

yards, 3 touchdowns, 4 tackles and 1 sack. Tucker Jackson, returning from injury, had 112 yards receiving, 1 touchdown, and 42 rushing yards.

All-in-all, this contest was a blast to watch. If you didn't make it to the Lions Homecoming game, you still have one last chance as they will compete against Gibson County on the October 28 here at home for

"Senior Night." Be sure to support your local youth in their hard work to best represent the citizens of Benton County. More information on the Lions can be found on their Facebook page @ Camden Central High School Football. A special thank-you is in order for the "Stat Man" John Taylor, who tracks and provides all of the statistics provided.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	final
Camden	7	21	21	7	56
Houston Co.	6	6	6	12	30



Running back Jaylen Boggs stiff-arms his way past Houston County defender during his massive 150-yard night.



Host of Lions make tackles in the backfield. Specifically, Jayden Owens who had 2 TFL's in the game.



Quarterback Will Dobson dives into the end zone for a rushing touchdown.

SPORTS



IN MEMORY - "After beginning his career as a teacher at Camden Junior High, Dean Presson went to Houston Co. to become a successful teacher and coach. He coached Erin football to their first bowl win in 1971. He served as Superintendent of Houston Co. Schools. He later returned to Camden to become principal at Briarwood School, and was elected Benton Co. School Superintendent in 1980. Later in life, he served as supervisor of education for Benton Co. Schools. His career in public education spanned over 40 years, as he worked hard for the improvement of education in both Houston and Benton Counties. His love and care of children and teachers will always be remembered by those of us whose lives he touched. Both of our communities still have many people who are a part of his professional tree, and will for many years. Today, both of our communities are stronger because of Alan Dean Presson." -From the tribute before the game in memory of Dean Presson.

HOMECOMING

From 1B

tribute was given in memory of Dean Presson who passed away on September 5. Presson devoted his life to education and during his career served in several school positions in both Benton and Houston Counties. The tribute was read to the football crowd by Public Address Announcer Brad Hopkins and concluded with a moment of silence.

Crowned as the 2022 CHS Homecoming Queen Friday night was senior Audrey Jackson, daughter of Brad and Beth Jackson, escorted by her twin brother, Tucker Jackson. First Maid was senior Ebrianna Laws, daughter of Ebony Laws, escorted by Preston Laws, son of Jason and Kristy Odom. Second Maid was senior McKenna Broadway, daughter of Shannon Broadway and Rebecca Lusk.

The 2022 class representatives were freshman Miley Hartney, daughter of Rob and Anna Hartney, escorted by Ethan Redlund, son of Eric Redlund and the late Regina Redlund; sophomore Jaylen Hedge, daughter of Josh Hedge and Heather Hedge, escorted by Chris Hatley, son of Chris Hatley and Abby Hatley; junior Ella Kate Barker, daughter of Jason and Christy Barker, escorted by Will Dobson, son of Larry and Amy Dobson; senior Laiken Medlin, daughter of

Chris and Amanda Medlin, escorted by Karson Goodwin, son of Angie Black and Zach Goodwin, and Dakota Shaffer, son of Tasha Davis.

Camden cheerleaders presented the flowers, banners, and crown to the Homecoming royalty and class representatives.

Cheerleaders are Nicole Beal, daughter of Kenneth and Beverly Beal; Ally Capps Daughter of Jennifer Capps and Neal and Emily Capps; Livia Comuzie, daughter of Bob and Sarah Comuzie; Neveah Harris, daughter of Dustin and Kellie Harris; Raylee Hisey, daughter of Josh and Kayla Hisey; Kalyn Jones, daughter of Scotty Jones and the late Nicole Jones, and granddaughter of Tim and Lynn Ca-

gle; Samantha Wigley, daughter of Anthony and Pamela Wigley; Kira Wilson, daughter of Amanda Evans.

Commenting on the week's activities, Principal Shawn McDowell said, "I'm so appreciative to our students and faculty members who worked so hard to make this a special and enjoyable week. This has been an opportunity for our students and community to create some fond memories, and no doubt they have. This has been the first full week of Homecoming events and projects at CHS since 2019, and I salute everyone who had a role in making it an outstanding time that will always be remembered. It was a job well done."

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SPORTS

Signs dedicated to original Happy Hollow homeplaces

The Friends of N.B.F. State Park gathered to dedicate new signs showing the original homeplaces of Happy Hollow in the Park. There are six small signs at the homesites going down Happy Hollow Road to the campground and lodge. There is also one large sign with the families listed, and some pictures of the families and their homes. The main sign is at the James Pafford homeplace at the intersection of the park, leading

up to the museum and Happy Hollow, joining the river road leading to Fossil Point. You can drive up to that sign and park by a picnic table to walk over and view it closer.

The homesites are the James Pafford site, Joe S. Goodman, Hawk Ethel & Goodman, Henry T. Browning, Willie & Cecile Warrick, Aticus & Marie Warrick and the David D. & Delpha Pafford homesite.

Clara Nell Morisette was

raised on up from Happy Hollow on the Chestnut Hill Road just a little way, and she gathered the information on these families for the Friends of the Park to use in this project. Also, Bill Pafford is the grandson of James Pafford that was the first park manager.

For more information on these families and others that lived in these homes through the years, you can visit the museum.



DEDICATION - First row, from left, Bill Pafford, Malinda Florence, Susan Woods, Deb Daniel, and Clara Nell Morisette. Second row, Park Manager Josh Justice, Jody Mock, Tucker Daniel, Linda Hannah, Jean Ferry and Larry and Luanne Lubben.



Hensley wins week seven

Mike Hensley, of Camden, won the fall football contest for week seven, correctly picking 14 of 16 games. Also correctly picking 14 of 16 games was Randy Gilbreth, of Bruceton, so the tie breaking high score for the week came into play. The high score for this week's games was Huntingdon with 50 points, of which Hensley picked 59 and Gilbreth picked 62.

The only games Hensley got wrong last week were the contests of Milan vs Crockett County and Union City vs Westview.

Check out the week eight contest on page 2B of this paper. Watch out for those tricky college matches, where the underdogs won more than their fair share last weekend. Any cancelled games are counted as correct answers.

The \$25 weekly winner's prize is anyone's for the taking, so try your luck and choose all 16 winners next lineup. Don't forget to mark an answer for the tie-break question, and be sure to get your completed form to The Chronicle office by Friday at 5 p.m.



From the Pressbox

Jim Steele

A few weeks ago, I posted on social media that, upon seeing the Top 25 rankings of college football teams, I wasn't sure how good anybody was.

This past weekend cemented my beliefs.

Oct. 1 must have been one of those "any given Saturdays" we are always warned about. Oklahoma got bludgeoned by Texas Christian. Mississippi State repudiated Texas A&M. Ole Miss turned away No. 7 Kentucky. LSU scored 21 unanswered to defeat Auburn on the Plains. Missouri gave Georgia a fright before relenting to the then-No. 1 Bulldogs. There were other head-tilting games out there, but those are a few that made me sigh and go "hmmmm?"

A crazy season, indeed

Kentucky was one of those teams that I think was oversold at the beginning of the season. Yes, the Wildcats won 10 games last year. Yes, Mark Stoops has elevated that program to consistent heights generally not seen when it comes to UK football. Basketball, as we all well know, is a different story. Ole Miss stopped a pretty heady Wildcat offense and showed some moxy running the football.

I just had a feeling that Kentucky might have been ranked a bit too high. I sometimes get the idea that Tennessee might be in that same boat (I'm speaking objectively as a columnist, not a fan, so don't hurl barbs in my direction). We're going to find out soon how realistic Tennessee's rating is. Tennessee has a lot of positive aspects to its team, but it's a flawed team as well. But I feel the Vols will maximize strengths and minimize weaknesses as move on.

Georgia is a curious observation. There is some disconnec-

tion within the program somehow. The Bulldogs were unimpressive against Kent State the week before and were lucky to get out of Columbia with their skin. Missouri essentially gave it back to them. I knew when Georgia closed the gap late in the third that Missouri was doomed. I wonder when the axe will drop on Mizzou coach Eliah Drinkwitz.

Speaking of unhappy campers, Auburn looked like it had LSU beat, but LSU is a second-half team, as we saw against Florida State. Auburn jumped to a 17-0 lead only to see it evaporate. It's hard to win the Southeastern Conference when you turn the ball over four times. Besides there's a lot of noise going on in Lower Alabama about firing Auburn coach Bryan Harsin. Auburn folks have been trying to run him off since the day he got hired. But here he is, 3-2 and a few minutes away from 4-1.

Meanwhile, LSU seems to have a few issues moving the

football. There is plenty of talent down there, but something doesn't seem right. I point to head coach Brian Kelly, whom I think is fool's gold when it comes to coaching, but LSU will figure that out soon enough. I've put this in Tennessee's win column going back to last January. I haven't changed my mind.

How do you explain Texas A&M? I give you a hint. It's spelled J-I-M-B-O. The Aggies are on the hook for \$100 million dollars for Jimbo Fisher's services, the same guy that ran Florida State into the cesspool. A&M was 8-4 last year, had a suspect nine-win season the COVID year and was 8-5 in 2019. His record is worse than Kevin Sumlin's mark for this same span. And Sumlin was the guy A&M fired to get Fisher. The Aggies have two losses, one of them in the SEC. They have Alabama, Ole Miss, LSU and Florida upcoming, not that order. It's reasonable to expect A&M to go 8-4 again, or possi-

bly 6-6. Money well spent? Credit Mississippi State for sending the Aggies off on skates. Bulldog coach Mike Leach is unpredictable and capable of making folks look bad when you least expect it.

I remember the 2007 season being a crazy campaign that made getting up on Saturday mornings to read the papers/websites/blogs and then watch Game Day worthwhile. This is shaping up to be one of those seasons. We're not even halfway through the season yet and I dare say there will be more surprises upcoming.

With Tennessee sitting there are No. 8 in both wire-service polls, could they be the hot babe jumping out of the cake this year? We're going to find out soon.

Jim Steele is a correspondent for Magic Valley Publishing and the host of The Pressbox radio show, which airs 4-6 p.m. CT, Monday-Thursday on 95.9 FM, WRJB, Camden, Tenn.

Celebrate Woolly Bear Festival October 8-9

Highlights include:

Signs of the Seasons Scavenger Hunt: Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nature's Bounty: Fall Wild Edibles Hike: Saturday, October 8 at 11 a.m.

Make Your Own Woolly Bear Craft: Saturday, October 8 from 1-3 p.m.

Owl Prowl Night Hike: Sat-

urday, October 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. (reservation required: 270-924-2020)

Ghosts & Goblins Mystery Van Tour: Sunday, October 9 from 6-8 p.m. (reservation required: 270-924-2020)

See a full schedule of events on the Woodlands Nature Station Facebook page: @WoodlandsNatureStation. Call

270-924-2299 or visit www.landbetweenthe lakes.us for more information. The Woodlands Nature Station is located in Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area at 3146 Silver Trail Road, Cadiz, Kentucky, 42211. Admission is \$7 for ages 18+, \$5 for ages 5-17, and free for ages 4 and under.



The Friends of Land Between the Lakes at Woodlands Nature Station invites families to the Woolly Bear Festival October 8-9, with festivities occurring each day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Annual Beyond Bow Muzzleloader Workshop scheduled Nov. 11-13 in Humphreys County

The 2022 Beyond Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Muzzleloader Workshop will be sponsored by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Nov.11-13 in Humphreys County.

Female hunters 18 and older will have the opportunity to learn about hunting deer during the weekend. The workshop will be held at Buffalo Ridge Refuge, which incorporates a variety of wildlife management practices and totals more than 2,000 acres of prime deer habitat. Along with the hunts, a variety of topics including deer

biology, deer management, and hunting ethics will be covered.

Registration for the workshop is on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, two weeks priority will be given to first-time participants. The cost of the workshop is \$250, which includes meals and camping, if participants wish to camp. Campers must provide their own gear. A list of local hotels will be included with the registration packet.

Workshop participants are required to have the appropriate licenses. Participants born on

or after Jan. 1, 1969 will need to have successfully completed the hunter education course. Participants will draw from a number of predetermined sites that will have tree stands. There will be two hunts on Saturday and one Sunday morning.

This year as a bonus, participants have the option at no extra cost to attend the Beyond BOW Intro to Deer Hunting/ Muzzleloading held at Buffalo Ridge Refuge on Saturday, Oct. 15. The workshop will be a full day covering a variety of topics associated with deer

hunting, tree stand safety, muzzleloaders, blood trailing, range finding, and much more. Also, lunch will be provided at no cost. This will be a great way to get ready for the upcoming hunt for not only the new hunter but also the seasoned veteran. Registration must be made for those planning to attend and space is limited.

Applications and registration can be made at goutdoorstennessee.com under the events section. For additional information, contact Donald Hosse, at Don.Hosse@tn.gov.

Fishing proposals presented at TFWC meeting

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency previewed sportfishing and commercial fishing changes, heard updates on the Bill Dance Signature Lakes Program, reported on the August deer hunt, and recognized outstanding staff at the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission's September meeting which concluded Friday at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

During the meeting, Bill Smith, who recently retired after a long career as the wildlife manager at Kyker Bottoms Wildlife Management Area near Knoxville, was named the Wildlife Biologist of the Year. Steve Massengill who works at Tellico Lake/South Cherokee WMA was honored as the Wildlife Technician of the Year. David Holt who serves in the TWRA's District III is the Boating and Law Enforcement Boating Officer of the Year.

The Commission also held a rule hearing to redefine the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zone 1 to include all counties west of the

Tennessee River and the adjacent Wayne County. To simplify transport regulations, only approved parts may be exported from the CWD Management Zone, but there are no restrictions to carcass transport within the CWD Management Zone. Feeding wildlife is also restricted within the CWD Management Zone. This rule will be sent to the Attorney General for approval then filed with the Secretary of State. The current CWD management zone is still in place for this hunting season, with the new rule set to take place next season.

The Wildlife Division also announced plans to move the elk quota permit application period earlier in the year to give hunters more time to make travel and lodging plans before elk season. The quota will now be held in February with winners announced in March.

Staff also presented a summary of the August antlered deer hunt on private land which was held Aug. 26-28. This hunt is archery only across the state, ex-

cept for Unit CWD where guns and muzzleloaders are allowed. In the archery hunt, the harvest stands at 880, an increase from 503 in 2021. In Unit CWD, the harvest was 161 compared to 113 last year over the period.

The Fisheries Division presented proposals including creel and size limit regulation changes to the Bill Dance Signature Lakes, changes to the use of sportfishing trotlines to align with commercial fishing trotline regulations, and clarification of reservoir boundary definitions for the Tennessee and Cumberland River reservoirs.

Proposals in the commercial fishing proclamation would allow commercial anglers use of boat ramps and navigable waters on the Mississippi River from river mile 735 to 745 (Shelby County). Another proposal was to restrict harvest of paddlefish to only gravid females (with eggs) statewide in waters open to roe harvest.

A preview was given on the required rule changes for the newly added Lake Halford in

Carroll County to be included into TWRA lakes rules and regulations. In addition, there is a proposal for the creation of a regional commercial roe fish permit system for improved management of paddlefish.

A complete listing of proposed changes to sportfishing and commercial fishing rules and regulations will be made available on the TWRA website, www.tnwildlife.org. A comment period on the proposed changes will begin soon and will run through Oct. 31. The TFWC will vote on the proposals at its December meeting.

Dennis Tumlin, from the Tennessee Department of Tourism, reported on the work underway and the feature plans for the Bill Dance Signature Lakes Program. Both above and below the water improvements will be made at 18 lakes which bear fishing legend Dance's stamp of approval. Tennesseans will benefit from increased stocking, habitat, and fisheries management, as well as improved access for fishing and boating.

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BENTON COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

On 9/28/22, the following defendants were charged court costs/taxes, and received fines, sentences, probation, or court orders as indicated:

Christian Darling, 23, of Lexington, pled guilty to driving while license suspended. Fined \$75. Sentenced to 6 months, suspended to 10 days. Un-supervised probation for 6 months.

Ronnie Lee Douglas, 37, of Sugar Tree, pled guilty to driving while license suspended. Fined \$75. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 5 days. Unsuper-vised probation for 11/29.

Shawn Lee French, 37, of Camden, pled guilty to second or more driving while license

revoked and violation of financial responsibility law. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 30 days. Supervised probation for 11/29.

Bobby Darrell Jenkins, 50, of Big Sandy, pled guilty to probation violation. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 30 days. Extend supervised probation by 6 months.

Jeremiah J. Long, 39, of Paris, pled guilty to first offense DUI. Fined \$350. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

Michael Matthew Mines, 38, of Camden, pled guilty to probation violation. Sen-

tenced to 11/29, suspended to 10 days. Supervised probation for 11/29.

O'Bryan L. Tharpe, 32, of Camden, pled guilty to driving without license and violation of financial responsibility law. Fined \$75. Sentenced to 30 days, suspended to 2 days. Unsuper-vised probation for 30 days.

Danny Tyler Vine, 31, of Paris, pled guilty to casual exchange of schedule II and first offense DUI. Fined \$1,100. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 25 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. Must complete alcohol and drug evaluation and follow recommendations. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Amy (Aimee) Spears and Jonathan Ricks, by Deed of Trust dated June 23, 2020, and recorded in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, in Record Book 336, Page 128, conveyed to John W. Whitworth, Trustee, the hereinafter described real estate to secure the payment of a certain installment note and any renewals thereof; and

WHEREAS, default has been made under the terms of subject Deed of Trust by the failure to maintain Insurance on the collateral as required and the holder of the note has declared the entire amount due and payable as provided in the Deed of Trust. The Trustee has been directed to foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with the terms thereof and the public is hereby notified that the undersigned Trustee will sell hereinafter described real estate at public auction to the highest and best bidder, for cash

in hand, at the South door of the Courthouse in the Town of Camden, Tennessee, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Said property to be sold in bar of the equity of redemption and subject to the liens of all special assessments against it.

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Please see PUBLIC NOTICES, page 5B

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL

Arrests from 9/23-9/29/22: Bert Lucian Nanney, 63, 965 Dunk Blanton Rd., Tullahoma. Fifth DUI, driving on revoked/suspended license.

Juan Pablo Sanchez, 42, 109 N. Church St., Camden. DUI.

Harold Duane Walker, 62, 88 Old Hwy. 69, Camden. DUI, violation of open container law, possession of schedules IV and VI.

CAMDEN POLICE REPORTS

Arrests from 9/23-9/29/22: Christopher Starnes, 19, Homeless. Possession of schedule VI, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct.

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS

Arrests from 9/23-9/29/22: Ronnie Lee Douglas Jr., 37, 2525 Hog Creek Rd., Sugar Tree. Driving on revoked/suspended license, public intoxication.

Shawn Lee French, 37, 1015 Rocky Ridge Rd., Camden. Three counts failure to appear capias.

Benjamin Lynn Hightower, 41, 590 Wilson Rd., Camden. Domestic assault, assault on a

first responder, resisting stop/arrest.

Michael Jason Hugueley, 46, 80 Thornton Rd., Holladay. Violation of probation.

Logan Fowler James, 22, 120 Bobby Ln., Paris. Failure to appear.

Ashley Danielle Johnson, 26, 121 E. Frazier St., Camden. Three counts assault, assault on a minor.

Colton Joseph Norton, 33,

1515 Divider Natchez Trace Rd., Camden. Four counts shoplifting/theft of property, violation of probation.

O'Bryan Lee Tharpe, 32, 380 Wren Ave., Camden. Failure to appear capias.

Keith Anthony Wrady, 52, 236 Fanning Rd., Big Sandy. Theft of property under \$500, manufacture of methamphetamine, two counts failure to appear capias.

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Benton County Election Commission office will be open for EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE (no reason required), from October 19- November 3, 2022. Early Voting will be held at the Election Commission Office located at 113 Maple Ave, Suite 1, Camden, TN 38320.

EARLY VOTING HOURS:

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Office Location: Benton County Election Commission, 113 Maple Ave, Suite 1, Camden, TN 38320. Telephone number: 731-584-6144.

A sample ballot is also available online at GoVoteTN.com on the app or http://tnsos.org/elections/ballots/???pdf.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR BENTON COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON November 8, 2022

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STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Vote for One (1)

Summary: This amendment would add a new section to article XI of the Tennessee Constitution to make it illegal for any person, corporation, association, or the State of Tennessee or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person because of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Question: Shall Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new section? It is unlawful for any person, corporation, association, or this state or its political subdivisions to deny or attempt to deny employment to any person by reason of the person's membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organization.

Yes No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Vote for One (1)

Summary: This amendment would delete article IX, section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution, which prohibits ministers of the gospel and priests of any denomination from holding a seat in either House of the legislature.

Question: Shall Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section?

Yes No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Vote for One (1)

Summary: This amendment would change the current language in article I, section 33 of the Tennessee Constitution, which says that slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a person who has been duly convicted of crime, are forever prohibited in this State. The amendment would delete this current language and replace it with the following language: "Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime."

Question: Shall Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following? Section 33. Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.

Yes No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Vote for One (1)

Summary: This amendment would add to article III, section 12 of the Tennessee Constitution a process for the temporary exercise of the powers and duties of the governor by the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House if there is no Speaker of the Senate in office when the governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of governor. While a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor, the Speaker would not be required to resign as Speaker or to resign as a member of the legislature; but the Speaker would not be able to preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the legislature. A Speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor would not get the governor's salary but would get the Speaker's salary. The amendment would also exempt a Speaker who is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the governor from provisions in the Constitution that would otherwise prohibit the Speaker from exercising the powers of the governor and from simultaneously holding more than one state office.

Question: Shall Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language immediately following the current language in the Section?

Whenever the Governor transmits to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a written, signed declaration that the Governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the powers and duties of the office of Governor shall be temporarily discharged by the Speaker of the Senate as Acting Governor, or if that office is unoccupied, then by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as Acting Governor, until the Governor transmits to the same officials a written, signed declaration that the Governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

Whenever a majority of the commissioners of administrative departments of the Executive Department transmits to the Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written, signed declaration that the Governor is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the Speaker of the Senate shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting Governor, or if that office is unoccupied, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting Governor, until the Governor transmits to the same officials a written, signed declaration that the Governor is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

Whenever a Speaker is temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor, such Speaker shall not be required to resign as a member of the general assembly and shall

retain the Speaker's salary and not receive the Governor's salary, but such Speaker shall not preside as Speaker or vote as a member of the general assembly during the time the Speaker is Acting Governor.

and Shall Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language immediately before the period at the end of the Section?

except as provided in Article III, Section 12 with regard to the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor and

and Shall Article II, Section 26 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language at the end of the Section?

This section shall not apply with regard to the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives temporarily discharging the powers and duties of the office of Governor as Acting Governor under Article III, Section 12.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Yes No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Vote for One (1)

Summary: This amendment would change the current language in article I, section 33 of the Tennessee Constitution, which says that slavery and involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a person who has been duly convicted of crime, are forever prohibited in this State. The amendment would delete this current language and replace it with the following language: "Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime."

Question: Shall Article I, Section 33 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following? Section 33. Slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime.

Yes No

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR BENTON COUNTY STATE AND FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON November 8, 2022

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #4

Vote for One (1)

Summary: This amendment would delete article IX, section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution, which prohibits ministers of the gospel and priests of any denomination from holding a seat in either House of the legislature.

Question: Shall Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the section?

Yes No

UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 7

Vote for One (1)

Mark E Green Republican Party Nominee

Odessa Kelly Democratic Party Nominee

Steven J. Hooper Independent Candidate

Write-in

UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 8

Vote for One (1)

David Kustoff Republican Party Nominee

Lynnette P. Williams Democratic Party Nominee

James Hart Independent Candidate

Ronnie Henley Independent Candidate

Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES District 74

Vote for One (1)

Jay D. Reedy Republican Party Nominee

Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION Town of Big Sandy

MAYOR

Town of Big Sandy

Vote for One (1)

John N. Clement III Independent Candidate

Robert Sutherby Independent Candidate

Write-in

ALDERMAN Town of Big Sandy

Vote for Three (3)

Terry Culpepper Independent Candidate

Jayson Dobson Independent Candidate

Diane Lea Shepherd Independent Candidate

Delia Thibodeau Independent Candidate

Becky Belyew Wright Independent Candidate

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION City of Camden

MAYOR

City of Camden

Vote for One (1)

Roger G. Pafford Independent Candidate

Write-in

ALDERMAN City of Camden

Vote for Two (2)

Pat McLin Independent Candidate

Travis Pierce Independent Candidate

Write-in

Write-in

NOTICE FROM BENTON COUNTY ELECTRIC SYSTEM

The following is a list of inactive deposits and unclaimed checks held by the Benton Co. Electric System. Deposits and unclaimed checks are refundable to the executor of an estate, next of kin, or individuals with proper identification. These deposits and unclaimed checks will be turned over to the State of Tennessee if not claimed by November 1, 2022.

UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like ADRONACO, CHRISTINA \$40.00, ALLEN, BRIDGET \$300.00, etc.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CHECKS

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, and Address. Includes entries like O'BRIEN, DAVID \$300.00, OLSEN, RONALD \$40.00, etc.

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follows:

BEGINNING at a found iron pin in the south margin of Oakdale Road, 25 feet from centerline, said pin being the northwest corner of Lot No. 15 of the above-referenced Subdivision; runs thence South 17 degrees, 55 minutes, 26 seconds West, 180.29 feet to a set iron pin, the southwest corner of Lot No. 15; thence North 73 degrees, 00 minutes, 00 seconds West, 134.50 feet to a set iron pin, the southwest corner of Lot No. 17 of said Subdivision; thence with the east line of Lot No. 17, North 28 degrees, 28 minutes, 55 seconds East, 188.40 feet to a set iron pin, the south margin of Oakdale Road; thence with the south margin of said road, South 70 degrees, 30 minutes, 00 seconds East, 100.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.492 acre, more or less. Bearings are based on the recorded bearings of the Dobson Frazee Subdivision. There are no encroachments or projections.

ABOVE DESCRIPTION COPIED FROM PRIOR INSTRUMENT OF RECORD.

This being the same property conveyed to Aimee Spears and Jonathan Ricks, by virtue of a Warranty Deed dated June 23, 2020, from Wilma C. Todd, as

appears of record in Record Book 336, Page 125, in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee.

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights or redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The sale held pursuant to the Notice may be rescinded at the Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

Title to said real estate is believed to be good, however, the undersigned will sell as Trustee and convey only such interest as vested in him by Aimee Spears and Jonathan Ricks, by virtue of the Deed of Trust.

THIS the 9th day of September 2022.

JOHN W. WHITWORTH,
Trustee
WHITWORTH LAW FIRM
116 EAST MAIN STREET
P. O. BOX 208

CAMDEN, TENNESSEE
38320

Djb/#22-01290

09/22, 29-10/05/22

**State of Tennessee
Benton County
Probate Division
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
As Required by
TCA 30-2-306
Case No. 4650**

Estate of JAMES RICHARD COTHAM, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of **September, 2022**, letters of testamentary as in respect of the Estate of **James Richard Cotham**, who died **March 26, 2021**, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Chancery Court, Benton County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Date: 09/22/2022

Patricia C. Lovelace
Executrix
Terry J. Leonard
Attorney
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master

09/29-10/06

**DEADLINE
is Monday
at Noon**



**State of Tennessee
Benton County
Probate Division
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
As Required by
TCA 30-2-306
Case No. 4648**

Estate of JOSEPH DAVID RAYBURN, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of **September, 2022**, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of **Joseph David Rayburn**, who died **September 10, 2022**, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Benton County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Tamera Carter
Executor
09/20/2022
John W. Whitworth
Attorney
09/21/2022
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master
09/21/2022

09/29-10/06

**State of Tennessee
Benton County
Probate Division
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
As Required by
TCA 30-2-306
Case No. 4649**

Estate of GLENDA PAFFORD MOSLEY, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of **September, 2022**, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of **Glenda Pafford Mosley**, who died **August 13, 2022**, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Benton County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Donald Ray Pafford
Executor/Administrator
09/20/2022
John W. Whitworth
Attorney
09/20/2022
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master
09/21/2022

09/29-10/06

**IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF TENNESSEE
FOR BENTON COUNTY,
TWENTY-FOURTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

MITCHELL EDWARD ROBERTSON Plaintiff,

vs.

CRYSTAL NICHOLE ROBERTSON Defendant.

Civil Action No. 4609

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the sworn affidavit in this case that the whereabouts of the Defendant, Crystal Nichole Robertson, are presently unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, so that ordinary process cannot be served upon her. Therefore, this Order of Publication should be published in The Camden Chronicle newspaper located in Camden, Tennessee, as the best possible notice to the Defendant under the circumstances.

Defendant, Crystal Nichole Robertson, is hereby required to appear and file an answer or response with tim Burrus, the Clerk and Master of the Benton County Chancery Court, 1 Court Square, Room 206, Camden, Tennessee, or otherwise defend against the Complaint for Divorce, and to serve an answer or response to said Complaint no later than thirty (30) days from the last day of publication of the notice, October 27, 2022, and send a copy of said answer or response to Teresa McCaig Marshall, attorney for Plaintiff in this cause, whose address is 220 N. Poplar Street, Paris, Tennessee, 38242, or default judgement will be entered against the Defendant, Crystal Nichole Robertson: said hearing being at 9:00 A.M. in the Chancery Courtroom in the courthouse located on the court square in Camden, Benton County, Tennessee, on the 12th day of December, 2022

Failure to answer or respond or appear may result in a Default Judgement being entered to the Defendant, Crystal Nichole Robertson.

Entered this the 15th day of September, 2022

VICKI H. HOOVER
CHANCELLOR
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
TERESA MCCAIG
MARSHALL-BPR#017466
MARSHALL LAW
220 N. Poplar Street
PARIS, TN 38242
731-924-4040

09/29-10/06, 13, 20

**IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF TENNESSEE
FOR BENTON COUNTY,
TWENTY-FOURTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**IN RE: ADOPTION OF:
NATALIE RAE HARDIN**

DOB: 12/01/2021

**MATTHEW MENDELSON GONZALES and
MEAGAN ANN GONZALES
PETITIONERS.**

VS.

**BRANDY LYNN HARDIN
RESPONDENT,**

AND

**UNKNOWN FATHER,
RESPONDENT**

Civil Action No. 4651

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the sworn affidavit in this case that the whereabouts of the Respondent, UNKNOWN FATHER, are presently unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent inquiry, so that ordinary process cannot be served upon her. Therefore, this Order of Publication should be published in The Camden Chronicle newspaper located in Camden, Benton County, Tennessee, as the best possible

notice to the Respondent, UNKNOWN FATHER under the circumstances.

Respondent, UNKNOWN FATHER, is hereby required to appear and file an answer or response with Timothy R. Burrus, the Clerk and Master of the Benton County Chancery Court, 1 Court Square, Room 206, Camden, Tennessee, or otherwise defend against the Adoption of Natalie Rae Hardin, Date of Birth: December 1, 2021, filed September 23, 2022, and to serve an answer or response to said Adoption no later than thirty (30) days from the last day of publication of the notice, the last date of publication being October 27, 2022, and send a copy of said answer or response to Teresa McCaig Marshall, attorney for Petitioners in this cause, whose address is 220 N. Poplar Street, Paris, Tennessee, 38242, or default judgement will be entered against the Respondent, UNKNOWN FATHER and this cause will proceed with a hearing in the Chancery Court of Benton County, Tennessee, sitting in the Benton County Courthouse in Camden, Tennessee, ex parte as to Respondent: Said hearing being at 9:00 A.M. in the Chancery Courtroom in the courthouse located on the court square in Camden, Benton County, Tennessee, on the 12th day of December, 2022

Failure to answer or respond or appear may result in the Adoption of Natalie Rae Hardin, Date of Birth: December 1, 2021 and Termination of Parental Rights in regards to Natalie Rae Hardin, Date of Birth: December 1, 2021.

Entered this the 22nd day of September, 2022

VICKI H. HOOVER
CHANCELLOR
ATTORNEY FOR
PETITIONERS
TERESA MCCAIG
MARSHALL-BPR#017466
MARSHALL LAW
220 N. Poplar Street
PARIS, TN 38242
731-924-4040

09/29-10/06, 13, 20

**State of Tennessee
Benton County
Probate Division
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
As Required by
TCA 30-2-306
Case No. 4653**

Estate of ROGER D. GREGORY, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of **September, 2022**, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of **Roger D. Gregory**, who died **September 15, 2022**, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master of Benton County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Date: 09/26/2022

Pamela Gregory
Administrator
John W. Whitworth
Attorney
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master

10/06, 13

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is in possession of the following vehicles. These have been towed due to being impounded or found abandoned. Any person having claim should contact the sheriff's office at 731-584-4632 within 10 days of this notice or the vehicles will be disposed of.

- 2007 Dodge Caliber - VIN 1B3HB48B87D296688
- 2002 Chevrolet Impala - VIN 2G1WF55E329379099
- 1996 Dodge 1500 - VIN 1B7HC16X5TS701159
- 2002 Dodge Ram - VIN 3B7HU18N52G107492
- 2000 Chevrolet Silverado - VIN 2GCEC19T7Y1341105
- 2003 Hyundai - VIN KM8SB12B63U404632
- 1995 Chevrolet GC1 - VIN 2GCEC19K8S1204883
- 2008 Cadillac SRX - VIN 1GYEE637980105970
- 1995 Ford Mustang - VIN 1FALP42T6SF108250
- 2001 Honda Civic - VIN 1HGCG31511A019593
- 2000 Chevrolet S14 - VIN 1GCDT14W0YK269676
- 2005 Saturn Relay - VIN 5GZDV23L25D240881
- 2004 Nissan Murano - VIN JN8AZ08T84W226822
- 2004 Volvo S8F - VIN YV1TS59H241378635
- New Holland tractor with loader SN LV3203H497580

**PUBLIC AUCTION
FOR THE TOWN OF BIG SANDY**

OCTOBER 22ND 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.

Held by Landmark Realty & Auction (Jeff Phifer, Auctioneer)

Selling AS-IS

The Town of Big Sandy Library Building



To preview the building prior to auction call
Auctioneer Jeff Phifer @ 731-441-9779

All announcements made the day of sale take precedence over any pre-printed announcements and or advertisements. No buyers premium.

TERMS OF SALE: For building 10% down the day of sale and must be paid in full within 21 days of sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BENTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, October 20, 2022 AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 5:30 P.M.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Standing Committees of The Benton County Commission will meet in regular session at the following times:

- Insurance Committee
Monday, October 10, 2022 - 4:30 P.M.
- Property Committee
Monday, October 10, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.
- Law Enforcement Committee
Monday, October 10, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.
- Highway Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - 4:00 P.M.
- Budget Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.
- Oversite Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.

THE OCTOBER COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

*** DIGITAL PARTICIPATION FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE AND LATER ACCESSIBLE ON YOUTUBE.**

All Meetings will be held at The Benton County Courthouse with the exception of The Highway Committee which will be held at The Benton County Highway Department.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND AFFIXED MANUFACTURED HOME

ANTHONY R. STEELE is the Trustee of a Deed of Trust executed on February 14, 2009, by BOBBY HAMES, JR., and wife, PATRICIA GAIL HAMES, and JAMES HAMES, and wife, KIMBERLY HAMES. The Deed of Trust appears of record in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, at Record Book 183, Page 370 ("Deed of Trust"). The Trustee will sell the property described below for cash at a foreclosure sale requested by the current holder of the Deed of Trust and underlying indebtedness, **Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.** Pursuant to T.C.A. §47-9-604 this sale shall also include the affixed manufactured home (referenced in Affidavit of Affixation at Record Book 183, Page 377) described as one (1) 2007 CMH Manufactured Home bearing Serial Number CH0003144KYAB.

Sale Date and Location: October 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Camden, Benton County, Tennessee.

Property Description: Abbreviated description per TCA 35-5-104(a)(2) is the property referenced and described fully at Record Book 183, Page 367, and commonly known as 1780 Kelly Road, Holladay, Benton County, TN 38341.

Property Address: 1780 Kelly Road, Holladay, Benton County, TN 38341.

Tax Map Identification No.: 111-020.08 (However, the property description shall control in the event of any inconsistencies between the description and address or tax identification number).

Parties Interested: None known.

All sales of Property, both real and personal, are "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation or warranty as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or of any kind, except as to title and authority to convey.

The sale of the described property is subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan; any unpaid taxes, any restrictive

covenants, easements, set-back lines, prior liens, encumbrances, if any, and any other priority as may appear in the public records. Title to the manufactured home may be transferred by Bill of Sale or Certificate of Title, as the case may require.

The right is preserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT THE DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT WILL BE USED FOR THAT EXPRESS PURPOSE ONLY. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

This is the 30th day of September, 2022.

Anthony R. Steele, Trustee
Winchester, Sellers, Foster & Steele, P.C.
P. O. Box 2428
Knoxville, TN 37901
(865) 637-1980

Publication Dates:
October 6, 13, and 20, 2022.

10/06, 13, 20

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated November 4, 2021, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded November 8, 2021, in Book No. 366, at Page 202, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Benton County, Tennessee, executed by Richard Steve Knight, conveying certain property therein described to Whitworth Law Firm as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Stockton Mortgage Corporation., its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by Stockton Mortgage Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by Stockton Mortgage Corporation, will, on **November 10, 2022 on or about 11:00 AM, at the Benton County Courthouse 1 East Court Square, Camden, TN 38320**, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder **FOR certified funds** paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Benton County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

TAX MAP 076 PARCEL 005.11 TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

(4598 MT. CARMEL ROAD, CAMDEN, TENNESSEE) BEING a tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in the Twelfth Civil District of Benton County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the north margin of Mt. Carmel Road, the same being the southwest corner of the Elbert Bell property and the southeast corner of Tract #2 of the Barry Hollingsworth property (Deed Book 188, Page 5); thence along the west boundary of Bell in a northerly direction 280 feet to the northeast corner of the Hollingsworth property, which is the northeast corner of the property herein conveyed; thence west along the north line of Hollingsworth 50 feet to a point, being the northwest corner of the herein conveyed tract; thence south along a new division line of Hollingsworth 280 feet to a point on the north margin of Mt. Carmel Road, the same being the southwest corner of the herein conveyed tract; thence east along the north margin of Mt. Carmel Road 50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.321 acre, more or less.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 4598 Mount Carmel Rd, Camden, TN 38320

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above- referenced property:

RICHARD STEVE KNIGHT
TENANTS OF
BRENDA CROZIER

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. **W&A No. 353732**

DATED September 28, 2022

WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,
Successor Trustee

10/06, 13, 20

PUBLIC NOTICE

LARRY'S RENT-A-SPOT
1523 Hwy. 70 West
Camden, TN 38320

This Notice will serve as Notification of belief of abandonment of Property and Default: Unit B28-Barbara Stanfield will be sold or disposed of on October 14, 2022 at Landlord's discretion.

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WATER QUALITY - Priority will be given to grant proposals for projects that will result in measurable improvements to water quality.

TDA now accepting water quality grant proposals

For 35 years, the Clean Water Act's nonpoint source program has funded projects that improve water quality and reduce or eliminate nonpoint source pollution. Water quality grant proposals are again being accepted by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

"Healthy bodies of water are essential for the environment, humans, and animals to thrive," said Commissioner Dr. Charlie Hatcher. "Nonpoint source program initiatives and education will help restore and maintain our natural habitats and raise awareness of best practices to reduce pollution impact on water."

Nonpoint source pollution is carried by water and can include soils containing fertilizers and pesticides, sediment erosion, sewage overflows, spills, precipitation runoff, and other contaminants that degrade surface and groundwater quality.

TDA's land and water stewardship section manages the Tennessee nonpoint source program on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This federally funded program provides funds to states to reduce and if possible, eliminate nonpoint source pollution; provide training, education, and demonstrations; and monitor water quality.

Local governments, regional and state agencies, colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. Grant proposals will be evaluated based on program goals and objectives, performance evaluation criteria,

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CAMDEN LOCAL NAMED UTM HOMECOMING QUEEN

Camden native, Briley Hardin was named as UT Martin's Homecoming Queen on Saturday. Briley, a CHS graduate, is shown here with her parents, Mike and Lisa (Pete) Hardin and sister Bailey (at left). Congratulations Briley!



Turf field on the way for CHS

Tommy Richardson Stadium will look a little different next year. A new synthetic turf field is scheduled to be installed following the completion of this football season. The project, which is a collaborative effort between the county and the school system, has been a long time coming according to Quarterback Club President Blake Arnold.

"The football field was last redone in 2004," explained Arnold. "The field drainage has collapsed, and the irrigation system has needed repair for several years. Going to a synthetic turf field allows the field to be used year-round. The lines stay painted, the surface is never muddy, there is no need for irrigation, and multiple groups in the county will be able to benefit from the usability of the space."

Director of Schools Mark Florence is excited about the project. "We are really excited

about the impact the new turf will provide for our students and community," said Florence, who notes that this field will be a boon for many different activities. "In addition to being the home of Camden Junior High and Camden Central High football teams, the facility will be used for band competitions, junior pro football, youth soccer, an outdoor physical education class, and many other events throughout the year."

Both Arnold and Florence are proud of the community for coming together to make this possible. "The partnership between the county and the school system is a great representation of unity across Benton County to invest in our young people," said Arnold. "This will help keep our youngsters invested in organized sports. If we don't give our kids something to do, they will find something to do. And usually what they find to do is something that we would

rather them not be doing." "We appreciate all the work Mr. Arnold has put into this project for our kids and community, and we appreciate the support of the Benton County Commission and School Board as well," echoed Florence.

The County Commission approved their portion of funds for the project in a March meeting. A resolution designating \$200,000 to help Benton County Schools with the field was passed with a memorandum of understanding outlining the usage of the field for soccer and minor league football teams.

As for the future of Benton County athletics, Arnold believes that it has already arrived.

"We're seeing hundreds of youths on Saturdays in Minor League Football. The excitement is there. What's even more exciting is that this field can be used by so many different sports. Baseball and Softball

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3 treatment options for breast cancer patients

Millions of women worldwide are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. Such a diagnosis is never welcome, but women should know that survival rates have improved dramatically in recent decades. In fact, the World Health Organization reports that, by the end of 2020, nearly eight million women were living despite having been diagnosed with breast cancer at some point in the previous half decade.

One of the reasons for the improved survival rates is the efficacy of various treatments. The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. notes that doctors

have various options to treat breast cancer, and they often devise treatment plans that include some combination of treatments. Though no one wants to imagine receiving a breast cancer diagnosis, understanding the potential treatments for the disease can help women and their families be more prepared should that day ever arrive. The following are three treatment options physicians may discuss with women as they begin devising ways to overcome the disease.

1. Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy is used to treat various cancers, including

breast cancer. Chemotherapy employs various drugs to destroy cancer cells or slow their growth. The drugs administered during chemotherapy are known as cytotoxic drugs and may be administered orally or intravenously. The NBCF notes that chemotherapy is offered to most patients, though doctors will consider a host of variables before deciding if chemotherapy is right for a given patient. Those variables include the type of tumor, its grade and its size.

2. Radiation therapy

During radiation treatments, high energy rays are used to kill cancer cells. Only cells in

the part of the body that is being treated with radiation are affected, so patients needn't worry that other parts of their body will be hit with radiation. The NBCF reports that patients diagnosed with Stage 0 (DCIS) and most diagnosed with Stage 1 invasive cancer or higher can expect doctors to prescribe radiation therapy. Women who have had a lumpectomy also are likely to be prescribed radiation. Two main kinds of radiation are generally considered for breast cancer patients. External beam breast cancer radiation treatment delivers cancer-killing rays through a large machine.

Internal breast cancer radiation is a newer treatment that injects radioactive cancer-killing treatments into the affected area.

3. Targeted therapy

The NBCF reports that targeted therapy is commonly used in combination with traditional chemotherapy. Targeted therapy attacks specific breast cancer cells without harming normal cells, which is why it tends to produce less severe side effects than chemotherapy treatments. Targeted therapy employs drugs to block the growth of cancer cells in very specific ways. One example cited by the NBCF is the drug Trastuzumab, or

Herceptin, which is given to women whose breast tumors have too much of the abnormal protein HER2. Though the side effects of targeted therapies tend to be less severe, women may still experience issues like fever and chills, nausea, headaches, and other symptoms after drugs have been administered.

Expanding breast cancer treatments have done much to improve survival rates for patients. Women diagnosed with the disease are urged to play an active role in their treatments and ask any questions they might have before, during and after being treated.

Does breast cancer run in families?

No woman is immune to breast cancer. However, some women with extensive family histories of the disease may wonder if they're more vulnerable to breast cancer than those without such a link. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly 3 percent of breast cancers result from inherited mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes that

are passed on in families. Inherited mutations in other genes also can cause breast cancer (as well as ovarian cancer), but BRCA1 and BRCA2 are the most commonly affected genes. And it's not just women who can inherit these mutations. Though men account for only a small percentage of breast cancer patients, they can get the disease, and those who inherit mutations

in BRCA1 and BRCA2 are more likely to develop breast cancer than other men. The CDC notes that not everyone who inherits a BRCA1, BRCA2 or other mutation will develop breast cancer, and women with such mutations can take steps to help lower their risk for the disease. Doctors can discuss those steps with women, but they may include genetic counseling and testing. The

CDC also notes that, even in instances when counseling and testing is not ultimately recommended by a physician, women should consider talking to their doctors about starting mammography screening in their 40s. That's earlier than some organizations recommend, though physicians may feel it's worth it depending on the individual.



Cost for cancer drugs covered under Medicare Part D

A new study in the New England Journal of Medicine highlights how some older Americans diagnosed with cancer can face unlimited out-of-pocket spending for prescription drugs under the current structure of the Medicare Part D benefit.

The analysis, authored by Stacie Dusetzina, PhD, Ingram associate professor of Cancer Research and associate professor of Health Policy, illustrates how the current design of Medicare's prescription drug benefit program can cost people without subsidies more than \$10,000 for one year of treatment. In fact, across the 10 drugs studied, each of these drugs would cost Medicare beneficiaries over \$3,000 for just the first month's fill.

Dusetzina provides an example for a patient diagnosed with hormone-receptor-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor type 2 (HER2)-negative breast cancer, and another with HER2-positive breast cancer. The preferred first-line therapy for HER2-positive breast cancer involves two orally administered drugs covered under Medicare Part D, an aromatase inhibitor that are low-cost and available widely in generic form, and Palbociclib, the most commonly used CDK4/6 inhibitor. Palbociclib is expensive for Part D beneficiaries who do not qualify for low-income subsidies and

can cost more than \$10,500 for the first year of therapy.

The preferred therapy for patients with HER2-negative breast cancer, however, is a physician-administered infusion of a combination of drugs, which is covered at virtually no cost under the medical benefit of a person's health plan (Medicare Part B).

Most Medicare beneficiaries have supplemental coverage to limit their costs or they have out-of-pocket limits on their medical benefits. For a woman diagnosed with breast cancer who is single and has the median income, she would not qualify for a full or partial subsidy. This means she would pay nearly half her annual income for this one drug alone, not including insurance premiums or other necessary medical care.

"Patients may have to pay much more out of pocket to receive the treatments that they need if those drugs are covered under Medicare Part D than if they are covered under Part B. Patients also don't have a choice about what benefit they use for their drugs or what cancer type they get," Dusetzina said. "It is incredibly unfair to have your cancer type dictate whether or not you can afford to be treated, even on the same health plan."

And this scenario where patients face large out-of-pocket expenses is not just for patients with this type of breast cancer,

the analysis said. Most beneficiaries would reach the catastrophic phase of Part D's coverage program after the first fill, after which the patient would be responsible for 5% of the cost the rest of the year.

In 2022, the expected out-of-pocket expense for patients who don't qualify for subsidies after reaching the catastrophic phase was \$3,000 for the first month for each of the 10 anticancer drugs Dusetzina studied. Subsequent fills would also come with high out-of-pocket costs, ranging from \$600 to \$1,000 for the first year.

"Assuming beneficiaries filled prescriptions for these drugs every month, they would spend between \$10,000 and \$15,000 out of pocket for one year of treatment with a single drug," the study said.

Dusetzina said this is just another illustration of why Part D needs to be reformed, so that all patients can afford and access the treatment they need.

"Given that most beneficiaries would have to pay over \$3,000 to fill even one prescription, it is likely that these costs could limit their access to anticancer treatment with drugs covered under Medicare Part D. It is time to reform Medicare Part D to help ensure that everyone has access to the treatments they need," Dusetzina said.

The road to recovery continues after cancer treatment ends

The American Cancer Society reports that the five-year survival rate for all cancers combined that were diagnosed between 2009 and 2015 was 67 percent. That's a noteworthy and encouraging statistic, though global figures compiled by Ourworldindata.org indicate that five-year survival rates following diagnosis are significantly lower in poorer countries. In addition, the road to recovery for cancer patients typically does not end when treatments are completed.

The National Cancer Institute notes that many cancer survivors have indicated that information and support was abundant during their treatment. However, once treatment stopped, a new wave of questions and uncertainty soon emerged. For example, the NCI points out that many cancer survivors recognize that life after treatment is less about "getting back to normal" than it is about discovering the new normal. In fact, the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center reports that most people indicate it takes between six and 12 months after they complete chemotherapy before they truly feel like themselves again.

Follow-up care also is a vital part of recovering from cancer. The NCI notes that cancer survivors typically return to the doctor every three to four months during the first two to three years after treatment. After that, survivors may see their doctors once or twice a year. Follow-up care is vital for cancer survivors, as it provides their doctors an opportunity to determine if patients are experiencing any side effects from treatment. These appointments also allow doctors to deter-

mine if the cancer has returned or spread to other parts of the body. In addition, follow-up visits provide an opportunity for cancer survivors to bring up any symptoms or questions they might have. Patients can ask about ways to reduce their risk of cancer recurrence and seek advice on getting back to normal, including how quickly they can begin exercising and how to approach new fitness regimens if they were inactive prior to diagnosis.

The road to recovery from cancer may be filled with uncertainty. But cancer survivors should recognize that millions before them have survived the disease and gone on to live full, happy lives. A patient approach to recovery can help cancer survivors overcome any obstacles they may encounter along the way.

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When breast tissue is removed during a mastectomy, nerves that provide feeling to the breast are severed, often leading to a permanent loss of sensation. The numbness means light touches are not perceived, but it can also be potentially dangerous if a serious injury goes unnoticed.

Plastic surgeons with Vanderbilt Health offer an advanced microsurgical breast reconstruction option called DIEP (deep inferior epigastric perforator artery) flap reconstruction. Patients choosing this type of reconstruction, which uses their own abdominal tissue to form a new breast, are the best candidates to participate in the national ReSensation study.

In the study, plastic surgeons use allograft nerve tissue, or donor nerve tissue that is harvested from cadavers, to reconnect the nerves that remain in the patient's chest wall to nerves in the transplanted abdominal tissue. The donated tissue serves as a bridge to allow the two nerve segments to grow together. If successful, this leads to the return of feeling to the chest area.

"This is almost the final step in breast reconstruction," said Galen Perdakis, MD, chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery and the lead principal investigator for the study at VUMC. "We can use the patient's own tissue to reconstruct the shape and form of the breast, but we've never been able to restore the

protective and fine sensation to that tissue."

The ReSensation study is being conducted at 22 study sites nationwide, and more than 70 women have chosen to participate at VUMC to date. Participating patients return to VUMC every three months during a two-year period for a sensory check that measures the level of sensation that has returned to the tissue. Patients also complete a survey that provides more detail on their progress.

Nerves grow at a slow rate, about an inch per month under ideal conditions, so the return of sensation can be a lengthy process. Because of this, the data that researchers obtain through regular patient progress reports are invaluable, Perdakis said.

"Through this study, we're going to continue to learn what the best technique for this is and what is the most appropriate nerve on the chest to use," said Perdakis. "For example, is the lateral nerve better than the medial nerve? We're also looking at the number of axons or nerve fibers in the lateral nerve versus the medial nerve and seeing if that is a determining factor in better outcomes."

Armed with the knowledge that women in her family had a significant history of breast cancer, Kelly Keogh had genetic testing in 2017 that showed she was positive for BRCA2 mutation. National statistics show that women who have a BRCA2 mutation have an estimated 69% chance of developing breast cancer by age 80.

Keogh lives in New York where she has a busy schedule working in communications for a professional hockey team. Because Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center is a highly reputed Na-

tional Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and her parents, who had recently moved to Nashville, could care for her after surgery, Keogh chose to have a bilateral prophylactic mastectomy and a double DIEP flap breast reconstruction at VUMC.

Raeshell Sweeting, MD, Perdakis, and Julian Winocour, MD, coordinated her surgery in the operating room in May 2018, with Sweeting performing the bilateral mastectomy and Perdakis and co-surgeon Winocour performing the DIEP flap procedures and re-connecting the nerves using the donor nerve tissue. Although she had the additional procedure to bring sensation back to the reconstructed tissue, due to her distance from VUMC, Keogh opted to not participate in the ReSensation study.

While she said the initial days following surgery were hard, just two months after her surgery, Keogh felt "normal enough" to check an item off her bucket list: skydiving. She tandem jumped with the Golden Knights, the United States Army's aerial parachute demonstration team.

"To date, it's the coolest thing I've ever done," she said. "The experience was unbelievable, and I felt just fine."

As for the return of sensation, Keogh said at the one-year mark following her surgery, she's regained sensation at the outer region of her reconstructed breasts.

"A couple of weeks after surgery, I started feeling something — a tingling and sometimes a sharp sensation," she said. "It wasn't completely numb. To be completely honest, the main thing I was thinking about when I had surgery was my long-term health. I knew people who had this gene in my family that didn't take care of it ended up getting breast cancer very young. That was my first priority."

"If Dr. Perdakis had told me that I would just never have sensation, I would have understood and been fine with it. But finding someone who was able to put in the extra effort to try to bring that feeling back was an added bonus for me."

Patients at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center and Vanderbilt Breast Center who are scheduled for mastectomies can ask their medical team if they're candidates for DIEP flap reconstruction and if they can also be considered for the ReSensation study.



DOCTOR AND DONOR - Galen Perdakis, MD, with New York resident Kelly Keogh, who underwent a procedure at Vanderbilt University Medical Center that uses donor nerve grafts to restore sensation after breast reconstruction surgery.

Did you know?

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer mainly occurs in middle-aged or older women. In fact, the median age at the time of a breast cancer diagnosis is 62. Though its possible for women far younger than 62 to be diagnosed with breast cancer, the ACS reports that only a very small number of women younger than 45 are diagnosed with the disease each year. Despite

the average age of onset being over 60, breast cancer is highly treatable. The World Health Organization notes that breast cancer treatments routinely achieve survival probabilities of 90 percent or higher. However, those probabilities decline considerably in lower-income countries where access to screening and other medical services is limited. For example, the WHO notes that five-year survival rates for breast cancer routinely surpass 90 percent in high-

income countries like the United States and Canada. However, those rates are as low as 40 percent in South Africa, where early detection of the disease is less likely than it is in wealthier nations. That disparity in survival rates underscores the need for greater resource allocation in lower-income countries, but also highlights the effectiveness of screening and other measures in high-income countries where women are taught to report any abnormalities with their breasts.



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Study shows benefit of scheduling lung screens with mammograms

Women who are longtime smokers could potentially save their lives by undergoing lung screens on the same day they schedule mammograms, according to a study by Vanderbilt researchers published in the Journal of Medical Screening.

The researchers reviewed data from 18,040 women who were screened for breast cancer in 2015 at two imaging facilities that also performed lung screenings. Of that number, a confirmed 251 met the guidelines for lung screens, but only 63 of them were also screened for lung cancer by June 2019. Three of the women who underwent lung screening were diagnosed with lung cancer, and none died. Of the 188 women who weren't screened, seven were later diagnosed with lung cancer — including more advanced stages of the disease — resulting in five deaths. There were no deaths from breast cancer in this cohort during the study period.

The researchers recommend that lung screens be concurrent-

ly available for women at risk for lung cancer when they receive their annual mammogram.

“We have done a tremendous job raising awareness for mammography, which presents an incredible opportunity to inform both patients and providers of lung cancer screening, which can save so many lives,” said the study’s lead author, Kim Sandler, MD, co-director of the Vanderbilt Lung Screening Program and assistant professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences.

More women die from lung cancer each year than breast, cervical and ovarian cancers combined. Although lung screens can detect the cancer at an earlier stage before symptoms occur and when it can be more effectively treated, fewer than 6% of Americans who are eligible undergo the screenings, which are covered by Medicare and all Affordable Care Act compliant insurers. Without lung screening, approximately 20% of lung cancers are diag-

nosed at an early stage.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force this year recommended two changes that will nearly double the number of people eligible for lung cancer screening by lowering the age from 55 to 50 and reducing the number of smoking history pack years from 30 to 20.

Lung screens are a non-invasive procedure utilizing computed tomography (CT) scans. For information about lung screens or to make an appointment, call 615-936-3606 or visit www.vanderbilthealth.com/program/lung-cancer-screening.

The study’s research received support from the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Cancer Early Detection and Prevention Pilot Project and a Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Ambassadors Discovery Award. The research initiative has received additional funding from the American Cancer Society for a multi-institutional study among a larger patient population group.



Breast cancer survivors: eat nuts

Eating nuts has been linked to reduced death from all causes in the general population, but the impact of nut consumption on long-term breast cancer survivors has not been studied.

Xiao-Ou Shu, MD, PhD, and colleagues examined the association of nut consumption (peanuts, walnuts and other nuts) with overall and disease-free survival in 3,449 five-year breast cancer survivors in the

Shanghai Breast Cancer Survival Study.

They found that women who reported regular nut consumption in a dietary assessment five years after diagnosis had higher overall and disease-free survival rates compared to women who reported no nut consumption. The associations did not vary by type of nut but were more pronounced for disease-free survival and for women with ear-

ly-stage (1 or 2) breast cancer.

The study, published in the International Journal of Cancer, finds about 50% reduced risk of breast cancer recurrence, metastasis or mortality among women who eat nuts regularly, suggesting that the U.S. dietary guideline for nut consumption should be emphasized for breast cancer survivors.



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