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Benton County celebrates the Class of 2023

by Angela Jones

To the delight of parents and families throughout the county, the Benton County senior class of 2023 walked the line on Friday night. Big Sandy School and Camden Central High School held their graduation ceremonies during the evening of May 19.

The BSHS gymnasium and the CHS football field were filled with enthusiastic family, friends, faculty, and Benton County school dignitaries. Excitement filled the air as seniors collected their diplomas.

Words were spoken and speeches were delivered by several special seniors. At Big Sandy, Beta Club and Senior Class President Ella Rogers spoke to the assembled crowd. During the CHS ceremony, the student speakers were Senior Class President Kadie Trull and Beta Club and Student Council President Taylynn

All who graced a podium at either graduation did so with poise and respect,

speaking with enthusiasm as they led their classmates in pledges, prayers, or described the years of shared activities and the wonderful adventures yet to come.

Awards were plentiful for the 2023 graduates, and their academic aspirations have been fruitful. According to their final records, 56 of 103 CHS seniors completed high school with academic honors, while 7 of 16 Big Sandy grads did the same. Most class members already have finalized their plans to proceed to colleges, technical schools, the military, or directly into the workforce.

Once all tassels were moved, hats were thrown, and the final words were spoken, Benton County celebrated 119 new high school graduates among our citizens. The Camden Chronicle wishes each one of these 2023 graduates a bright and beautiful future. See their photos and copies of the graduation speeches in the special graduation section included in this pa-



WALKING THE LINE - On the new artificial turf field at CHS, seniors like Bailey Morris, followed by Elijah Pafford, walked the line to collect their high school diplomas from Director of Schools Mark Florence. Graduation for Big Sandy seniors was held in Big Sandy School's renovated gymnasium prior to the ceremony at CHS. In total, 119 students received diplomas last Friday night.

Apex named #2 community bank in the nation

On May 16, Apex Bank was announced as a 2023 top-performing community bank by Independent Banker, published annually by the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA). The annual listing of top-performing community banks in America listed Apex Bank as #2 nationwide and #1 in Tennessee in the "more than \$1 billion" category.

"We are honored once again to receive national recognition from the ICBA," said Marcus Vine, Apex Community Bank President for West Tennessee. "Our local team strives to deliver top service, build relationships, and serve the Benton County community through our many community events. We appreciate their hard work and dedication."

This latest achievement accompanies Apex Bank's 15th consecutive year of growth. For the past decade, Apex Bank consistently has ranked among the top community banks

Please see APEX, page 3A

Help to honor our Veterans this weekend

by Angela Jones

This weekend, members of the Benton County Veterans Memorial (BCVM) group will host several events to commemorate and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice during military service to our country.

This year marks the 15th year for the BCVM "Don't Forget Our Vets Memorial Bike Ride." As in past years, the bike ride will be held on Saturday morning. The registration fee is \$30 per bike or ve-

Participants are asked to meet at the memorial



15TH ANNUAL RIDE - The Don't Forget Our Vets Memorial Bike Ride is this Saturday, preceded by the annual Black Out Cruise and Truckers' Convoy on Friday evening.

site. located at Veterans' Memorial Park, 361 Veterans Drive in Camden. The registration table opens at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Honor Guard presentation

of the colors and Soldiers' Cross at 9:30 a.m. Ride Captain James Ashby and Co-Captain Joey Troutt will hold a captain's meeting at 9:50 a.m., with kick

stands up for the ride at 10 a.m. sharp. A meal will be served to all registered ride

Please see HONOR, page 3A

Changes planned for Big Sandy School

With the graduation of discontinue the graduaseniors from Big Sandy School last Friday came several rumors that the Big Sandy graduating class of 2023 would be the last to graduate from Big Sandy School. Benton County Director of Schools Mark Florence provided assurance that this is not the case.

"The education of our students in the Benton County Schools system is always our highest priority," Florence said. "Despite any rumors that may be in circulation, there are no plans to close Big Sandy School or to

tion of seniors from the school at this time."

On April 25, Benton County Schools held a public meeting attended by parents and community members. Changes for students enrolled in high school at Big Sandy School (BSHS) were announced at the meeting. There are no changes planned for services provided to elementary and middle school students. Only high school students will be affected.

Approximately 75 students attend BSHS. For

the last three years, BSHS students in grades 9-12 have been shuttled to the Camden Central High School (CHS) campus for multiple classes

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On Saturday, May 20, six people were inducted into the Benton County High School Athletics Hall of Fame at the 2023 banquet and ceremony. New inductees include (from left) David Markham; the late Dwight Haskins represented by his son Brett Haskins; Leah Hensley Cripps; Tony Fry; the late Tom Bordonaro, represented by his daughter Cindy Martin and stepson Don Pafford; and David Hubbs. See more information about the 2023 inductees on page B1.



OBITUARIES

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Camden City Park to host Recycling Roundup

The Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) invites Benton County residents to its fifth Recycling Roundup event, to be held from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at the Camden City Park, located at 185 Armory Ave. in Camden.

TEC has planned 10 recycling events across the state to address the chronic trash problem facing most Tennessee communities. Through the Recycling Roundups held so far, 46,150 pounds of materials already have been diverted from landfills.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Recycling Roundup. This is a drivethrough, drop-off, outdoor event. Tasks will include helping with event setup, directing the flow of traffic, collecting, unloading, and sorting materials from attendees, surveying attendees, and passing out educational materials.

Anyone who wants to volunteer is asked to bring a reusable water bottle or drinking container. A water jug will be available on-site for refills. Dress appropriately for the weather and wear closedtoed, comfortable shoes. Bring a portable chair to use during the day. Snacks and a pizza lunch will be provided to all volunteers.



Two volunteer shifts are planned from 8-11:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Volunteers may sign up online at https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_ pdetails/MTc2NTA0.

General items to bring to the recycling roundup include mattresses and box

springs, tires, clothing, textiles, shoes, batteries, scrap metal, electronics, ink cartridges, medications, glass, cardboard, aluminum, tin, lawn equipment, paper, plastics.

A full list of items that may be recycled at this event can be viewed at

tectn.org/recyclingroundup. Please review this list before bringing your items to the park to ensure that what you are planning to bring will be accepted. No items from businesses will be accepted, and items not listed will be turned away.

1933 TVA 2023

TVA retirees celebrate the 90th Anniversary Day of Service

On Thursday, May 18, TVA held a valley-wide day of services to celebrate the 90th anniversary of TVA's very first day of service, the day that the Tennessee Valley Authority Act was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. More than 125 retirees from TVA Retirees Association (TVARA) chapters and Bicentennial Volunteers, Inc. (BVI) participated in day of service events.

Retirees from the Johnsonville/Cumberland TVARA local chapter delivered monetary donations to service agencies in Benton and Humphreys counties. TVARA Chapter President Mickey Blackburn, Christina Blackburn, Chapter Secretary John Philips, Jerry Eason, and his wife Diane Eason delivered the donation checks.

In Benton County, Pastor Carey Womack was presented at donation of \$1,000 for the Benton County Ministerial Alliance. The BCMA helps people in the area with food, utility bills, rent, and in emergencies.

TVA retirees also presented a check of \$500 to the Benton County Animal Shelter to help with the shelter's needs. This check was accepted by Shelter Director Lisa Coleman.

In Humphreys County, Director Carla Vinkler with Helping Hands of Humphreys County received a check of \$1,000. Helping Hands provides aid to locals in the form of food, utility bills, rent, and in emergencies.

Retirees also donated a check of \$500 to Angela Rye, director of the Humphreys County Animal Shelter. This money will go to help the Humphreys County shelter with expenses.

Membership in TVARA is an excellent way for retirees to keep in touch with each other and to support their communities through local chapter activities. Spouses are welcome to participate in TVARA or BVI volunteer activities.

Trustee's office now offers automatic bank withdrawal services

To make paying property taxes easier for Benton County property owners, the Benton County Trustee's Office is now offering automatic bank withdrawal services. These services will allow taxpayers to set monthly installment payments to be automatically deducted from designated bank accounts on the 10th day of each month.

"We do understand the financial difficulties of today and hope this service will greatly benefit the community by spreading out tax

payments from one lump sum payment once a year to more affordable monthly payments," said Benton County Trustee Beverly

The automatic bank withdrawal service will help take some of the burden off the taxpayer by dividing up the total tax owed each year into 12 monthly payments throughout the year instead of one large payment at the end of the year. The total amount of tax paid will be the same.

"We are working diligent-

ly to make your Trustee's office the best in customer services and to offer our citizens the most up-to-date services available," Beal noted. "If you think automatic monthly withdrawals would be of benefit to you, please contact us.'

Of course, taxpayers are welcome to make voluntary periodic payments throughout the year as well, even if they do not sign up for the automatic bank withdrawal service. Contact the trustee's office at 731-584-6211 or email trustee@benton-



Beverly Beal

countytn.gov for more information.



BCMA DONATION - From left, TVA retiree John Phillips, BCMA volunteer Carey Womack, and TVA retiree Mickey Blackburn celebrate the \$1,000 donation made by TVARA to the Benton County Ministerial Alliance.





BCAS DONATION - From left, TVA retiree Mickey Blackburn, Shelter Director Lisa Coleman, and TVA retiree John Phillips celebrate the \$500 donation made by TVARA to the Benton County Animal Shelter.

CHEMOURS DONATES TO CAREER & TECH CENTER

The Benton County Career and Technical Center advanced manufacturing program would like to thank Chemours for its support of the program by donating supplies including welding rods, welding wires, welding gloves, grinding wheels, cut off wheels, and safety glasses. These supplies are used in hands on education as students gain experience in welding and CNC machining throughout their coursework. Dustin Harris from the Chemours New Johnsonville site delivered the supplies to the school and spoke with the students about post-secondary education options and careers in the welding and machining fields. Present for the talk were (from left) Sean Francis, William Henson, Clay Scott, Carson Goodman, Nicholas Dudney, Dylan Hudson, and Harris.



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locations to ensure all stu-

In order to ease the burden on the school system, teachers, and students, the Benton County Schools' administration has made the decision that all BSHS students in grades 9-12 will now physically attend all classes at the CHS campus for the 2023-24

and 2024-25 school years. The 2024 and 2025 senior classes will still graduate as BSHS students. Further, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) will continue to permit these students to participate as Big Sandy Red Devils in basketball or other school sports if teams are formed.

"This situation will be monitored and reassessed as we continue efforts to adequately fill teaching positions," said Florence. "It is the hope of Benton County Schools that the issues created by the national teacher shortage will be resolved in the coming school years."

Another public meeting to discuss these matters will be held at Big Sandy School sometime in June, but the exact date of the meeting has not been finalized at this time. Parents or other student caregivers who have any concerns or questions are encouraged to call Benton County Schools at 731-584-6111

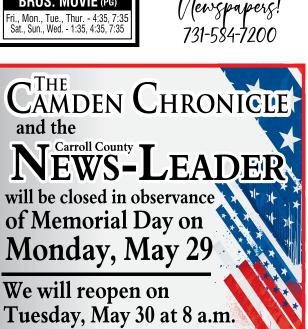
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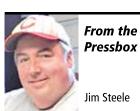
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All gave some, some gave all.

Area well represented at state championships



It doesn't seem like only a year ago that West Tennesseans burned up I-40 and battled monsoon rains at the Spring Fling last year. Last year's Fling is still a sore spot with me, but that's water under the bridge.

This year, there is a rather sizeable contingent prospecting for gold this week in Rutherford County.

McKenzie baseball and soccer are going back for a

second straight year. What a run the Rebels are having! Two gold balls from this year are gathering dust in the trophy case. Given how both baseball and soccer are peaking, do the Rebels need a bigger trophy case?

Madison Magnet's soccer team has been impressive at 17-0-2. This is a legit contender, but it has to face the McKenzie Rebels in the opening round. The Rebs have demonstrated a propensity for taking down unbeaten teams, however.

Martin-Westview Dresden girls' softball teams are heading to Murfreesboro after thrilling substate victories.

Hollow Rock-Bruceton Central? Its softball team punched its ticket last week. After watching this team evolve last year, you got the sense that the Lady Tigers were hungry. Ignore this closeknit team at your peril.

Crockett County walloped Fayette Ware 16-1 to earn one of the eight Class 3A softball place settings this week.

Let's not forget a brewing track battle between defending state champ Will Douglas of Camden and Huntingdon's Colton King. Camden's Pete Douglas and Ridge Bruce hope to break through as well.

Defending Class A state

tennis champ and Wisconsin signee Elli Reynoldson hopes to keep her streak going. Mitzie Castro of Madison also hopes to make her mark on the courts.

You just never know what can happen at these types of events. There are stories waiting to be told and, win or lose, great lifetime memories in the making.

Best of luck to the ath letes we cover at Magic Valley Publishing in their state contests this week!

Jim Steele is a correspondent for Magic Valley Publishing and the host of The Pressbox radio show, which airs on WRJB 95.9 FM in Camden.

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for the U.S. community banking industry. ICBA's rankings for 2023 can be found online at www. independentbanker.org/ article/2023/04/28/icba's-top-performing-community-banks-of-2023.

Founded in 1931 and headquartered in Tennes-

see, Apex Bank unified its brand in 2015 and has experienced tremendous growth since 2008, increasing total assets from \$157 million to over \$1.2 billion. Apex Bank is a member of the FDIC and an equal housing lender.

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participants following the ride at 4 p.m.

The 2023 run has added new stops, and the route is close to 150 miles round trip. Hamburgers and hotdogs, provided by Cash Saver in Camden, will be available at the BCVM pavilion at the conclusion of the ride, estimated to be about 4 p.m.

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In addition to the ride on Saturday, there will be a Trucker's Convoy on Friday evening. As part of the 15th year celebration, Friday's Black Out Cruise will be dedicated to those patriotic truckers who keep us supplied as the hidden heartbeat of America. Phifer Trucking has provided much appreciat-

ed feedback to BCVM to ensure the planned route will be safe for drivers and their trucks. The registration table for

Friday's event will open at 5:30 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park. Trucks will begin to arrive by 6 p.m., with a convoy departure time planned for 6:30 p.m. The group is expected to return by 7:15 p.m. To con-



clude the convoy event, the Morel Gold Star Family will be at BCVM to greet participants, and Mike and Molly Morel will provide closing comments.

Anyone is welcome to attend, participate, and help to celebrate and remember those who perished in service to our country. Remember the reason for Memorial Day and do your part to honor our Veterans. For more information about BCVM or this weekend's events, visit the BCVM Facebook page or contact Christy Hodge at 731-441-1802.



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WEST TN LEGAL SERVICES - Representatives from West Tennessee Legal Services, including (from left) attorney Michael Creasy, Outreach Coordinator Ronnie Dukes, attorney Matthew Flood, and paralegal Kristina McCoy gave a presentation to those attending the Benton County Volunteer Program luncheon and speakers' meeting in April.

BCVP welcomes West **Tennessee Legal Services**

The Benton Coun-Volunteer Program (BCVP) was recently pleased to have representatives from West Tennessee Legal Services attend their April monthly meeting and share information on the services they have available.

West Tennessee Legal Services is a nonprofit organization that provides civil legal help to underserved individuals,

families, and communities in 17 counties in West Tennessee. Attorneys Michael Creasy and Matthew Flood, Outreach Coordinator Ronnie Dukes, and paralegal Kristina McCoy all participated in the presentation to BCVP.

Some of the services provided by this organization include intakes and referrals, consumer rights, re-entry projects, victims' rights, senior

citizen law, wills, living wills, power of attorney, housing rights, benefits projects, veterans' rights, and community education. Their legal services are provided based on income criteria. No criminal work is available, but pro bono attorneys are available. To learn more about their services, call 800-372-8346.

Each month, BCVP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. at its office, located at 122 West Walnut St. in Camden. This office is below the Benton County Election Commission office.

BCVP is always looking for individuals who have a little time to spare volunteering within Benton County. For more information about all that BCVP has to offer, call BCVP Director Chris Stone at 731-584-6060.

undergraduate students at the University of Tennes-Seth House. see at Martin and Bethel University have been honored with publication of the schools' spring 2023 honor rolls or deans' lists. Each school has its own criteria for students to be named to these lists.

The outstanding aca-

demic achievements of

Bethel Students

To qualify for the dean's list or honor roll at Bethel, undergraduates must complete 12 or more hours with no grade lower than a C. For the dean's list, the student's GPA must be between 3.5-3.69, while to qualify for the honor roll, a student's GPA must be 3.7 or above.

Camden - Dean's List: Amma Johnson and Kelsie Seiber. Honor Roll: Braelyn Hale, Caitlin McMackins, and Brittney Minor.

Other towns - Dean's List: Kyler Corder, of Hollow Rock. Honor Roll: Noah Foster, of New Johnsonville.

UTM Students

To be eligible for the honor roll recognition at UTM, a student must complete at least 12 hours and achieve a 3.2 (B) GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2-3.49), high honors (3.5-3.79) or highest honors (3.8-4.0).

Big Sandy - Honors: Brandon Berry. High Honors: Megan Flowers and Tanner Smith. Highest **Honors:** Taylor Foust.

Camden - Honors: Matthew Blow, Carson Bullington, Brookelyn El-

to spring honor rolls lis, Gabriella Elmore-Mc-Cormack, Briley Hardin, Katie Hollingsworth, and

Universities name

local students

Camden - High Honors: Julie Baker, Amber Collins, Kolton Kelly, Victoria Redlund, Maggie Smith, Samuel Wade, Colin Weatherly, and Sydney Williams.

Camden - Highest Honors: Deanna Bradford, Lauren Glover, Mackenzie Goodwin, Olivia House, Caroline Hughes, Amelia Myrick, Jenna Odle, Lilia Oxford, Autumn Stigall, Noah Summers, Autumn Warren, and Angie Weath-

Eva – **High Honors**: Maxwell Wardlaw. Highest **Honors:** Daphne Bennett.

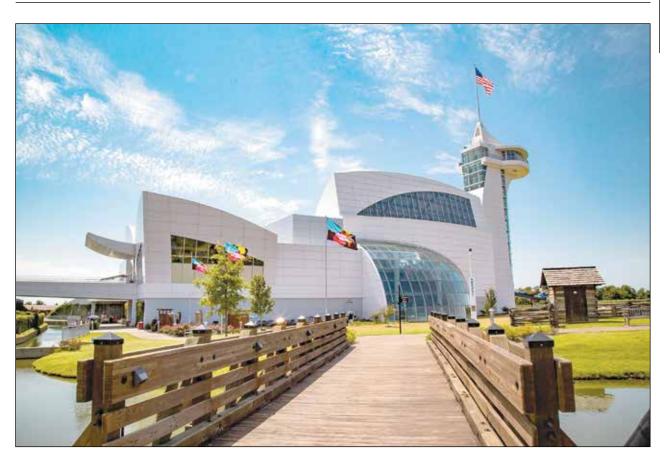
Holladay - Honors: Alice Perry and Maygan Sneed. **High Honors:** Aaron Conrad and Teresa Reeves. Highest Honors: Ryan Baker, Kara McKinney, and Jayna Page.

Other towns – Honors: River Gilbert, of Martin. **High Honors:** Sydney Bittikofer, of Tennessee Ridge, and Brenden Dickinson, of Brentwood. Highest Honors: Emily Behzad, of Hollow Rock, and Christina Stoner, of Benton, Ky.



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Free admission for active military at Discovery Park of America

nessee family attraction that provides educational experiences for attendees is dropping its admission price for active-duty military personnel for the summer. Located in Union City, Discovery Park of America (DPA) is now a Blue Star Museum.

A collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums like DPA provides free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families each summer.

"DPA is excited to support the men and women who are serving our country," said Scott Williams, president and CEO of DPA. 'Our military exhibits and related events make us a natural fit for the Blue Star Museum program. In fact, we just wrapped up our annual Military History and Armed Forces Symposium, which was one of the best attended events in our organization's history."

Free admission is available from Armed Forces Day, May 20, through Labor Day, Sept. 4, for those currently serving in any branch of the U.S. Military, including Reservists, National Guardsmen (regardless of status), U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card, DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for free admission.

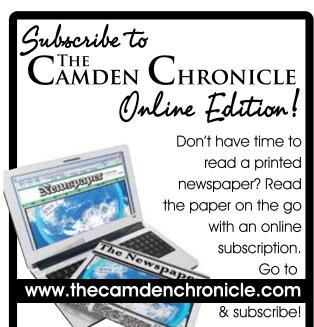
"We thank Blue Star Museums like DPA that invite military personnel and their families to experience the many wonders they have to offer, whether it's a glimpse into the past, an encounter with awe-inspiring innovation, or a moment of handson learning," said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. "DPA is helping to enrich the lives of our nation's military families."

DPA's military features can be found on two levels of the museum. The lower level contains a collection of military vehicles and weapons along with displays about the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and current military conflicts. Displays about the Civil War, World War I, and World War II can be found on the entry-level with an oral history theater showcasing veterans' stories. To plan a visit to DPA or

for more information, visit DiscoveryParkofAmerica.

5455. DPA is situated on 50 acres at 830 Everett Blvd.



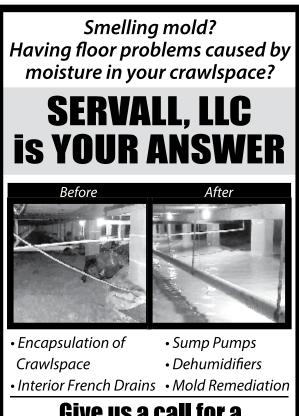




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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 **BCVP Meeting**

The Benton County Volunteer Program will be having it's Specker's Day meeting on Wed., May 31, at our offices. The day will Start with BINGO at 10 a.m., followed by guest speaker, Abbey Buffington, with potluck lunch to follow. The public is invited, masks are available. Office is located at 122 W. Walnut, Street in Camden. Questions, call Chris Stone at 584-6060.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Homecoming United Post Oak Methodist Church will have homecoming services on Sunday, June 4. David Sauer will be holding the services beginning at 11 am. A meal will immediately follow. Everyone is invited and welcome. 1610 Post Oak Rd, Camden, TN 38320

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Upkeep

Mount Zion Cemetery on Sulphur Creek Rd. in Big Sandy is in desperate need of funds for mowing and upkeep of the

grounds. Donations can be made at Apex Bank in Camden or Big Sandy, or by contacting Walter Melton or Lisa Goforth.

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

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Genealogical Society

The Benton County Genealogical Society meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Genealogy Room of the Benton County Library in Camden. Major emphasis in on the heritage of pioneering families and progress made in Benton County's growth.

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.

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There is a support program for those helping a person with a severe disability. For more info. con-

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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.

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 auestions 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-

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Carolyn Hollingsworth 1954-2023

Carolyn Hollingsworth, 68, of Camden, passed away Sunday, May 14, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson. Plunk Funeral Home of Camden was in charge of her cremation.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was born May 23, 1954, in Nashville, to the late James E. Winters and Betty J. Doris Winters.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Teresa Curtis.

She is survived by a daughter, Michelle Kee, of Dyersburg; two brothers, Jimmy Winters, of Huntingdon, and Ricky Winters, of Camden; two grandchildren, Dellrayi Kee, and Porcha Hollingsworth, both of Camden; a niece, Kim W. Tucker and a greatniece, Ivy Tucker, both of

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Billy D. Pierpoint 1935-2023

Billy Duaine Pierpoint, 87, of Big Sandy, passed away Sunday, May 21, at his residence. Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 23, at 1 p.m., at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Big Sandy with Tony Smith officiating. Stockdale-Malin Funeral Home of Big Sandy was in charge of arrangements. He was born Nov. 3, 1935.



Margaret Dobson 1940-2023

Margaret Dobson, 82, of Camden, passed away Wednesday, May 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Plunk Funeral Home of Camden. Burial followed at the Camden City Cemetery.

Dobson Mrs. born June 14, 1940, in Humphreys County, to the late Rube Henry and Margaret E. Bradford Henry.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Larence M. Bell, a brother, Bobby J. Henry, and a grandson, David L. Brown.

She is survived by a son, Lawrence (Julie) Bell, of Ridgely; a daughter, Lisa Brown, of Camden; a grandchild, Jennifer L. Bell, of Waverly; a brother, Billy J. (Eldonna) Henry, of Camden; and several nieces and nephews.

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Peggy J. Malin 1933-2023

Peggy Jo Hall Malin, 89, of Douglasville, Ga., passed away suddenly Wednesday, May 17. Graveside services will be held Sunday, May 28, at 11 a.m., at Eastview Cemetery in Camden. Oakdale Funeral Home of Camden is in charge. She was born May 25, 1933, in Camden, to the late Joe and Virginia Hall.

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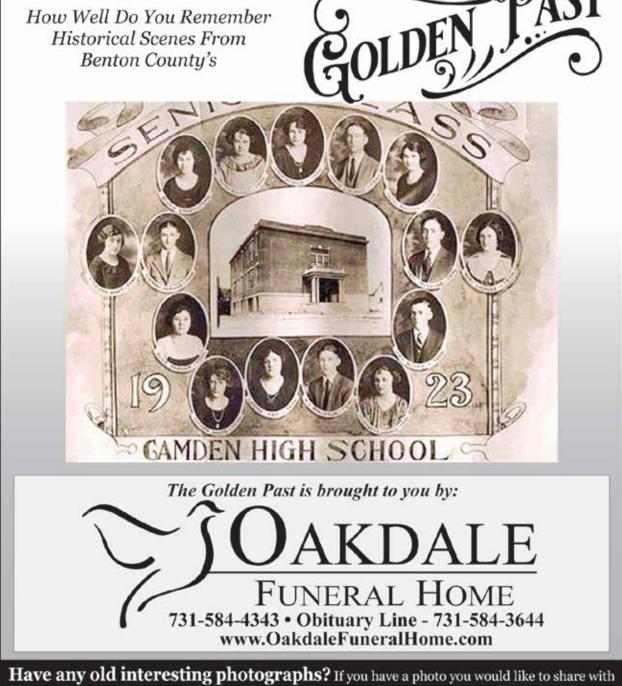
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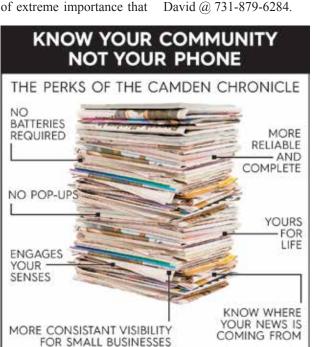
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and which or with whom we perhaps unconsciously allowed our world to revolve around, how would we define ourselves after the separation? In the story the individual after further contemplation revised their evaluation of the 'who are you' question. Since I began our discussion have you contemplated the question in application to yourself? Who are you? How in specific detail category by category as above would you now define yourself? I wrote an article years ago that discussed the rebuilding of one's life anew after an essential and life defining loss. This is what the one questioned was truly asked to answer. It was after a traumatic loss in their life. Also at the heart of this question is our view whether we are an island to ourselves or recognize we have a need of social and spiritual connection outside of ourselves. The truth is we all do. Sunrise Aftercare is here to support you in your journey with grief, loss, and rebuilding your life and redefining who you now are.



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Cheesy Garlic Herb Dip Italian Meringue

Ingredients:

- 12 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup mayo
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 ½ teaspoon dried rosemary
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons panko or

breadcrumbs **Directions:**

Grease an 8x8 baking dish and preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a large bowl, add cream cheese, mozzarella, mayo, and ½ cup parmesan.



Stir until fully combined.

Mix the garlic, rosemary, thyme, and pepper into the cheese mixture and transfer to the prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, mix together the remaining 1/4 parmesan and the bread-

crumbs. Sprinkle over the top of the cheese mixture.

Bake for 22-25 minutes or until golden brown and bubbling.

Serve hot with crackers, chips, or bread.

Hot Dog Relish

Ingredients:

- 24 Ounce Jar Dill Pickle Slices or Spears
- 1/2 cup Roasted Red Pepper Strips Drained
- 1 Small Onion Cut Into Pieces 1 Tablespoon Mustard
- Seed
- 1 Tablespoon Celery Seed 1 Teaspoon Dried Dill
- 1 Teaspoon Crushed Red Pepper
- 3-4 Tablespoons Pickle
- Juice 2 Tablespoons Sugar

Directions:

Drain the pickles and reserve 4 tablespoons of the pickle juice.

To a food processor, add the pickles, roasted red peppers and onion. Pulse until chopped small. Transfer to a bowl.

To the bowl, add the mustard seed, celery seed, dried dill, crushed red pepper, pickle juice and sugar.



Stir until mixed through.

Transfer the relish to an airtight container such as a mason jar, cover and let re-

frigerate for at least 1 hour before serving to allow the flavors to come together.

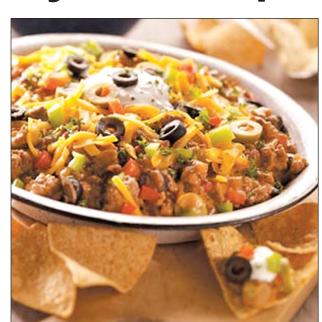
Cowboy Beef Dip

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef 4 tablespoons chopped
- onion, divided 3 tablespoons chopped sweet red pepper, divided
- 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper, divided
- 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed nacho cheese soup, undiluted
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 4 tablespoons sliced ripe olives, divided
- 4 tablespoons sliced pimiento-stuffed olives, divided
- 2 tablespoons chopped green chilies 1 teaspoon chopped seeded
- jalapeno pepper 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons sour cream 2 to 3 teaspoons minced
- fresh parsley Tortilla chips

Directions:

In a large skillet, cook the beef, 3 tablespoons onion, 2 tablespoons red pepper and 1 tablespoon green pepper over medium heat until



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meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the soup, salsa, 3 tablespoons ripe olives, 3 tablespoons pimiento-stuffed olives, chilies, jalapeno, oregano and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer,

uncovered, for 5 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish. Top with the cheese, sour cream and parsley; sprinkle with the remaining onion, peppers and olives. Serve with tortilla chips.

Yield: 3 cups.

Buttercream

Ingredients:

- 5 large egg whites, at room temperature
- 1/8 teaspoon cream of
- 1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup water 2 cups unsalted butter, softened (4 sticks), cut
- into 1/2" cubes 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Directions:

In the bowl of a standing mixer, add egg whites and begin beating on medium speed until the egg whites become foamy.

Add cream of tartar to the egg whites and continue beating until the form stiff peaks - hold their shape.

Meanwhile, in a saucepan, combine sugar and water. Heat over medium-high heat, stirring until all of the sugar granules are dissolved.

Continue heating the sugar mixture until the temperature reaches 238-240°F (the soft-ball stage).

Transfer the sugar syrup to a measuring cup or something that allows you to pour it easily in a thin stream. With the mixer running

on low speed, pour the sugar syrup in a very thin stream into the stiff egg whites. Mix on low until all of

the sugar syrup has been incorporated. The egg white mixture will now appear

glossy and stiff like meringue.

Continue mixing on medium speed until egg whites have cooled completely (feel the bowl to make sure no warmth remains).

When the meringue has cooled, add the butter -1-2cubes at a time. Mix each tablespoon into the meringue completely before adding the next couple cubes.

Continue adding cubes of butter at a time until it is all combined.

Scrape down the sides of the bowl and switch to the paddle attachment. Add va-

nilla extract.

Beat on low speed using the paddle attachment for several minutes to beat the air out of the buttercream. The buttercream may appear curdled at first, but it will beat out into a smooth, luscious frosting.

To frost cupcakes with a swirl, fit a large piping bag with cake decorating tip #1M. Fill the piping bag with buttercream. Pipe buttercream onto cupcakes in a counter-clockwise direction, swirling up and toward the center.

Churro Cheesecake

Ingredients:

- ½ cup granulated sugar 2 tbsp cinnamon
- 2 cans Pillsbury crescent dough, 8 oz each, I used the butter flake type
- 2 8 oz packages cream cheese, room tempera-
- ½ cup granulated sugar 1 tsp vanilla extract 2 large eggs

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spray a 9×13 inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray.

Make the cinnamon sugar topping by combining 1/2 cup granulated sugar and the cinnamon, mix. Sprinkle 1/4 cup of this mixture over the bottom of the pan.

On a silicone baking mat, unroll one can of crescent rolls. Use your fingers to press the seams together. Carefully place the dough into the pan

In a medium mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese and granulated sugar, beat with an electric mixer for 2-3 minutes. Add in vanilla extract and eggs, beating until combined. Evenly spread the cheesecake over the dough in the





Unroll the second can of crescent rolls and use your finger to press the seams together. Carefully place the dough on top of the cheesecake. Sprinkle the remaining cinnamon sugar mixture evenly over the dough.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until the crescent dough puffs up and turns golden in color. Remove the

cheesecake from the oven and allow it to cool on the counter for 1 hour.

Place the pan in the fridge to chill for 2-4 hours. Cut the cheesecake into bars and serve. Churro cheesecake is best served the day it's made. The longer the cheesecake sits in the fridge, the crescent dough layers will become soft.



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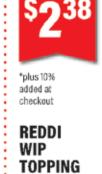
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Graduation day begins with breakfast for Benton County seniors

by Bobby "Flash" Melton

A group of 55 seniors from the CHS class of 2023 started their graduation day early last Friday with a special senior breakfast held in their honor at Country and Western Steakhouse. The buffet meal was made possible thanks to the generosity Judy Dobson, grandmother of senior Will Dobson.

"I just planted a seed and things came together for us to have this recognition for our seniors," said Judy. "I suggested it and the mothers of the graduates started doing everything that needed to be done to make sure it happened. It makes my

this important day in their lives and I'm overflowing with love for all of them."

After the breakfast seniors' names were drawn for prizes consisting of money, gift cards, gift baskets, and other items. Some 57 local businesses served as sponsors for this part of the program and each senior in attendance received at least one prize.

Among parents helping with the activity was Jennifer Capps, mother of senior Ally Capps. "Since we no longer have a 'Project Graduation,' which was discontinued a few years ago, we still wanted to do something

heart smile to see them on for the graduates. This is our way of showing we're proud of them and appreciate all the hard work they have done," Jennifer said.

She related that many

moms worked very hard in the days leading up to the breakfast by doing things such as collecting donations, compiling a senior list, and contacting them to see if they

would attend

the breakfast. Several moms got to Country and Western at 6:30 a.m. Friday morning to decorate the meeting area to salute the Class of 2023.

Jennifer said she was grateful to Judy Dobson for proposing the idea of the senior breakfast and her key contribution to its success. She also thanked everyone at Country and Western for agreeing to host the event during a time when the

restaurant usually is closed. She also thanked the many area merchants that made donations for the seniors.

"Everyone here received an envelope with gift cards or cash, and we also handed out several special prizes for our seniors," she said. "We could not have done this today without our local businesses and we are truly thankful for their support."

"I thought it was a good idea to give these kids a little extra start on their next steps in life with the cash or gifts they received this morning," said Amy Dobson, Will's mom. "We all wish them a bright future. I hope the the very best for all of them."

As the program ended last Friday many of the seniors attending expressed their appreciation to those who were responsible for the breakfast and recognition. They realized that only a few hours later they would no longer be a student at CHS but rather an alumnus with memories of the past four years.

When asked what advice they would give the graduates as they begin their new journeys, Jennifer said, "Always try to make smart decisions." Judy added, "Follow your dreams and shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll be among the stars.'



A group of CHS athletes enjoy their meal.



CHS seniors line up for the breakfast buffet.



Seniors from Holladay share a table.

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SENIOR BREAKFAST - Seniors from CHS enjoyed a special breakfast at Country and Western Steakhouse early on Friday morning, May 19, before their graduation ceremony later on Friday night.



SENIOR WALK - Former Holladay School students (from left) Haley Pinkley, Sean Francis, Hunter Peek, Emma Gray, Allie Conrad, William Young, and (not shown) Tyson Arnold returned to the halls of Holladay School on Tuesday, May 16, to complete their senior walk. They visited old teachers, friends, younger siblings, and administrators as part of their quest.

CHS students visit familiar hallways

On Tuesday, May 16, Camden Central High School seniors enjoyed breakfast together at school prior to a special event that students look forward to every year as a way to celebrate graduation. Following breakfast, seniors made a parade through the elementary and middle schools they previously attended.

Seniors were transported by busses to their corresponding former schools, where they were welcomed by current students and their past teachers. This celebrates the seniors' accomplishments while also serving as encouragement to their previous teachers and the upcoming students.

The senior walk is a way to honor our graduates and encourage our younger generations of students," shared Dr. Dawn Churchwell, assistant principal of CHS. "This tradition began in 2016 and has continued since."

This event is always anticipated by the local community and was even upheld during the 2020 pandemic lockdown year, when the Benton Coun-

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streets to celebrate the seniors' achievements.

Benton County Schools operates six schools and the Benton County Career and Technical Center. For more information about the senior walk, contact Churchwell at 731-584-7254 or dawn.churchwell@



COMING HOME – Tyson Arnold, son of Marty and Tina Arnold, returned to Holladay School last Tuesday to complete his senior walk. An honor graduate at CHS, Tyson remarkably completed all four years of high school with perfect attendance.





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John Bukky inducts Tony Fry.



Billy Robins inducts the late Dwight Haskins, represented by his son Brett Haskins.

Benton County High School Athletics Hall of Fame inductees for 2023

On Saturday, May 20, the Benton County High School Athletics Hall of Fame held its induction ceremony for the 2023 induction class. Five athletes and one fine supporter were named to the Hall of Fame. What follows are brief descriptions of the contributions these individuals have made to sports in Benton County.

Leah Hensley Cripps CHS Class of 2007

Leah Hensley Cripps pitched high school softball at CHS from 2004-07 for Coach Stacey Baker. She went on to pitch college softball at Bethel University from 2007-11 for Coach Larry Geraldi.

At CHS, her softball jersey was retired in 2007 following her graduation. She netted high school career records of 62 wins and 10 losses, with a winning percentage of .861. She logged 559 strikeouts, 33 shutouts, 10 no-hitters, and had an ERA of 1.20. In both 2006 and 2007, she was named to the All-District, All-West Tennessee, and All-State teams. The team she led in 2007 was TSSAA State Runner-up for Class AA.

At Bethel, Cripps was inducted into Bethel Athletic Hall of Fame 2022, the first softball player ever to be inducted. Her college career stats include ERA 2.54, 83 games pitched, 42 wins, 60 complete games, 14 shutouts, and 232 strikeouts. From 2009-2011, she was named to the NAIA All-Academic team.

In 2009, Cripps' 19 wins, 8 shutouts, and 1.68 ERA helped lead the Bethel Wildcats to a 34-14 record and an appearance in the NAIA National Championship Tournament. She went on to be named to the Trans-South All-Conference team

Tony Fry CHS Class of 1982

Tony Fry is perhaps the best pitcher in CHS base-ball history, statistically speaking. Following his four years of play, he owned the following single season records: Appearances – 14, innings pitched – 73, strike-outs – 101, and is tied in saves at 4.

His career records continue a story of excellence. In pitching, he recorded 43 appearances, 198.66 innings pitched, 262 strikeouts, 31 starts, 22 wins, 15 complete games, 5 saves, and 4 shutouts. In batting, he recorded 81 hits, 57 RBIs, 19 doubles, 10 homeruns, 24 stolen bases, and a 0.310 career batting average.

Fry played for two years at Jackson State, where he continued his dominance on the pitching mound, and was just as much an accomplished batter and outfielder. He hit 15 homeruns, 80 RBIs, and had a batting average of 0.304. He later received a scholarship to play for Union University, where he was pivotal in their success as a batter and outfielder as well.

Dwight Haskins CHS Class of 1966

The late Dwight Haskins played basketball and football at CHS. He played baseball as a pitcher and infielder in the local summer leagues in Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball. At the 2023 induction ceremony, he was represented by his son Brett

At CHS, Haskins was a three-year letterman in bas-

ketball, and the MVP for the 64-65 season. During his senior year 65-66, he was team captain and led the Lions in rebounding and scoring, averaging over 20 points per game. He was named to the All-District team in 64-65 and 65-66 seasons.

He attended Austin Peay State University on a baseball scholarship, lettering for three years. He was the leading pitcher his junior and senior years at APSU. In 1970 he teamed with another APSU pitcher to pitch the first back-to-back no hitters in APSU baseball history.

Haskins was voted outstanding pitcher his senior year at APSU and was named an Ohio Valley Conference All-Conference Pitcher in 1970. He was scouted by several MLB teams including the Cincinnati Reds and participated in their tryout camps.

David Hubbs CHS Class of 1966

David Hubbs was a member of the Camden Lions football team from 1962-65. He lettered three years in football as an offensive/defensive lineman. During his years at CHS, Hubbs became an avid lifelong fan of the game, developing under Coach Tommy Richardson.

During Hubb's senior year, Richardson had all his players write down goals to achieve for the year on an index card and submit to him. Hubbs taped his goals inside his helmet so he could look at them every day at practice, which motivated him to succeed.

Hubbs was named an outstanding offensive/defensive lineman in 1964/65 and played on Camden's 1965 undefeated team that went

11-0. He helped lead CHS to victory over Henderson in the 1965 Volunteer Conference Championship, and over Brownsville in the 1965 Little Cotton Bowl.

In that 1965 season while playing center and middle guard, he was named First Team All-Volunteer Conference, Honorable Mention All-West Tennessee 1965, and Honorable Mention All-State 1965.

Hubbs went on to play college football at UTM for one year before joining the Army to serve as a sergeant in Vietnam.

David Markham CHS Class of 1960

David Markham is the "resident historian" of sports in Benton County. During his years at CHS, he played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track. He scored the very first touchdown on Wright Field in the fall of 1959.

During his senior year, he served as captain of the CHS football and basketball teams. He played several positions for the Lions including linebacker, defensive safety, quarterback, and running back.

He earned letters for four years on the basket-ball team, setting a state record for scoring over 100 points in a game and placing among the state's top 10 in his senior year.

In baseball he played four years at all positions including pitcher. His baseball team won a Regional Championship his junior year. He also played American Legion Baseball as a teen.

He was a member of the first Track Team at CHS and competed in the 100-yard dash and high jump.

In addition to his years as a player, Markham also has served as a coach for Little League, Babe Ruth, and American Legion baseball teams. He helped start the Pop Warner Football League in Camden in the early 1970s and served as a team coach.

He has been a member of both the CHS Quarterback Club and CHS Rebound Club, has raised funds for numerous youth sports organizations, and served as a member of the "Chain Gang Crew" for CHS home football games. He is a longtime member of the Magic Valley Golf Club and has served as an officer of the organization

When he lived in Russellville, Ky., he coached a Babe Ruth Baseball team to the Kentucky State Tournament Semi-Finals. He helped coach a Russellville, Ky., high school team that was a runner-up as well as a team that became Kentucky State Champions.

In 2013 Markham was instrumental in the founding of the Benton County High School Athletics Hall of Fame and has served as Chairman of the group's Board of Directors the entire time.

Tom Bordonaro Camden Lions Contributor/ Supporter

The late Tom Bordonaro was a supporter of all Camden sports for over 40 years, especially football. He moved to Camden from Cleveland, Ohio in 1952. At the 2023 banquet, he was represented by his daughter Cindy Martin and his stepson Don Pafford.

In 1962 he opened Tom's Lion Service Station on Camden Court Square where "Wash N Well" laundry now stands. He operated the business for over 30 years. During that time, he hired many CHS athletes and other students as part-time employees. In addition to sponsoring high school sports, he also sponsored programs of youth sports organizations such as Little League, Babe Ruth, and Pop Warner football.

In 1964 Bordonaro became "mascot" for the CHS football team where he would dress in a Lions costume for games. He served as mascot for about 20 years.

According to his daughter Cindy, Bordonaro was a wonderful person who treated everyone with love and respect. He was a devoted member of the community in Benton County and has left a legacy of giving and community service which his family continues.



Terry Leonard inducts David Hubbs.



Bobby Flash Melton inducts David Markham.



Barry Barnett (center) inducts the late Tom Bordonaro, represented by his stepson Don Pafford and daughter Cindy Martin.



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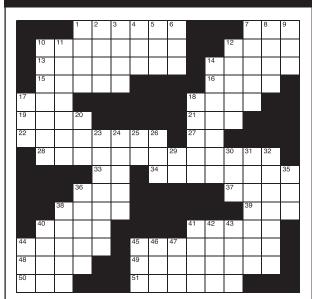
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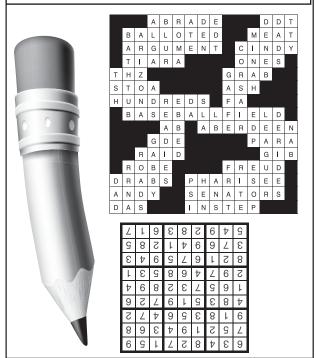
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An uneasy subject



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It is an uneasy subject to read about, speak about, and for many to even fathom to think about. In our American culture we look at death as an end all. We think, many times, of the only the finality of death instead of the beginning of eternity. It is with that sentiment I write these words to each of you. What I write is not easy and to be honest it is not always pleasant to write on this subject. Nonetheless, I must ask myself what would I desire to hear, the truth or some made up fantasy tale on the subject. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Two things must happen to every person without fail. Every person must die. Every person must stand before the judgment chair of God to be judged by Jesus Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of

Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.". No one will be excused from death or from judgment. The judgment day is the most important day of every person's life. Life's most important purpose is to prepare for judgment of Christ. Christians should understand the judgment so they will be properly prepared.

When will judgment

come? Judgment day will come when Jesus Christ returns. Pail explains this is 2 Timothy 4:1, "I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom". It is only God who knows the day and the hour of Jesus' return according to Mark 13:32, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.". God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world through Christ as told in Acts 17:31, "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the

world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." Jesus himself will be the judge, Romans 2:16, "in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel." We are informed through God's Word that on that day when Jesus comes back, every eye shall see him (Revelation 1:7). We are told that all nations shall be gathered before him (Matthew 25:31-32), and all of the dead shall also be there (Revelations 20:11-13). Do you realize what this means dear reader? It means every person who has been born will be judged. It means every person since the beginning of time will be gathered to

meet judgment. What will happen when that day comes? When Jesus comes to judge the world there will be a great noise made by the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God. Paul explains this more than one in the scriptures, He explains it to the church at Corinth in I Corinthians 15 and writes to the church at Thessalonica in I Thessalonians 4:16, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

On that day the physical heavens and earth that now exist will be destroyed by fire as the apostle Peter informs us in his letter. 2 Peter 3:7,10, "But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." The universe as we as we understand it will be no more. It will pass away with great noise, and the earth with all things on the earth will be burned up (II Peter 3:10-

Along with most assem-

blies reinventing them-

selves, we notice a decline

in the promotion of prayer.

Why is this? Because the

masses would rather be cozy

and comfortable, to be en-

tertained, and listen to short

"feel good" devotions that

are non-threatening. Serious

prayer does not fit into this

format, even though inter-

cession generates the power

of the Holy Spirit's presence

in the services and increases

discernment, anointing, and

maturity. When prayer was

removed from the public ed-

ucation system, the enemy

won a major battle, but why

do we not hear more about

how the absence of a praying

church causes a spiritually

powerless nation? One rea-

son is the average religious

person only calls for prayer

when they need something.

If prayer was a top priority

of Christians, there would be

12). Then there will be new heavens and a new earth (II Peter 3:13).

By what shall people be judged? There are many things that will be a part of our judgment. Jesus said we will be judged by the words we have spoken (Matthew 12:36, 37). We shall also be judged by the teachings of Jesus (John 12:48). The help and kindness we gave or refused to give other people will also be a part of our judgment (Matthew 25:31-46). Also, we shall be judged by our deeds (Romans 2:5-6).

What will determine our reward? Paul says every person will be judged, and each will "receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). The way you live every day is determining the judgment you will receive. The only chance you have to prepare for judgment is the time you are alive on earth. There will be no "second chance". You will not be able to correct your life after you die. The Christian who prepares for judgment by living righteously every day has no need to fear the judgment. Those who love God and are prepared have no fear of judgment. God's Word is true and righteous. I definitely understand the hesitancy in speaking or writing on such matters because they make us feel uneasy. This uneasy subject can be one of delight and joy. Death is not easy and I hope the beginning of this article did not cast that shadow on this article. However this uneasy subject can be made easier by simply giving your life to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, I will close with the very comforting words we find in *I John 4:17-19*, "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us."

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Psalms 48:1 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness." Then on down in that same chapter in verse 13, "Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces..."

In the Old Testament, Jerusalem was the center of worship, and God met his people at the temple there. In our day, God's center of worship and His strong city is the church! Not the

God, in whom He dwells by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Note here that the city of God, the spiritual Jerusalem, is to be marked by praise. The church is to be a place and people of praise to our God for all He's done for us.

Verse 13 says "consider her palaces". Think of all the greatness of God's church. Her salvation in Christ, her eternal security in the blood atonement, the providential protection she enjoys and her eventual home in heaven! Ephesians 1 says of the church, "Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ". Christian, think today of the wonderful blessings of the saint who is a member of the body and bride of Christ - His church!

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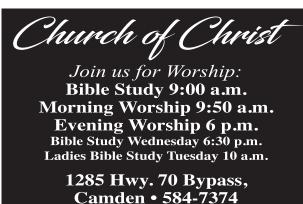
Billy Holland

I'm reminded again of the quote from Scott Fitzgerald, 'You do not write because you want to say something; you write because you have something to say." I can relate to those who are called to express the burdens within their hearts and thankful for the opportunity to share mine. These freedoms may not always be with us as the world is becoming aggressively opposed to God and His disciples. I write for several secular publications around the country and I'm often warned about toning it down with Jesus as it might offend those who disagree. The subtle hint here is that being selective with my words would be better than having no platform at all. Many newspapers have already closed the door on spiritual content because of political, social, and cultural

The Living on Purpose column is recognized as a source of encouragement and faith, nevertheless, as a watchman I must never ignore His warnings. Pastors and teachers will agree it's easier to talk about doctrines and Biblical history, but it's a solemn responsibility and personal sacrifice to deliver a specific and urgent message from God Himself. In the Bible when He would choose a servant that He could trust, often their obedience brought persecution and for some, it cost them their lives. This is happening right now. I'm referring to those few individuals that are not afraid to speak divine truth about sin even if they are silenced with force. The religious "fluff" will continue adapting and compromising as a part of their self-preservation, but sadly this fear of offending is causing many churches to reconsider their stand against sin as a solution to maintain popularity while avoiding hostile spiritual

prayer meetings every day. How often are we desperate for God? Do we anticipate Him whispering for us to go somewhere private and seek Him? I realize I talk about the human will all the time, but I do not apologize as it is the key to the meaning of life. Our free will is the command center within the human experience that has everything to do with our spiritual connection with our Creator. Until the word of God convicts the will and the mind is transformed to be completely dedicated to Him, there can only be a hypocritical facade. If we choose to fill our minds with the poison of the world, we will not be convicted to pray or have a passion to walk in the awareness of His presence. So, why is the reverential fear of the Lord hardly mentioned anymore? Because the masses do not want to hear that lukewarmness is a result of being filled with more of the world than the Holy Spirit. We are what we think and when we refuse to guard our minds, our conscience easily becomes contaminated. When pleasure becomes more important than pleasing God, our dirty heart separates us from Him. If we allow God to pu-

rify us with His refining fire, there is no way we can continue absorbing the corruption of wickedness. We have two choices: continue pledging allegiance to the darkness or become a living sacrifice for Christ. We can't love two masters and being neutral is serving the darkness. Beyond the motivational talks and inspirational stories, we must own all aspects of truth, we must demonstrate what we confess. Until we surrender our will to Him, we will not change. We've heard about being born-again, but not a lot about what it really means. When a person accepts Christ as their Savior and Lord, they no longer serve themselves. All control has been given over to their new Master, and to continue living exactly the same "after" we make our holy vow to Jesus is a fraud.



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: DENNIS RAY WILL

PENDING IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:
JOSHLYN KLAIRE
WILL, dob June 23, 2013
A Child
Under the Age of Eighteen
(18) Years

DAKOTA ALAN
CARLTON and
DESIREE MICHELLE
CARLTON,
Petitioners,

VS.

DENNIS RAY WILL, Respondent.

NO. 2023-JT-1

In this cause, it appearing from the Petitioners' pleading, which is sworn to, that the residence of Dennis Ray Will is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry or he is a nonresident of Tennessee.

IT IS THEREFORE **ORDERED** THAT publication be made for four (4) consecutive weeks as required by law in the Camden Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation published in Benton County, Tennessee, notifying Dennis Ray Will to serve upon Petitioners' Steven attorney, L. West, WEST & WEST P. ATTORNEYS, 687, Huntingdon, Tennessee 38344, and the Clerk of this Court, an Answer to the Petition filed against him in this action within thirty (30) days from the date of last publication or a judgment by default will be entered on August 10, 2023, and the action set for hearing ex parte as to

Dated this the 27 day of April, 2023.

Sam Rainwaters, Michelle Lowry Clerk Benton County Juvenile Court

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NOTICE TO
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As Required by TCA 302-306
Case No. 4760

Estate of AUGUSTA HOLLAND STERRETT, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Augusta Holland Sterrett, died March 5, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master 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: (A) Four months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be)

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death.
All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Linda Young
Executor
05/10/2023
Charles L. Hicks
Attorney
05/10/2023
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master
05/10/2023

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State of Tennessee
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NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

As Required by TCA 30
2-306

<u>Case No. 4760</u> Estate of DANNY EARL MELTON, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of May, 2023, letters testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Danny Earl Melton, who died January 29, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master 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.

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05/10/2023

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PUBLICATION
NOTICE
IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF BENTON
COUNTY, TENNESSEE

GLENN WAYNE HARRIS,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

VALERIE JEAN SOUTHARD HARRIS DEFENDANT.

DOCKET NO. 4783 TO VALERIE JEAN SOUTHARD HARRIS

In this Cause, it appearing from the Complaint

which is sworn to, that the whereabouts of the **VALERIE** Defendant. **SOUTHARD JEAN** HARRIS, is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the diligent search and inquiry made to that end. VALERIE **SOUGHARD JEAN** HARRIS is therefore, hereby, required to appear and Answer the Complaint filed in this Cause against him/her in the Chancery Court of Benton County, Tennessee, within thirty days of the last publication of this Notice and served a copy of Answer on Howard F. Douglass, P.O. Box 39, Lexington, TN., 38351, Attorney for Plaintiff, within said time. If you fail to do so judgement by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint at hearing of the cause without further notice.

It is further Ordered that this Notice be published for four consecutive weeks in *THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE*.

This the 15th day of May 2023.

Timothy R. Burrus, Clerk and Master

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NOTICE TO
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As Required by TCA 302-306
Case No. 4760

Estate of HELEN

FLEMING, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of May, 2023, letters testamentary of administration (or as the case may be) in respect of the estate of Helen Fleming, who died January 13, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk and Master 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:

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.

Brenda McGuiggan
Executrix
05/11/2023
Terry Leonard
Attorney
05/11/2023
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master
05/11/2023

05/18, 25

PUBLICATION
NOTICE
IN THE CHANCERY
COURT OF
BENTON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE
AT CAMDEN

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BELLA JANE LATIMER, Deceased

NO. 4759

ORDER TO SERVE BY
PUBLICATION

This cause came to be heard on the 15th May 2023, before the Honorable Vicki H. Hoover, Chancellor for the Chancery Court for Benton County, Tennessee, upon the Motion to Serve by Publication to the Petition to Establish Lost Will and Treat Copy as the Original Last Will and Testament, filed by Paul Cobb Greer and John Robert Latimer ("Co-Petitioners"). Court finds that the ordinary process of the law cannot be served upon Jeffrey Latimer, Daniel Latimer, Sandra Blackburn, and Martha Jane ("Respondents") and, therefore, the Motion is well-taken.

It is, further, ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be published on May 17, 2023 and May 24, 2023 and shall run for four (4) weeks in The Camden Chronicle Benton County, Tennessee, and that the four (4) week publication shall constitute service for the Petition to Establish Lost Will and Treat Copy as the Original Last Will and Testament, not yet served with process for said publication.

It is so ORDERED. ENTERED this 15th day of May 2023

Vicki H. Hoover CHANCELLOR

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been forwarded to the following persons via United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, and/ or electronically to the address(es) as indicated below:

Paul Cobb Greer 4100 Langston Cove Memphis, TN 38117

Sandra Blackburn 132 Sunset Ave. Camden, TN 38320

John Robert Latimer 108 Servis Street Camden, TN 38320

Jeffery Latimer Via publication in newspaper

Julia Ann Crow 615 Bayshore Drive #505 Pensacola, FL 32503

Martha Jane
Via publication in

Charles William Latimer 108 Sarvis St. Camden, TN 38320

newspaper

Alex Latimer 202 Washington Ave. Camden, TN 38320

this the 27th day of March 2023

05/18, 25, 06/01, 08

Kate Nyquist

Notice of Application
Bank Branch Acquisition

Apex Bank, 102 E. Main Street, Camden, Tennessee 38320, is applying to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions for permission to acquire two branches located at 314 N Public Square, Centerville, TN 37033 and 5200 Hwy 100, Lyles, TN 37098, from United Community

Bank, a subsidiary of

United Community Banks, Inc. It is contemplated that the two branches of the abovenamed institution will continue to be operated as branches of Apex Bank. Any person wishing

comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Corporation Insurance its regional office, 6060 Primacy Parkway, Suite 300, Memphis, Tennessee 38119, not later than June 29, 2023. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file in the Regional Office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of information the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

Any person wishing to comment on or protest this application or any person having information which may have a bearing on the fitness of any of the organizers or proponents of this application may file comments with the Commissioner of Financial Institutions in Tennessee Tower, 26th Floor, 312 Rosa Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, telephone the Department of Financial Institutions at (615) 741-5018. Written or telephonic notice must be made to the Commissioner within fifteen (15) days of this publication.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Benton County Board of Public Utilities will meet in regular monthly session on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at the office of the Board at 975 Hwy. 70E, Camden, TN.

neys for Co- _______5/ Petitioners

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
&
FINAL READING

The City of Camden Mayor and Board of Alderpersons, will hold a Public Hearing and Final Reading on

Ordinance #RP-2023-02, amending the official zoning map of Camden to rezone the property located at 182 West Main St. from R-1 (low density residential) to B-1 (local business).

The public hearing and final reading will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., at Camden City Hall.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment.

Roger Pafford Mayor

05/25

CITY OF CAMDEN
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING &
FINAL READING
2023/2024 FISCAL
YEAR BUDGETS
AND PROPERTY TAX
RATE
ORDINANCE #RP07012023-24

The City of Camden Mayor and Board of Alderpersons will hold a Public Hearing and Final Reading on Ordinance RP-07012023-24, (an Ordinance adopting the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Budgets and property tax rate).

The public hearing and

The public hearing and final reading will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at Camden City Hall during the regular meeting of the Mayor and board.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and comment.

Angie Holland CMFO/Recorder

05/25

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RONALD J. KNUUTILA and wife, BARBARA J. KNUUTILA,

PLAINTIFFS,

V.

JANICE ARNOLD, KATHY MARSHALL DYER, CONNIE SHANE, AND PATSY JUSTICE.

DEFENDANTS.

DOCKET NO. 4487

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By the authority granted by "Order" filed in the above styled case on May 8, 2023 and entered of record in Minute Book 84, Page 88, I will on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., pursuant to Chancery Court Rules, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real estate in the matter of Ronald J. Knuutila, etal v. Janice Arnold, etals, as set out in said "Order".

LOCATION OF SALE:
The Real Estate will be sold at the Benton County Courthouse in the Chancery Courtroom in Camden, Tennessee. A sale sign will be posted at the sight of the property to be sold.

ADDRESS OF
PROPERTY: 1231 Lodge
Road, Camden, TN 38320
LOCATION AND
DESCRIPTION OF
PROPERTY:

TAX MAP 80G, GROUP B, PARCEL 22.02 (Portion) TAX ASSESSOR'S

OFFICE, BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

(1231 Lodge Road, Camden, Tennessee)
BEING a tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in the Tenth Civil District of Benton County, Tennessee, shown on survey recorded as Page 653, in Warranty Deed of record in Record Book 240, Pages 648 through 653, in

the Register's Office of

Benton County, Tennessee,

described as follows:

more particularly

BEGINNING on a set iron pin in the northern margin of a gravel road, said iron pin the southwest corner of a 0.10 acre tract that was deeded by Ouitclaim Deed to C.B. Kee in Record Book 102, Page 722, in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, and being the southeast corner of the tract described herein; thence with the northern margin of the gravel road as follows: South 89 degrees, 22 minutes, 19 seconds West for a distance of 116.18 feet; thence South 85 degrees, 10 minutes, 37 seconds West for a distance of 73.82 feet to an existing iron pin in the eastern line of James Bryant (Tax Map 080G Group B Parcel 023.00); thence with the eastern line of Bryant, North 04 degrees, 17 minutes, 10 seconds West for a distance of 15.00 feet to an existing iron pipe at the southwest corner of Lot 2 belonging to C.B. Kee; thence with the southern line of Lot 2, North 85 degrees, 10 minutes, 37 seconds East, for a distance of 100.00 feet to an existing iron pin; thence with the eastern line of Lot 2, North 19 degrees, 52 minutes, 28 seconds West, for a distance of 75.00 feet to an existing iron pin at the southeast corner of Donald Hunley (Tax Map 080G Group B Parcel 022.04 and Parcel 022.07, RB 30

Please see PUBLIC NOTICES, page 5B

PG 334); thence with the

eastern line of Hunley as

follows: North 12 degrees,

06 minutes, 41 seconds

West, for a distance of

77.00 feet to a set iron pin; thence North 23 degrees,

PUBLIC NOTICES | RECORDS

TBI releases annual campus crime study

April 28, Tennessee Bureau Investigation released its annual "Crime on Campus" publication, detailing the volume and nature of crime on Tennessee's college and university campuses. The report compiles data submitted to TBI through the state's Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS).

"This report hopefully will assist law enforcement, institution administrators, and government officials in planning their efforts to fight crime and continue to create an awareness that crime exists as a threat in our communities," said TBI Director David Rausch. "The threats to society by criminal activity must be addressed by efforts from all law-abiding citizens, as well as law enforcement agencies."

The report's findings indicate from 2021 to 2022, reports of crime on campus increased 26.28 percent. Despite that, crime overall at Tennessee college and university campuses still remains 17.34 percent lower than it was in 2019.

In 2022, larceny/theft offenses accounted for 27.22 percent of reported offenses at colleges and universities. Assault offenses reported on college and university campuses increased 29.76 from 2021 to 2022, while reported drug/narcotic violations increased 16.03 during that same period.

In accordance with federal guidelines, the TBI strongly discourages the use of its published crime data to compare one entity or jurisdiction to another. It is far more appropriate, in the TBI's assessment, to compare a single entity's statistics over time.

The full report is available for review on the TBI's website at www.tbi. pub/reports.



TDS boosting top internet speeds for Bruceton customers

TDS Telecommunications is launching up to 8-gig internet speeds for Bruceton customers. The company first announced plans to bring fiber connections to the area last fall.

Although TDS initially expected to bring connections of up to 1-gig, now it is delivering service up to eight times faster. The super-fast option will be available to approximately 2.500 customers included in TDS' upgraded fiber network area.

Businesses in the build footprint can choose up to 10-gig dedicated connections that include a service level agreement, as well as phone services including managed IP, a hosted voice

over IP (VoIP) solution. "We are investing in the newest generation of fiber technology to ensure we bring the fastest-possible top speeds to Bruceton," said Drew Petersen, TDS senior vice president of corporate affairs. "Streaming, working remotely, or attending school online, regardless of what you need and want to do online, fiber delivers the bandwidth and the seamless internet experience customers are looking for."

TDS started construction on its fiber network in Bruceton late in 2022 and the new services are rolling out to customers neighborhood by neighborhood as work is completed. All the company's internet products are symmetrical, meaning the upload and download speeds are equal.

Beyond the company's standard range of speeds that begin at 300-mbps, TDS also offers a lowcost product for qualifying Affordable Connectivity

Program (ACP) participants. TDS Connect includes 200-mbps speeds and the monthly cost is fully covered by the ACP benefit.

"The federal government estimates that 40 percent of households across the U.S. qualify for the ACP program to reduce the cost of internet access," said Petersen. "We urge everyone in our service territories to check whether they qualify."

TDS has been a local provider in Bruceton for 42 years. Residents can visit TDSFiber.com/ TNfiber or call 1-888-225-5837 for more information about the new internet speeds. For more information about the ACP program visit tdstelecom.com/

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS

Arrests from

Brittany Grace Cole, 21, 60 Roberts St., Camden. Possession of schedule VI, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, resisting stop/ arrest, making false reports to law enforcement.

Jeremy Andrew Cole, 43, 195 E. Lake St., Camden. Evading arrest, two counts failure to appear ca-

Timothy Shawn Falkner, 34, 156 Greenlawn Ave., Camden. Fifth or more driving on revoked/ suspended license, felony evading arrest, fabricating/ tampering with evidence, possession of schedules VI and II fentanyl and amphetamine, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, possession of prohibited weapons, operating an unregistered vehicle, violation of financial responsibility law.

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Morgan Renee Hollingsworth, 33, Homeless. Possession of schedules VI and II fentanyl and amphetamine, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, fabricating/tampering with evidence.

33, 610 Beaver Dam Rd., Camden. Failure to appear

40, 245 Post Oak Rd., Camden. Possession of schedule II fentanyl and meth, possession of unlawful drug

Caig, 18, 151 Lexington St., Bruceton. Criminal impersonation, underage consumption of alcohol.

Shelia Carroll McGahan, 56, 3423 Bethel Church Rd., Camden. Third offense driving on revoked/ suspended license, failure to appear capias.

fee, 27, 220 Missionary Grove Church Rd., Camden. Failure to appear ca-

Wyly Dr., New Johnsonville. Driving on revoked/ suspended license.

of stolen property under Jarrid Dewayne Ster-

Jose Santos Salguero,

Hollow Rock. Failure to appear capias. Watkins, Gina 12675 Hwy. 69A, Big San-

PUBLIC NOTICES

From 4B

02 minutes, 24 seconds West, for a distance of 120.00 feet to a set iron pin at the northeast corner of Hunley; thence with an unknown property owner (now Marty Roberts on the assessment data), South 33 degrees, 27 minutes, 24 seconds East, for a distance of 214.91 feet to the northwest corner of the 0.10 acre tract belonging to C.B. Kee mentioned above; thence with the western line of said 0.10 acre tract, South 33 degrees, 27 minutes, 24 seconds East, for a distance of 111.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 12,532 square feet or 0.29 acre. Survey by Denny A. Bush, TRLS No. 1577, on May 15, 2002. Bearings refer to a 1992 survey of the Willis Parker property made by Robert Barrett.

This being a portion of the property conveyed to Fred S. Harper and wife, Ruth M. Harper, Edward L. Jackson, Emmett C. Halmontaller, and Thomas S. Williams and wife, Egea P. Williams Warranty Deed dated June 4, 1970 from Franklin L. Heyne and wife, Eddie Heyne as appears of record in Warranty Deed Book 69, Page 382 in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee. Grantees herein execute this deed to convey the interest of Emmett C. Halmontaller, who died intestate on December 14, 1970.

The property is located in the 10th Civil District of Benton County, Tennessee, and being Tax Map 080G, Group B, Parcel 022.02 in the Assessor's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, and appearing in Book 396, Page 551, in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee.

TERMS OF SALE:

Said property will be sold for cash, 10% down on the day of the sale, with the balance due upon confirmation of the sale by the Court. This property is offered and sold as is, in the present condition, with no warranties or representations, express or implied, not noted herein. While Chancery sales are conclusive upon all parties to the action and generally confer a good title, nevertheless there is no warranty of title. Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any written material. For a legal description of the real estate contact the Clerk & Master's office at 731-584-

This the 22nd day of May, 2023.

Timothy R. Burrus as Special Commissioner

John W. Whitworth, #6800 Attorney for the Plaintiffs 116 East Main Street P.O. Box 208 Camden, TN 38320 (731)584-6013

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Benton County is seeking a local farmer/individual willing to compensate the county to be able to cut and collect the hay on approximately 15 acres of land located on the Benton County Airport grounds. The bid will be for a 5-year contract period. (This amount of time will allow for the farmer to properly fertilize and manage the project.)

This activity will be governed by FAA and local rules and regulations. Said rules and regulations may be obtained along with an opportunity to inspect the site by contacting the Airport Manager, Mr. Jimmy Troutt at 731-584-

INVITATION TO BID

The Benton County Highway Department is requesting bids on one (1) New 2023 ½ ton four wheel drive pickup and one (1) New ³/₄ ton four wheel drive pickup. Specifications can be obtained at the Benton County Highway Department office.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 P.M. June 13, 2023 at which time sealed bids will be opened by the Highway Committee. Bids must be sealed and marked "BID" on the envelope. The Benton County Highway Department request delivery within 30 days of approval. The committee has the right to reject any and or all bids including the low bid.

> Barry Carter, Superintendent 3360 Hwy 70 Byp Camden Tn. 38320 731-584-6145

> > 05/25

5/12-5/18/23:

capias.

Anthony James Lee,

Andrew Justin Long, paraphernalia.

Cody Robert Lee Mc-

James G. McMullin, 49, 3703 Whites Creek Pike, Nashville. Fifth offense driving on revoked/ suspended license, fugitive from justice.

Carly McKinley Mon-

Michael Reece, 44, 112

43, Homeless. Possession ling, 37, 140 Addell Rd.,

dy. Public intoxication, aggravated criminal trespass.

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL

Arrests from 5/12-5/18/23:

Janna R. Parrish, 24, 4804 Danby Dr., Nashville. DUI, violation of implied consent law.

Juan Jose N. Ruvalcaba, 26, 2131 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville. DUI, no driver's license, violation of open container law.

Damien Austin Taylor, 27, 1784 S. Highland, Jackson. DUI, aggravated child abuse.

BIG SANDY POLICE REPORTS

5/12-**Arrests** from 5/18/23:

Jeremy Michael Buie, 45, 1275 Old Union Rd., Paris. DUI, third offense driving on revoked/ suspended license, violation of financial responsibility law, simple possession of schedules I, II, and VI, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia.

Piedlau, Michelle 53, 8202 Danville Rd., Sandy. Possession Big schedule II fentanyl meth, possession unlawful drug and paraphernalia.

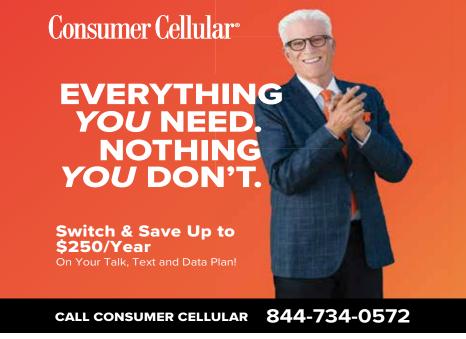
TVA Public Notice

Native American Human Remains

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 43 CFR 10.6 (c), of the intent to transfer custody of Native American human remains in the control of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by TVA officials in consultation with representatives of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas; Cherokee Nation; Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Poarch Band of Creeks, The Chickasaw Nation; The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in

In winter 2021 and 2022, human remains were removed from site 40BN12 Eva Site in Benton County, Tennessee. The discovery occurred at Kentucky Lake on TVA owned land. Officials of TVA have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry, at minimum. Officials of TVA have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.6 (a) – the human remains were removed from lands that are recognized as the aboriginal land of the Chickasaw Nation.

Representatives of any other Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that wishes to claim ownership or control of the human remains should contact Tribal Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT11C, Knoxville, TN 37902-1401, email tvatribal@tva.gov before June 28, 2023. Disposition of the human remains to the Chickasaw Nation may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.



UTM students study modern uses for Moore Century Farm

University of Tennessee at Martin students involved in the advanced farm and ranch management course in fall 2022 created a land-use study for Renee Williams, co-owner of the Moore Family Century Farm in Benton County. The project's goal was to generate ideas for the farm that would help create possible revenue streams.

The farm was established in 1870 by Williams' African American ancestors, John and Harriet Strayhorn Moore. The farm includes 70 acres leased for row crop production and 130 acres of timber. Williams says she is thankful for the students' help in assessing opportunities and risks and making suggestions for the future.

"The assistance we are receiving generates hope and excitement about maintaining our Moore Family Century Farm legacy," said Williams. "This document will serve as a compass to help us navigate the steps to build a productive business that contributes to the growth of agriculture in Tennessee and in Benton County."

The project began when Williams contacted Landy Fuqua, director of UTM's Regional Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (REED) Center and asked about possible revenue streams for the family farm. Fugua knew that a partnership between Danny Morris' advanced farm and ranch management course and the Moore Family Century Farm would be a perfect fit. Morris is lecturer of agricultural econom-

"We appreciate Ms. Williams for allowing our students to assist with this project," said Fuqua. "This was not only a learning experience for our students but also allowed Mr. Morris to use his expertise in the agricultural industry to assist Ms. Williams and her family on ideas to generate additional revenue on their heritage farm."

The agricultural business students involved in the project were Drew Grimmit, from Hampshire; Shelby Petty, from Reagan; and Sarah White, from Collierville. Each student had a different role in the project, then came together at the end to create the final proposal.

In Morris' course outline, students in advanced farm and ranch management have a goal of developing problem-solving and risk-management skills needed to operate the modern farm or ranch. Students also must use spreadsheets to perform production planning and analysis of farm and ranch problems with linear programming, simulations, and other tools. Morris said this real-world experience helped them reach their objectives.

"The agricultural business program prides itself in offering experiential-learning opportunities for our students. This helps our students learn that what we are teaching them is not just theory but has real-world applications," Morris said. "The class

became very engaged in the project and produced an excellent product. I am very proud of my students."

For more information about REED Center partnerships, contact Fuqua at lfuqua@utm.edu. Find out more about the REED Center and its services at www.utm.edu. To learn more about the Moore Family Century Farm visit www.visitmoorefarm.org.



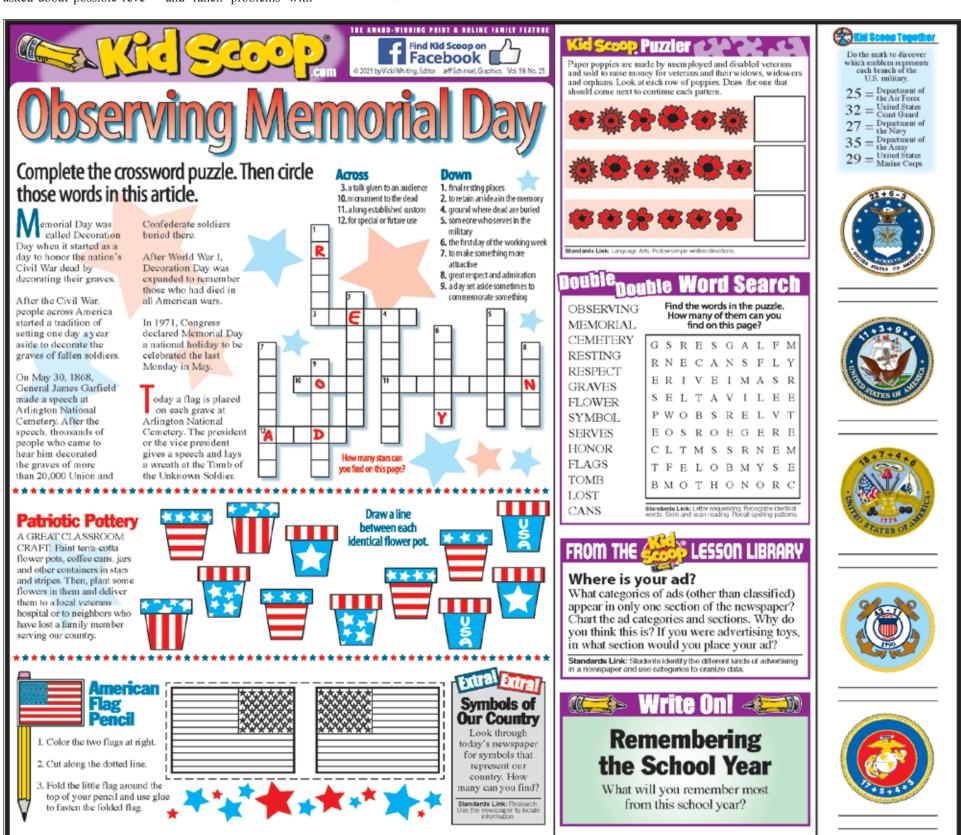
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CENTURY FARM - UTM students involved in an advanced farm and ranch management course completed a landuse study for the Moore Family Century Farm in Benton County. The project's goal was to help the farm identify new revenue streams. The farm was established in 1870 by Renee Williams' African American ancestors, John and Harriet Strayhorn Moore.









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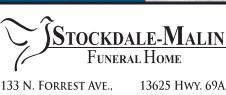
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AUCTION- Main St Towing, 2850 Hwy 70 E, Camden, TN, 38320. May 27, 2023 at 7a.m. Vin# 1FTRX-

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A happy heart

There is an old saying that says that a Happy Heart is a Healthy Heart. As I get a little wiser (older) then I am learning the truth behind this saying.

But what is a Happy Heart? What I have learned is that as we have more positivity in our lives this leads to a healthier lifestyle more enjoyment. There is so much to complain about in our life. Just turn on the news, read your twitter feed, do anything on social media and quickly you will enter a world of discontentment, bickering and complaining.

What happened to the world and the society that helps one another, that offers encouragement, trys to put a smile on each others faces rather than bring others down? I mean there are a lot of answers to that but this is not the forum to discuss those. Rather this is the platform that we can try to be healthier, right?

So what is a happy heart? A happy heart is a heart that goes to bed at night with joy in it. A happy heart is a heart that feels like it has accomplished something through the day and has made someone smile. We can find the good in people and find areas where we can agree as opposed to seeking areas to find conflict.

A heart that has joy has shown to lead to less stress which will help to decrease anxiety, reduce blood pressure which is always a good thing and lead to a more overall healthy lifestyle. In addition relationships are more stable and this attitude will spread to those that are around.

So I was thinking of what steps can we take to increase our happiness and overall joy? This answer is of course different for everyone and you will have to find the steps that will make a difference in your own life. But here are some things that I have noticed to help improve:

1. Find your joy or your passion in your life.

What is it that moves your needle? What is it that you look forward to the most? The answer could be a hobby that you have, exercise, your occupation, your family, your faith, or a combination of many things. These things that put a smile on your face, uplift your heart and take away the cares of the world is a good step to rekindle the joy. I know that for me I can go to the golf course, sit at my lego table, read my Bible, go and get caught up on things in the pharmacy and that time I focus on these things will take my mind away from anxieties and concerns.

Some people might say that is putting off the cares, but anytime I can relax my mind it leads straight to joy and happiness.

2. Take an electronic / social media holiday.

When was the last time that you put your phone down and shut off the world? I tried this recently and at first it drove my anxiety up quite a bit - what am I missing? Who might be trying to contact me? I can't miss an Instagram post or a Snap... but after a while I realized that during this "holiday" my mind slowed down and I could as they say "stop and smell the roses". Anything that frees the mind and slows down the thinking process will bring down the anxiety level and increase the joy.

3. The other thing that I have found to increase the joy in your life in my own personal experiences is to be healthier and more importantly be honest with your health. That is probably thehardest thing to face. It's ok to admit you suffer from anxiety, diabetes, depression, chronic back pain or anything else. But in order to properly treat and find ways to combat these issues is to be completely honest with your provider and with those that are near you (family, work family, church family). Relieving that burden off your shoulders to carry it on by yourself will help you tackle these items that will bring you down into opportunities to find joy in a dark place. Leaning on others and being a support tool for others will immediately help you find this joy or happiness.

So as we enter into the summer months - let's take opportunities to find the areas of joy- not only will it make our community better, our relationships better but it will put a smile on our face and joy in our heart for a brief period and that is the start that we all can hope for.





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Fentanyl, also known as Actiq, Duragesic or Sublimaze in its prescription form, is a potent painkiller developed in the 1960s to treat extreme pain. Some strains of fentanyl can be 50 times more potent than morphine.

According to a U.S. government report, fentanyl has been traced back to illegal labs in China and Mexico. The drug is then trafficked to countries like the U.S., laced with heroin and sold to buyers who have no knowledge of the added heroin.

Some of the signs of fentanyl use to look for are:

- Drowsiness Confusion
- Constipation
- Weakness
- Dry mouth
- Constricted pupils • Unconsciousness
- Slowed respirations
- Decreased heart rate Nausea
- Sweating
- Flushing
- Confusion • Stiff or rigid muscles
- Tight feeling in the throat
- Difficulty concentrat-

"Fentanyl is potentially deadly, even at low levels. Consumption of doses as low as 0.25mg can be fatal," states the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Signs of fentanyl Over-

dose: Very low blood pres-

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- Dizziness Confusion
- Extreme sleepiness
- Loss of consciousness • Bluish tint to nails and
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- heart beat Dangerously slowed or

stopped breathing

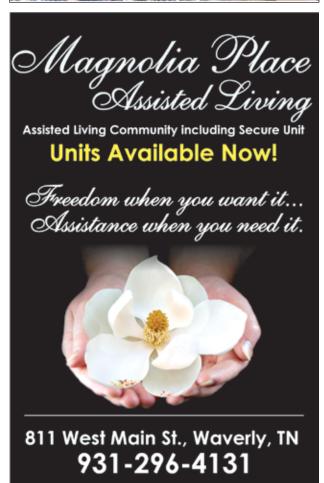
Many fake pills are made to look just like prescription Xanax (bars), Percocet (perk), opioids (pain killers) like Vicodin and Oxycodone (oxy), and stimulants like Adderall (addy).

These fake pills are increasingly common, and fentanyl, an opioid up to 50 times stronger than heroin, may be mixed into counterfeit pills. Even in small doses, fentanyl can cause a life-threatening overdose.

Be prepared to save a life, learn the signs of an overdose and speak with your doctor or pharmacist about obtaining naloxone to carry and keep at home.

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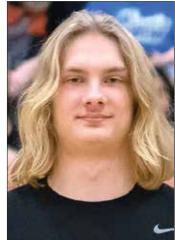


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Just focus on living and dream big

Kadie Rose Trull Senior Class President Camden Central High School

I would first like to give a huge thank you to all the faculty who made this night possible for us, as well as all of our amazing parents and teachers for leading us on this journey. Most of all, I would like to congratulate the class of 2023 for all the hard work they put into achieving this moment.

Getting to know all of you was a rewarding experience. I've walked beside some of you since 2010 and it's been a pleasure to watch each and every one of you grow.

When I sat down to write this speech, it hit me that this night is the last time every one of us will all be together, at the same place and the same time. Thirteen years of coming to the same place with the same sweet faces every weekday has come to an end. The consistency of it all was subconsciously soothing to me.

Thirteen years ago, with all the excitement to start school, I walked into the doors of Camden Elementary. And soon enough, the dirt on our knees from the rocks on the playground turned to real class periods and actually having a locker. Being excited to go to book fairs and field days suddenly turned into being excited to just jump in our cars and go wherever. Our intelligence expanding and our identities shifting little by little as the days went on - then one day when the bell rings at 2:32, you leave behind the faces you've regularly seen for 13 years.

regularly seen for 13 years. Ever since we were kids the question always remained, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Back then we all knew. An astronaut, a veterinarian, a police officer, but then life got a little more realistic and the question got a little more stressful. You don't have to obsess over what you're doing in your life or what your path is going to be. Just focus on living, follow your curiosity, and

dream big!

It's easy to get lost in what we do, and sometimes life throws things your way a little too fast and a little too hard. We have dealt with our freshman year cut short and our sophomore year staring at a screen, wishing for things like school activities and spirit to be normal again.

We have dealt with the loss of some of our best friends and classmates, wishing we got the privilege to see them walk across the stage as we did or congratulate us on our big night.

Every relationship formed with any person was an opportunity to love and grow. Whether that be your best friend or the kid that sat next to you your sophomore year. Good or bad, everything that you do in your life you're going to learn from because life is the greatest school you will ever attend.

If high school has taught me anything it's that time goes by quickly - so love, learn, live, and enjoy it as best you can. Life is not perfect: there are moments that aren't pretty, it's messy and confusing and there will be times when you won't know where to turn

next. So no, it's not perfect; however, we do experience many perfect moments.

The great thing is you get to wake up each day and try again, striving to get just one percent better each day. Life may get complicated, especially now that we're almost on our own, but that makes the greatest times that much better when you get to experience them.

Kadie is the daughter of Bernadette Stevens and Kevin Trull. She has been involved in more than 10 clubs and organizations over her high school career including Beta, DECA, and the Criminal Justice Society. She was a student athlete who played volleyball all four years. She enjoys music, the river, and spending time with friends and family.

After graduation Kadie plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the fall and major in pre-pharmacy. She is beyond excited for this new journey and all the amazing opportunities that come with the big city as well as opening this door to expand her intelligence and pave the way for her success.



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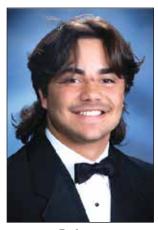
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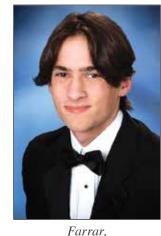
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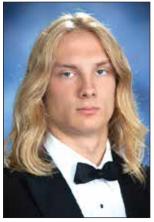
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Aim to become one of the greats

Taylynn Michelle Boggs Beta Club President Student Council President Camden Central High School

To start, I want to thank Dr. Churchwell for the amazing introduction, as well as all the teachers, faculty, and school board members for making all our high school experiences memorable. I want to thank my family for all the sacrifices they've made for me and for loving me unconditionally. But most importantly I want to give glory to God because without Him I am nothing.

I would like to share a story about a girl from Brooklyn, New York. She grew up in a working-class area like Camden, and her family had just enough money to get by. She went to college on a full scholarship, and eventually attended Harvard Law School.

While at Harvard she was persecuted for being a woman pursuing law, but nevertheless she persevered, and eventually became one of the most influ-

ential women in the United States. This woman is none other than Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. So, just know, if you ever feel like a failure, out of place, or hopeless you are among the greats who have felt that feeling before and still persevered.

You might be wondering what makes influential individuals such as Ginsburg so great. Well one key characteristic that many of the greats have is that they push themselves out of their comfort zone.

This doesn't necessarily mean going to an ivy league school or singing or speaking in front of hundreds of people. It could mean simply being your own advocate and sticking up for yourself and your beliefs, or more importantly, pushing your comfort zone and sticking up for others who can't.

Like Ginsburg said, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

When most think of great leaders, they think of queens, presidents, generals, and grassroots movement leaders. Rarely do we think of ourselves, but every single one of us can

A leader is selfless. They don't put themselves first, which I know is hard for a lot of us, especially me, but that's the reality of being a

Leaders also have substance, which I know for a fact that all of us have. For instance, who else could pull off a senior prank like we did or have two of us go D-1 in athletics? So, with that being said, all of us have step two of "being one of the greats" accomplished.

The final characteristic of being great is soaking it all in once in a while. We know that the Class of 2023 knows how to soak it all in. Whether it's the sun at the creek on senior skip day, or soaking in a basketball, volleyball, softball, or football victory. Every single one of us here has accomplished something big.

It is okay to be excited for the future since our graduating class is the future. As President John F. Kennedy said during an address before the United Nations, "We have the power to make this the best generation of mankind in the history of the world-or make it the last." With that in mind, I pose a question for you guys: What will you do to make this the best generation this state, country, or even the world has ever seen?

So now that you know all the steps to become one of the greats, as iconic as some of our nation's most inspiring leaders, I leave you with a quote from Taylor Swift: "The scary news is that you're on your own now, but the cool news is that you are on your own now."

Congratulations Class of 2023, Powderpuff champions, but dead-last in the homecoming float decorating contest, for officially being on your own now! Although the road ahead won't be easy, I am confident that we will have the strength to succeed, to get out of our comfort zones, to lead selflessly, and every once in a while, to soak it all in. I'm sure we will do so with the finesse and grit that only our generation brings to the table.

Taylynn is the daughter of Dante and Lindsay Boggs. She has participated in numerous clubs and organizations including the Leo Club, HOSA, DECA, Beta, and Student Council, along with being a member of several sports teams. She enjoys traveling, live music, and spending time with family and friends.

After graduation Taylynn will be attending the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the fall, majoring in nursing. Taylynn is excited for the journey to come because of all the knowledge that she will attain and the new experiences she will have.





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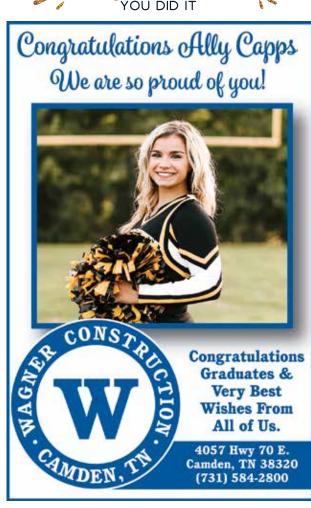


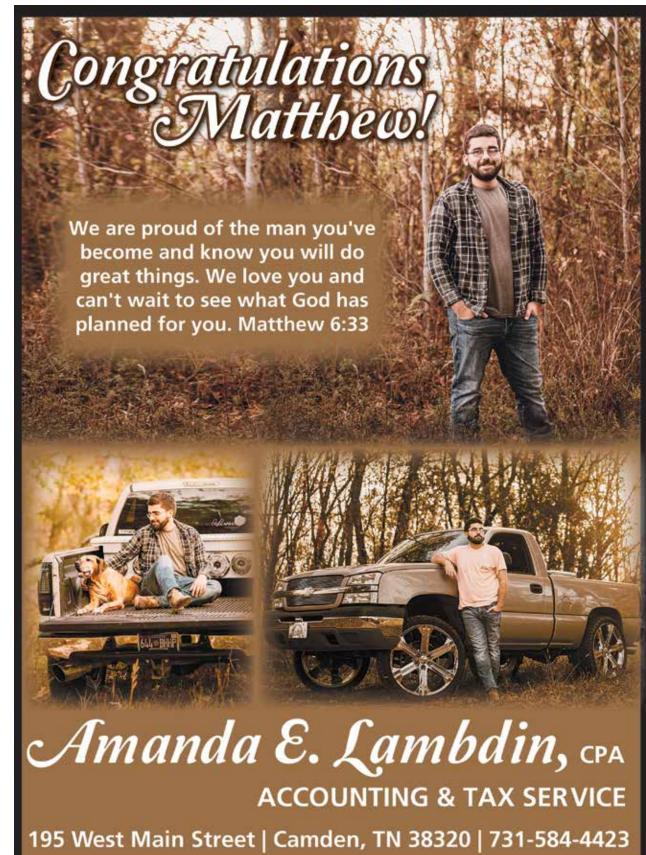
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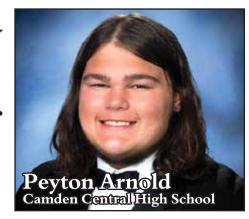
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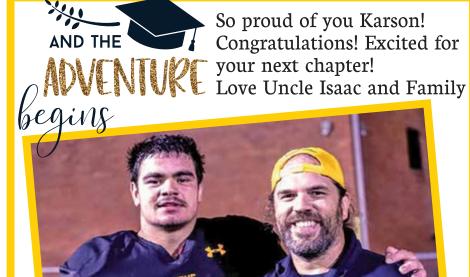
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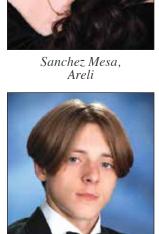




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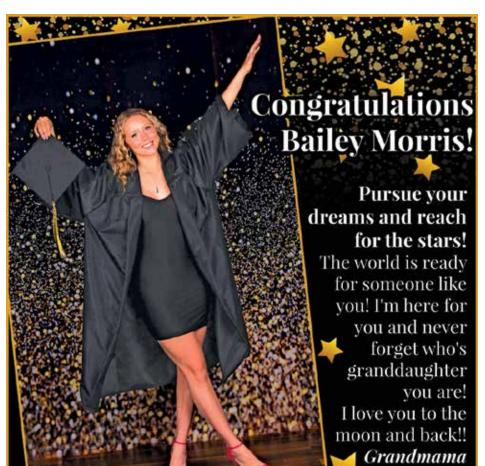
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Grace White

Daughter of Scott and Sandi White, Granddaughter of Luther & Larrie (Dorothy) Wiseman and Sam & Willadene White. Grace is graduating from Union University with a B.A. in Journalism. She will be working for the Jackson Rockabillys and as a Graduate Assistant in Union's Sports Communications Department.



McKenna Grace Broadway

Daughter of Rebecca & Cody Lusk and Shannon & Jessica Broadway. McKenna will be graduating from Camden Central High School. She plans to attend University of TN Martin in the fall.



Hunter Blake Lusk

Son of Cody & Rebecca Lusk. He attends Camden Elementary School and is looking forward to the 1st grade.



Molli Jo Wortham

Daughter of Joe & Jamy Wortham. Molli Jo attends Hollow Rock-Bruceton Elementary and is looking forward to the 1st grade.



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We have so much to offer the world

Ella Grace Rogers Beta Club President Senior Class President Big Sandy High School

Thank you, Mr. Caruthers, and thank you to the parents, teachers, staff, and fellow students in this room who have made the past four years unforgettable. Thank you to everyone for coming to the graduation of the 2023 for seniors of Big Sandy High School. It is an honor to stand in front of everyone here today to represent our graduating class.

For those who may not know me, my name is Ella Rogers. I have been a Big Sandy student for all my life and this year I had the honor of being elected the president of the Beta Club and of the senior class of 2023, and thus the honor of standing here today.

I want to begin by saying thank you to all my teachers, friends, and family for helping me every step of the way. It has been an amazing journey and one my classmates and I likely will never forget.

I know we may all face this evening with mixed emotions. Some may feel excitement to finally have reached this day that ends one chapter of our lives and turns the page for a new one. Others may feel pride for all the accomplishments we have achieved as a class. It is likely that all of us feel the apprehension of graduating as we are unsure of what the future holds.

We must remember that through the fear and apprehension of our future we are not alone. We will

continue to have family, friends, and our Lord above to support and lead us in all that we do.

Deuteronomy 31:8 states, "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." This verse reminds us of why we do not need to fear the future. It is important to remember that whatever challenges or accomplishments we face as we continue our lives into the big world will be preceded by the Lord. He will protect us and lead us in the right direction while never leaving our sides.

Together as a class we have faced many adversities. We have endured the exasperation of remote learning, we have had to travel to another school daily to get the classes we need, and we have also lost a fellow classmate, someone who was so dear to us

and our community. In the summer of 2021, we all lost someone very close to us. Jaylen Christopher was a bright shining light in our hearts and our community. It is impossible to explain what he meant to all of us and the impact he had on everyone he encountered. I will never forget all the incredible memories I was able to create with Jaylen and our class. From intramurals to Beta trips, he always found a way to be the star of the show.

into the future, I believe that we can take with us the lessons that Jaylen taught us. He taught us to always be ourselves no matter what others may think, to always be kind to others, and most of all to always live life to the fullest.

We can carry Jaylen's legacy on with us to the future and honor him in all that we do as he will always be in our hearts. He would be so proud of all that we have accomplished, and that we are all here today walking the line to get our diplomas.

As we leave here this evening, I wish every single one of you success and happiness in every endeavor you choose to pursue. I know that we have so much to offer to the world as a generation. We will all do great things, and I could not be more excited for the next chapter of all our lives.

Ella has been a very active students during her high school years at Big Sandy School. She has participated in the Beta Club for three or more years, played on the basketball team for four years, completed a focus area at the Career and Technical Center, completed the requirements for the Tennessee Scholar program, earned the Work Ethic distinction, and received a State Honors Diploma for meeting ACT college readiness benchmarks in English, math, reading, and science. She graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors and will be attending a four-year As we continue our lives university following grad-





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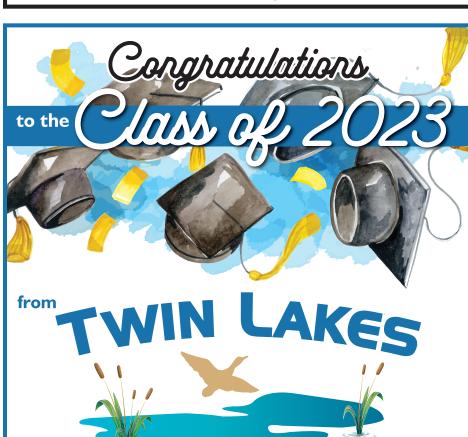


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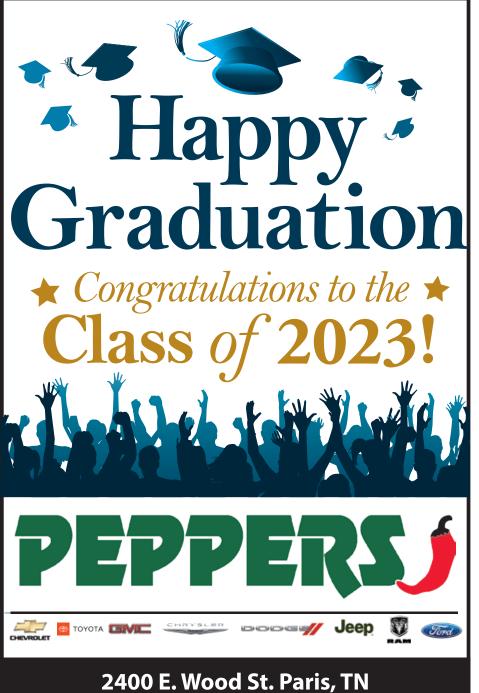
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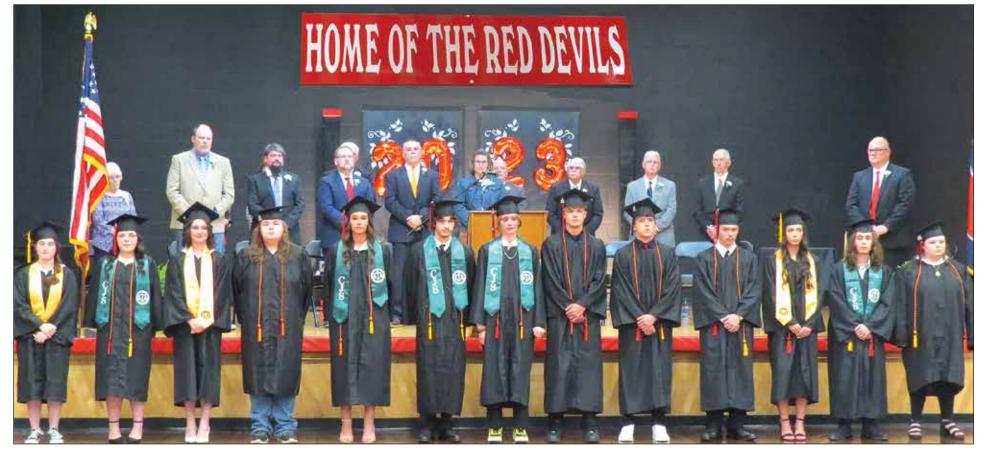
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Graduating Class of 2023 ABC Preschool



ABC Preschool held their graduation and awards ceremonies April 30th at the Shiloh Methodist Church. Those receiving diplomas and going to Kindergarten next year included Cami Sue Wallace, Celia Taylor, Coy Gilley and Ellie Reed. Also the 3 and 4 year Olds receiving awards were Autumn Hill, Evan Bell, James Bell and Silas Reed. ABC Preschool closed for summer break, but will open for the school year 2023-2024 latter part of July. Teacher Tressie Howe said, "This has been another great year".

Graduating Class of 2023

Joyland Preschool



Jocelyn Chester parents - Jennifer and Luke Chester



Samuel "Eli" Crider parents - Rhianna Johnson and Daniel Crider



Helen Fargo parents - Davina and Keith Fargo



Chandler Fouts parents - Sarah and Ben Fouts



Zephraim "Grae" Hampton parents - Tami and Jeremy Hampton



Colten Johnson parents - Laura and Nicolas Johnson



Nolan Moore parent - Baylee Moore



Axel Pierpoint parents - Alicia Nad Brandon Pierpoint



Addalee Smith parents - Kelly Smith



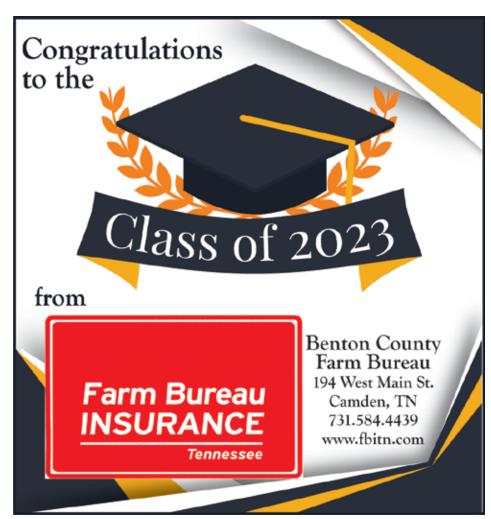
Tatum Whitfield grandparent -Pennie Whitfield parents - Mark and Jessica Whitfield



Mason Zale parents - Natalie and Josh Zale



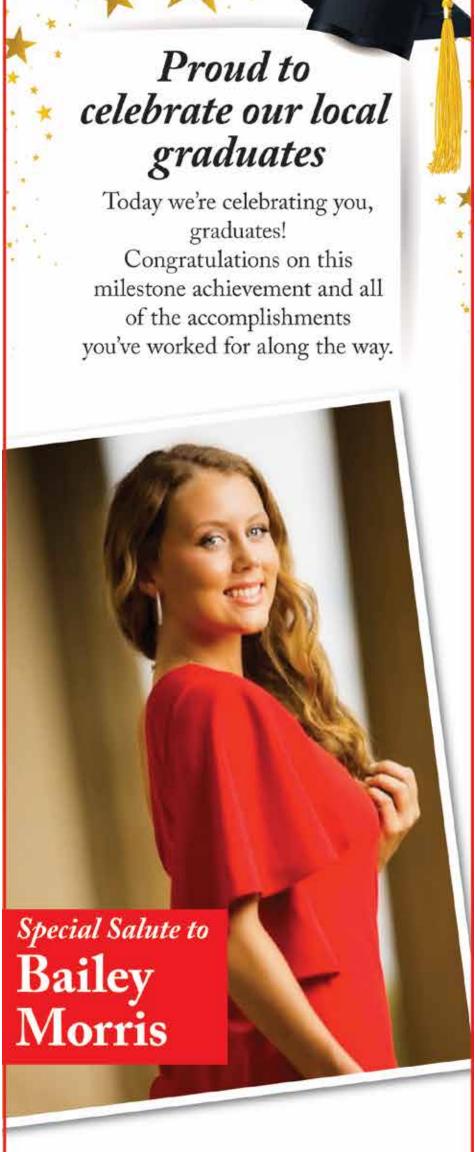












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Dalton Bull parents - Greg and Kristin Bull



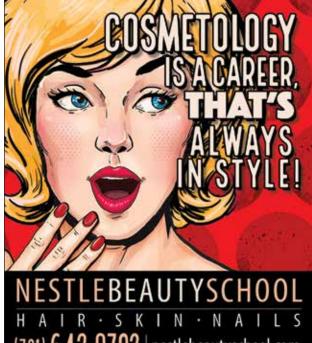
parents - Patrick and Jordan Brown



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Ridge Hudson parents - Tyler and Brittany Hudson









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Abigail Carter parents - Brandon and Melissa Carter



Ella Duke parents - Brandon Duke and Melissa Carter



Bradley Vick parents - Logan and Krista Vick



Liam Vick parents - Logan and Krista Vick







Isabelle Smallwood, age 4 parents - Ashley and Josh Smallwood





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