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A Strong Voice for the Citizens of Clay County

# We Are The Champions



Clay County Jr. Bulldogs are Cumberland Valley Conference Champions as they defeated the Monterey Jr. Wildcats 42 to 0 on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Jackson County High School Football Field. Scan the QR in the Upper Right Conner of the photo for more pictures from the game.

## Early Voting Set To Begin

Citizens in Clay County are encouraged to utilize the early voting period for the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election as a safe and secure way to cast their ballots before Election Day.

"There's a great deal of enthusiasm around the Nov. 5 election, and we anticipate a significant turnout," said Monica Davis the Clay County Administrator of Elections. "Head to our polling location at the Celina Fire Department, 215 Green St. Celina, TN during early voting to cast your ballot."

Early voting runs October 16 through Oct. 31st, and all registered voters can find hours and polling locations, view sample ballots, and much more by visiting GoVoteTN.gov or downloading the Secretary of State's free GoVoteTN app.

"We want all registered Tennesseans to make their voices heard during the early voting period," said Secretary of State Tre

Hargett. "We are expecting a robust turnout across Tennessee, and early voting provides a convenient and flexible way to cast their ballot."

Tennesseans voting early or on Election Day should remember to bring valid photo identification to the polls. A drivers license or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, by the Tennessee state government, or by the federal government are acceptable even if they are expired. College student IDs are not acceptable.

For more information about early voting and other election information, visit your trusted source for election information, GoVoteTN.gov, or contact the Clay County Election Administration at 931-243-2536, on Facebook at Clay County Election Commission, or on our website at www.claycountytnelections.com.



Local and company leaders at the groundbreaking of the new Twin Lakes office in Celina (left to right): Peter Metts, Cainon Fox, Dale Reagan, Kelly Keisling, Lou Nave, Lee Richardson, Gail Myers, Chris Farmer, Jonathan West, Larry Stafford, Kem Crouch, Doug Elder, James Storie, Kent Brown, Marie Carlisle, Doug Young, Karen Petty, and Beverly Murphy.

## Twin Lakes Breaks Ground On New Facility

### Staff Reports

On Friday, September 20, Twin Lakes celebrated the groundbreaking of a new office facility in Celina, marking a significant step in the company's ongoing commitment to Clay County. The new construction will include both a customer care office and a central office/data center, aimed at enhancing customer service and operational efficiency.

"We are excited to announce the construction

of our new office location, which will provide customers a convenient place to come and do business with us in Clay County," said Jonathan West, General Manager and CEO of Twin Lakes. "When completed, it will provide easier access to our support and services. We are delighted to be making this investment in Clay County, and we are committed to fostering local growth while continuing to deliver the exceptional services our

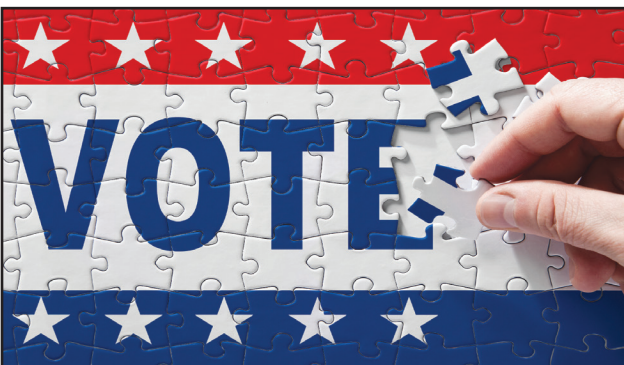
customers expect."

Twin Lakes has been a cornerstone of the region for over 73 years, delivering fiber-optic telecommunications services to over 35,000 customers in Tennessee. The new office, located on East Lake Avenue in Celina, is expected to be completed by September 2025, with a community open house planned upon completion.

Several notable figures were present at the ceremony, including Pe-

ter Metts, Cainon Fox, Dale Reagan, and Kelly Keisling, among others. The event underscored the importance of local support and collaboration in realizing this new venture.

Twin Lakes, founded in 1951, continues to provide a variety of telecommunications services, including high-speed broadband, voice, HDTV, and security services, powered by its state-of-the-art fiber-optic network.



## We Have Moved

Our new office is located at 409 Brown St. Celina Tn. On the back side of No.1 Quality Realty. The office hours will remain the same  
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# COURT & CRIME

*Editors Note: The information for the court report comes from information obtained from court records. Every effort is made to be accurate; however, mistakes can occur. The names of individuals listed may be similar to other individuals in the community.*

**Clay County General Sessions Court – Criminal Court Docket 09/25/2024 Judge James D. White JR. Presiding**

Gary A. Apple – DUI first offense.  
Jason Lawrence Black – Flootation device required for persons 12 and under.  
Logan Paul Bogdal – Simple possession casual exchange, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, possession and distributing intoxication liquor by persons under 21, speeding, registration expired.  
Dusty S. Boles – Three counts of assault law enforcement officer, resist stop, arrest, search no weapon, meth possession or casual exchange, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities.  
Troy Cullum Boles – Two counts of allowing dog to run at large.

Alfonso Gonzalo Coy Caal – DUI first offense.  
Christopher Glenn Cantrell – Flootation device required for persons 12 and under.  
Scottie R. Carr – Controlled substance analogue casual exchange, and two counts of possession weapon convicted felon.  
Nicholas A. Case – DUI first offense and implied consent law enhancement only.  
Ace Carmichael Claborn – Boating under the influence 1<sup>st</sup> offense and navigation light law.  
Richard Cole – DUI first offense, drivers to exercise due care and seat belt 18 and older.  
Lisa Marie Cook – Public intoxication and disorderly conduct.  
Stanley Paul Cope – Two counts of vandalism up to \$1,000.  
Shawn Mark Costales – Seven counts of sexual offender registration form violation, speeding, and driver license address required within 10 days.  
Andy P. Craighead – Driving while license suspended.  
Lana Cross – Possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities and simple

possession casual exchange.  
Darren Dorniney – DUI first offense, implied consent enhancement only, assault on first responder, and driving while license suspended.  
Jessica L. Elrod – Residential and work restrictions.  
Pedro L. Figueroa – Possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, violation of protective order conditions release, and assault physical contact.  
Ty Graves – DUI by allowing and underage driving while impaired 18-20.  
Patrick W. Hix – Probation violation booked.  
Tyler D. Howard – DUI first offense and possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities.  
Jacob Hunt – DUI first offense.  
Charles Edward Jennings – Possession, barter, give away legend drug, driving on roadways laned for traffic, and obedience to any required traffic control device.  
William C. Jones – Driving while in possession of methamphetamine, possession unlawful drug parapher-

nalna uses and activities, and schedule II drugs meth.  
Tammy M. Kane – DUI first offense.  
Stephen Glen Lassiter – Flootation device violation.  
Nathaniel Lee Mayberry – DUI first offense.  
Jeffery Austin Tyler Moore – Speeding and seat belt 18 and older.  
Joshua MuSGRAVE – Harassment and violation of protective order.  
Samuel J. Nicksic – Criminal trespass.  
Quentin Owen – Criminal trespass.  
Tyler W. Poor – Vandalism.  
Anthony Rybolt – Violation of order of protection or retraining order.  
Ricky Lance Salmons – Sexual offender registration form violation.  
Chase D. Scott – Two counts of probation violation booked.  
Joshua L. Scott – Assault on first responder and vandalism.  
Joseph Smith – DUI first offense.  
Whitney L. Smith – Two counts of public intoxication and assault on first offender.  
Anthony Ryan Solomon – Boat registration violation and reckless boating without injury.

Katelynn Strong – Domestic assault.  
Rickey Thompson Jr. – Disorderly conduct.  
Summer Nicole Tidwell – Simple possession casual exchange, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, reckless driving, resist stop, arrest, search no weapon, and aggravated assault.  
Zackary Turpin – Three counts of simple possession casual exchange, driving while license suspended and speeding.  
Ricky L. Vaughn – Driving while license suspended.  
Dalton Williams – DUI first offense.  
Jesse York – Contributing to delinquency of a child.  
Zachary Keith Yurack – Flootation devices and rules regulations.

activity. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.  
**Sheriff's Report**  
On September 16, Joshua L. Scott was arrested on warrants for vandalism and assault on a first responder by Officer Johnny Cyrus.  
On September 17, Nathaniel L. Mayberry was arrested on a warrant for DUI by Officer Tyler Thompson.  
On September 17, Larissa D. King was arrested on a warrant for drug paraphernalia.  
On September 19, Rickey Thompson Jr. was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct by Daniel Stewart.  
On September 20, Gerald Davis was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.  
On September 20, Nathaniel Blakely was arrested on a warrant for shoplifting by Officer Daniel Stewart.  
On September 25, Jeffery Birdwell was arrested on warrants for resisting, stop arrest and aggravated criminal trespass by Officer Johnny Cyrus.  
On September 26, Taylor Ellis was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation by Officer Johnny Cyrus.

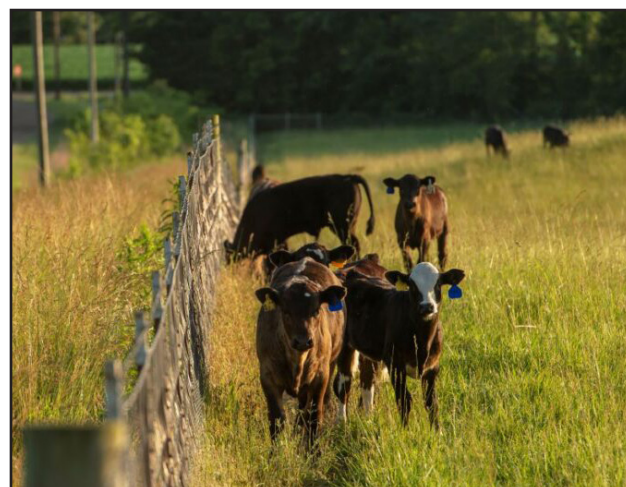
*Editors Note: The Clay County Sheriff's report is obtained from the Clay County Sheriff's Department and is a matter of public record. The Citizen-Statesman appreciates the cooperation from the Clay County Sheriff's Department in providing the report, and we hope the printing of this report helps as a deterrent in criminal*

## Northeast Tennessee Beef Expo Scheduled

The annual Northeast Tennessee Beef Expo presented by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is scheduled for October 17, 2024. Hosted by the Northeast Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center, the expo features experts from UT Extension, UT AgResearch and other industry partners who will provide beef producers with information on the lat-

est research and practices in beef production. This year's expo is for one day only and includes a tradeshow with more than 50 vendors. Nationally recognized speaker, Paige Pratt, and her husband, Jason, of Pratt Cattle Company will be the guest speakers. They will utilize their experiences as business owners and Angus cattle producers to discuss how to

create cows that sustain a herd for the long term. Topics of interest to beef producers during the expo programs include: Fire Ants in Pastures Controlling Callery Pear, Locusts and Brambles Hayfield Management: Johnsongrass Control and Forage Quality How to Maintain a 12-month Calving Interval from the Cow and Bull Per-



conclude around 4 p.m. The registration cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. 4-H and FFA members receive a discount. For more information, please contact Sarah Orr at 423-623-7531 or by emailing [sorr6@tennessee.edu](mailto:sorr6@tennessee.edu). The Northeast Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center is located at 2255 East Allens Bridge Road, Greenville, Tennessee 37743.

The annual Northeast Tennessee Beef Expo presented by the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is scheduled for October 17, 2024. Photo courtesy UTIA.

spective Feeder Calf Health Problems Pinkeye Management and Autogenous Vaccines Genetic and Phenotypic Selection for Beef Production Pre-registration for

the event is required, and the deadline to register is October 14. Producers can register online at [tiny.utk.edu/NETBE](http://tiny.utk.edu/NETBE) or at their local Extension Office. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. EDT. Programs will begin at 8:30 a.m. and

**The Opening Song Was Written In 15 Minutes**

One of the most memorable television theme songs in the history of T.V. is that of "The Andy Griffith Show." However, most of us knew it simply as a tune that was whistled, and not one with full lyrics. We didn't even know it had a title! Well, it does, and it's called "Fishin' Hole." And the lyrics are just as catchy as that whistled opener. But who could sing it better than the show's protagonist? That's right, no one, which is why Andy Griffith himself originally sang the opening song!

**Andy and Don Were Pals in Real Life**

Andy Griffith and Don Knotts were best friends both on the show and off. Their long-lasting friendship began in the mid-'50s when the two met in New York City while co-starring in the Broadway play 'No Time for Sergeants'. It was Don's Broadway debut where he played Corporal Manual Dexterity opposite Andy, who was leading the show

as country bumpkin, Will Stockdale.

**Andy Griffith Never Was Comfortable with Onscreen Romance**

Andy had several love interests throughout the show's run, but his first romantic relationship on the series was Ellie Walker (Elinor Donahue), a newcomer to town who worked in her uncle's drug store. Elinor Donahue was featured in 12 episodes of the show as pharmacist Ellie Walker. She even got a mention in the opening credits! Elinor's character was intended to be a love interest for Sheriff Andy Taylor, but after just one season, Donahue decided to ask for a release from her three-year contract. The reason for her decision was that she never felt true chemistry with Andy Griffith. Griffith later admitted that it was his fault because he had a hard time showing affection on screen, and as a result, the relationship did not appear to be real or believable. So, Elinor's character disappeared without explanation to the viewer.

**Opie Didn't Actually Throw the Rock in the Lake**

When the cast and crew of The Andy Griffith Show ventured out to Franklin Canyon, near Beverly Hills, to film the opening credits in summer 1960, their plan called for Andy and Opie to amble along a dirt road with their fishing poles and for Opie to pause and hurl a rock into the water. Alas, six-year-old Ron Howard could not throw quite so well as he could act. Little Ron Howard was only six years old at the time that they filmed the opening credits scene, so when the time came for him to throw the rock into the lake his small arms couldn't hurl it far enough. They needed to come up with a solution to either get him to throw the rock far enough or have someone else do it. They came up with a great solution - a prop man hid in the bushes and threw the rock that made the splash, timing it perfectly to look as if Opie actually threw it. TV magic at its finest!



**CAREER OPPORTUNITY  
CUSTOMER SERVICE  
REPRESENTATIVE**

**General Summary:**

Twin Lakes is seeking a customer-centric and enthusiastic Customer Service Representative to deliver an exceptional customer experience in our organization. Customer Service Representatives serve as a primary point of contact for customers. The Customer Service Representative must be sales-oriented, selling and promoting all products and services of the company while assisting new and existing customers. The position will require employees to rotate assignments between Customer Service offices, as necessary. The Customer Service Representative job requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting customers with new service requests, billing inquiries, and service questions.
- Completing documents for service applications and disconnects.
- Managing, monitoring, and growing online web-based customer platforms.
- Promoting Twin Lakes products and services when working at community events.
- Performing collection functions on delinquent accounts.
- Maintaining Customer Service department files and records.
- Receiving and processing customer payments.

The successful candidate will exude an understanding and knowledge of customer service, while maintaining customer satisfaction by providing problem-solving resources. The candidates must be team players within the organization, with a commitment to excellence, integrity, and driven by results.

**Qualifications:**

Successful candidates for this position require a High School diploma or equivalent. Customer service or sales experience is preferred.

**Job Locations:**

Position will rotate duties between the Jamestown and Byrdstown Customer Service Offices.

Twin Lakes is committed to attracting talented and motivated individuals that possess the desire to help and serve co-workers and customers alike. Be a part of a growing company with a dynamic culture that rewards success with an exceptional pay and benefits package.

Applications for this position must be submitted on the Twin Lakes website at <https://twinlakes.workable.com>. Questions can be directed to [careers@twinlakes.net](mailto:careers@twinlakes.net). Online applications and resumes will be accepted until **October 18, 2024**.

Twin Lakes is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

# OBITUARIES



**Amelia "Mia" Asberry, 4**  
November 9, 2019 ~ September 18

Amelia "Mia" Rose Asberry was born in Muskegon, Mich., and passed away at her residence in Celina. She was the daughter of Melvin

Randolph Asberry Jr. and Taylor Rose Bussing.

Surviving relatives include her father, Melvin Asberry Jr. of Monticello, Ky., and mother, Taylor Bussing of Celina; siblings, Kaysen Asberry, Kambden Asberry,

Mahaley Asberry, and Connor Asberry; paternal grandparents, Melvin Asberry Sr. and Sandra Asberry of Ohio; maternal grandmother, Janet Haynes of Celina; paternal great-grandmother, Annabell Manning of Ohio;

maternal great-grandmother, Karen Beebe Brinkley of Mich.; and maternal great-grandparents, Randy and Denise Bussing of Mich. Other relatives and friends also survive.

Visitation was held on Monday, Septem-

ber 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Clay County Funeral Home. Donations may be made to assist with funeral expenses by contacting the funeral home.

Clay County Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**Kevin Westmoreland, 59**  
January 28, 1965 ~ September 23

Kevin Westmoreland, a cherished resident of Celina, passed away at his residence. Born in Gainesboro, Tenn., Kevin was a member of the Church of Christ and an avid golfer, spending countless hours at Hidden

Hills Country Club in Tompkinsville, Ky., where he was a member.

Surviving relatives include his father, Bobby E. Westmoreland of Celina; sons: John K. Westmoreland of Celina and Jon M. (Amanda) Rader of Edinburg, Ind.; daughter, Macy (Alex Spencer) Westmoreland of Harts-

(Cindy) Westmoreland of Celina and Robert (Brooke) Westmoreland of Celina; sister, Jeana (Rob) Edwards of Celina; granddaughters: Adalynn Marie Rader and Abigail Elise Rader of Edinburg, Ind.; and his beloved pet, Bubba Kitty.

Kevin was preceded in death by his mother, Mari L. Westmoreland.

The family hosted visitations at Clay County Funeral Home. The visitation took place on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and continued on Sunday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A funeral service followed on September 29, starting at 2 p.m. with Bro. Kenny Westmoreland and Luke Collins offici-

ating. Burial will follow in Fitzgerald Cemetery.

Kevin Westmoreland will be remembered as a loving father, devoted son, and a treasured friend to many. His legacy of kindness and compassion will live on in the hearts of all those he encountered.

Clay County Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Granville Hosts Artisan And Scarecrow Festival

**By: Staff Reports**

Granville is gearing up for an exciting October, as the historic village will host a month-long Artisan Festival alongside the annual Scarecrow Festival. Kicking off on October 2nd, the Artisan Festival will officially celebrate its grand opening on October 5th as part of Granville's Fall Celebration.

Visitors can look forward to a variety of live artisan demonstrations, including grist milling, basket weaving, blacksmithing, wood carving, pottery making, loom and spinning wheel operations, chair bottoming, cider making, woodworking, broom making, native art, corn husk doll crafting, and more. Even farm animals like llamas and goats, along



Jay Frankenfield featured potter demonstrates pottery making.

with goat milk products, will be part of the experience. Each artisan will showcase their craft while offering their handmade products for sale.

On October 5th, the festival runs from 9:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with ongoing artisan demonstrations throughout the month from Wednesday to Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is included with a Granville



Susan Richardson featured weaver demonstrating the spinning wheel.

Tour Ticket.

The Pioneer Village will also serve as a central hub for Scarecrow Festival activities. The Scarecrow Competition will feature creatively designed scarecrows, including tributes to TV characters, ani-

mals, farmers, and more. Newly completed sidewalks, murals, directional signage, and other recent improvements—thanks to

grants from the Tennessee Arts Commission and Tennessee State Museum—will enhance the village experience.

The October 5th Fall Celebration, a beloved event for 24 years, will feature a Quilt Festival at Granville United Methodist and Presbyterian churches, Jazz on the Cumberland, live music on multiple stages, craft booths, children's rides, and a range of food options. Admission is \$7, which includes access to ten Granville venues. Parking fees benefit Jackson County youth programs.

For more information, visit granvilletn.com or call 931-653-4151.

## A Week In Clay County History

**(Information was obtained from The Clay Statesman 1970 Edition)**

**The Bank of Celina has been a great asset to Clay County**

Celina and Clay County should be proud of their financial institution, The Bank of Celina. In years past when so many communities faced utter chaos when their banking houses encountered reversals, The Bank of Celina stood as an example of sound fiscal management, protecting its customers and investors.

In 1968 the Bank of Celina received national recognition when the lo-

cal bank gained 99 places among American banks, the 19th best growth rate in the nation.

No community attains its proper place in the sun without progressive bankers who provide the capital for new businesses and expansion of old ones over the years. Celina's bank has provided regulated influxes of new capital into the money stream of Clay County.

The bank has helped provide educational loans for many young Clay Countians who might not otherwise have been able to secure a college education.

Celina and Clay

County have made great strides in Agriculture in recent years. Extension agents have worked closely with the Bank of Celina in past years and today in the million dollar project.

Registered cattle and fine beef herds are to be seen in all sections of Clay County now and modern machinery and proper fertilization have brought about higher yields from our row crops.

Again, good advice and capital from the Bank of Celina has helped to bring this about.

The town's appearance has been improved greatly by the new struc-

ture.

It has set a splendid example for all businesses.

As one returning Clay Countian said, upon his annual return to the homecomings recently, "the town of Celina has never looked better or more prosperous."

**Boone's Bestway**

- Ground Beef \$0.59-lb
- Slab Bacon \$0.59-lb
- Pork Roast \$0.33-lb



\* On Oct. 7, 1985, Lynette Woodard, who captained the gold-medal-winning U.S. Olympic women's basketball team in 1984, had the great distinction of becoming the first female player for the Harlem Globetrotters, remarking that she "got chills" when she heard the news. She beat out nine other finalists for the honor.

On Oct. 8, 2009, two people died of heat stroke

and more than a dozen others had to be hospitalized for dehydration and other medical issues following a botched sweat lodge ceremony near Sedona, Arizona, at a five-day retreat run by motivational speaker and author James Arthur Ray. A third participant died nine days later.

On Oct. 9, 1942, Chicago bootlegger Roger "The Terrible" Touhy escaped from Stateville Prison in Illinois by scaling the guard tower. Framed for kidnapping by his bootlegging rivals, with the aid of corrupt

Chicago officials, Touhy was serving a 99-year sentence for a crime he didn't commit and was recaptured a couple of months later, but released in 1959, then murdered by unknown assailants after just three weeks of freedom.

On Oct. 10, 1845, the United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors. Its curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French.

### ABORTION

God gives life, **Acts 17:25 Job 31:15**  
 Life begins at the moment of Conception  
 God hates the hands that shed innocent blood. **Prov. 6:17**  
 Murders will suffer in the Lake of Fire. **Rev. 21:8**  
 Thou Shall NOT KILL. **Romans 13:9**  
 Slay not the innocent. **EX. 23:1**  
 Abortion-No trial-No Jury- No Judge - No appeal and No stay of execution.  
 John was called a babe before birth. **Luke 1:41**  
 Bathsheba said, I am with child, **II Sam. 11:5**  
 The child's sex and blood can be different than the mothers.  
 The genetic code of the unborn is different than the mothers.  
 This proves that the child is not a part of the mothers body.  
 The devil is a murderer. **John 8:44**  
 one who has an abortion. **Rev. 21:8 Gen.9:6**  
 one who does an abortion. **Rev. 218 Ger. 9:6**  
 one who supports an abortion. **John 1:10-11**

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 Theme- "Lessons From The Letter to Corinth"  
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 Monday - "The Comings Together of the church"  
 Tuesday - "My Grace is Sufficient for Thee"  
 Wednesday - "Take Heed Lest Ye Fall"

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P.O. Box 129, Livingston.

# Citizen-Statesman POINTS OF VIEW



## Dear Editor...

I recently have seen a (FB) post regarding FEMA and its handling of the relief effort in TN and NC in regards to them not accepting donation of goods. I would like to offer a new perspective of the events which happen around catastrophic damage. Having worked with the American Red Cross (ARC), and note this is neither an endorsement or condemnation of how they do things, as a disaster volunteer during the Gallatin, Tenn., tornados, Katrina, and other events, I have seen first hand what goes on in the middle of such a disaster area. This is about the Gallatin, TN Tornados, which touched down at 1:06 p.m. on April 7, 2006.

First thing is where to stage operations such as command posts for search and rescue, in addition to the coordination of emergency services needed to secure the area. This task alone could involve everything from medical support for the injured to the gas lines being shut off to prevent further damage. Let us not forget the need for disaster shelters and trying to find some place that is suitable. This is where I will go down the rabbit hole on just the emergency shelter aspect as that is what I did.

Next is the establishment of emergency shelter for those not needing immediate medical evacuation. Where can you place any number of people, most of the time only estimated impact is known, and provide them the basics of food, shelter, and safety? Often this will be in a public area such as schools or event venues, but in my case, those were damaged, so I was assigned to a church which had opened its doors. This doesn't happen in the first hour or even first eight hours as mine took almost 4 hours after the event to be communicated to me at the staging area. These staging areas are those volunteers who have been trained and are waiting for assignments, but first they must have a path to reach the location which goes back to that first 2 to 8 hours thing where emergency crews are clearing and securing such access.

I received my deployment instructions and whatever material such as directional signage and what care bags I could carry and was off. Along the way I saw many of the workers making their way from the primary routes into the neighborhoods which had been hit. I could see the search crews going through the tangled mess of homes and looking for any signs of life. I passed the com-

mand center and hospital, which was like seeing a hive of hornets, each with a mission and a purpose. Then I reached my location.

This unassuming church was where I was sent? What could it offer other than a roof? While it was good-size, I thought they just put me out here to be away from the action, but boy was I wrong! Within minutes of arriving and being greeted by the pastor and one deacon of the church I was asked "what do we do." It was at that time my training started to kick in. I requested assistance in getting the signage put up as well as determining what area of the church would be best to receive anyone, still thinking this was a good exercise but I should have brought some music or my computer for entertainment.

Then the trickle started; within 15 minutes of the signage going up the first people arrived, an elderly woman and her grandchild who stayed with her, and they had so many questions about their home and the damage as well as when they would get aid to fix it. I had no answers to that as I was there to run the shelter and provide comfort the best I could. I could reassure them that FEMA had established a command center and that I understood from my briefing that the state as well as others, such as insurance companies, would be arriving and releasing information as they have it available. This was hour 6 after the tornados had hit. I couldn't help but wonder where they had been for 6 hours but knew not to ask as the traumatic event would just be relived in their minds.

Then the flood happens, from 5 to 10 people needing help, it went to 20 to 30 or more. The church had a donation from the clothing ministry and asked me if they could hand out clothes as many of these people were wet and had lost their homes. As part of ARC I could not do such things, but advised them as to what I would do as an individual. You have to understand the basics of being a disaster organization, it is to do just as I said, the basics of food, shelter, and safety. I was concerned and focused on just that, since I had already established that we had no way for this many people to sleep as it was getting dark and it looked like we would need cots and care bags, which I had run out an hour or two ago. I started trying to get word back to Nashville of my needs and was

told, "you're on the list".

Then something great happened; the church volunteers had shown up and people were getting dry clothes from the donation supply. Tables were being set up by the church for people to sit at and their volunteers were seeing what was available to feed the shelter seekers. I had no resources to feed them, they wouldn't even send food to me as a main shelter was being established which would have food and bedding. It seems I was just a receiving point. Well, that's how it felt until the volunteers stepped up, then more things arrived, like food in trays from area restaurants. You have to remember I could only follow ARC guidelines for food, but that didn't prevent the volunteers from managing and feeding everyone, as well as me. Then, as the rains slowed, truck loads of supplies from area stores arrived with donations of hammers, tarps, and such. That was great and I was asked again what to do with it. I once again stated the ARC guidelines for doing a shelter. That was like a call to the church volunteers to start their own organization of resources. They cataloged the supplies and the volunteers in the trucks who wanted to help those in need, and the next thing you know it was a hornet's nest of activity.

Those who needed help covering their roof would lead volunteers back to where they were needed and those who needed food were served all they could eat. About 10 p.m. the ARC trailer arrived with additional relief bags, cots, blankets, and some baby supplies. When the driver asked how we were doing, I said with a smile, rough start but I think they got this.

After two days of this type of activity, the shel-

ters were merged and the ARC cots removed, but the church and its volunteers marched on to help those who were not completely homeless, but who needed a hand in saving their homes. I don't know how many people were helped that day, I know the 20 plus who spent the first night and were sent to the main shelter were well cared for and definitely fed well. This was not the work just of the church who had opened its doors, but all those neighbors who put forth the effort to help their neighbors in need.

When the ARC asks for donations, it's not just to help with the immediate need, but to have those resources available to help the next time the need arises. Like the volunteers of that day, there will be a need for clothing, water, tarps, and other things, but they all have their time and place and to criticize is often to do so without understanding. Many agencies reimburse others for cost, such as clearing the streets, bringing in truckloads of bottled water and other needs. They have those standing by to be distributed when conditions allow, and it can be done, assuring those in need get what they need instead of those seeking to make a fast dollar from others' suffering.

I encourage you to work through an established disaster relief organization when trying to do your part. Let's put those profiting off others' sorrows out of business. If you can't be feet on the ground by volunteering through a disaster organization, then be smart in supporting the efforts with any type of donation being made.

**Michael Yeargin,**  
Emergency Coordinator  
Smith County  
Amateur Radio  
Emergency Service

## Empty Alcohol Bottle In The Pocket?

### VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

A big thumbs-up to the whistleblower who ratted out a Department of Veterans Affairs surgeon who was carrying an empty alcohol bottle. Specifically, the bottle fell out of the scrubs in the surgical locker room.

The report by the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) is scary to read when it concerns somebody who is going to carve up human bodies with scalpels. The surgeon was reported and, no, just being in possession of an alcohol bottle doesn't specifically mean the surgeon was drinking on the job. But really, do you know anyone who carries around an empty alcohol bottle in their pocket who wasn't drinking? When nothing was done immediately, a whistleblower called the state licensing board as well as the OIG.

Meanwhile, the surgeon was transferred to a different medical function -- ordering prescriptions -- away from direct patient care and was told to keep away from patients. The head of the facility believed that placing medication orders did not constitute patient care, so it would

be OK.

Except it was learned that the surgeon didn't understand "stay away from patients" and did contact a surgical patient -- and was transferred again to a different function.

The OIG's opinion was that yes, prescribing medications did constitute direct patient care, and finally the facility leader decided to go for suspension of the surgeon.

The OIG report is a lengthy exploration of how those in charge can take steps while not understanding the rules and, oh, by the way, the hospital indicated that the surgeon didn't actually treat any patients while banned from doing so. Except the OIG discovered paperwork that indicated the surgeon did indeed perform surgery on the same day that an empty alcohol bottle fell out of the pocket of the scrubs. When asked why they didn't report the multiple problems with patient care they witnessed at the surgeon's hands, staff indicated that they feared retaliation.

It took 11 months, but the facility leaders eventually canceled the surgeon's facility privileges while patients were potentially at risk the whole time.

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## Americanisms



"If you are ashamed to stand by your colors, you had better seek another flag."

—Author Unknown

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# DEVOTIONAL

## NOT TIME TO HANG IT UP

We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. — Psalm 137:2

Not long ago, I was talking to someone who was much older in life. They were talking about the good old days and how things had changed so much over time. As we spoke, this person said, "You are much younger and have so much ahead of you still. For me, I'm done. There is not much left that I can do."

As the conversation continued, I shared how our lives are ordained by God. Until God is finished with us, there is plenty for us all to do. This individual shared that they agree that God has a purpose and plan for us all but that no one wants to deal with someone who is older. For them, they saw their life as a burden at this point. It was troublesome to hear.

I was reminded of Psalm 137 as we spoke. In this

Psalm, verse one is a reflection of days gone by. When we get here to verse 2, the psalmist writes that they were ready to hang it up. No more worship, no more praise. The harps were hung, and the song of joy was gone.

There are times in our lives when we may feel this way. We may feel that we have done all that we can do, but it is not time to hang it up! As long as we have breath, we have the ability to serve God, worship and praise Him, and live for Him in a way that will accomplish His will.

Perhaps you feel like hanging it up today. Maybe you feel as though no one cares, no one listens, or even no one appreciates what you have to contribute. But God does! He cares, He hears, and He has a purpose and plan for your life. Rather than hanging it up, trust it to God! Devote your life completely to Him and see what He can do through you!

## Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

**MUSIC TO STILL THE SAVAGE BEAST!**

THE FIRST MENTION OF DAVID IN THE BIBLE IS TO BE FOUND IN I SAMUEL 16. KING SAUL, HARD AT WAR WITH THE PHILISTINES, HAS BEGUN TO SHOW THE FIRST SIGNS OF HIS MENTAL ILLNESS, DEEP MELANCHOLIA, IF NOT OUT-AND-OUT SCHIZOPHRENIA! IN THOSE TIMES, IT WAS FELT THAT MUSIC HAD A SOOTHING EFFECT ON THIS AILMENT, WHICH INDEED IT HAD, AND SAUL'S ADVISERS SENT FOR YOUNG DAVID, WHO WAS KNOWN TO BE AN EXPERT PLAYER. THEREAFTER, WHEN SAUL WENT INTO DEPRESSED FITS, DAVID WOULD PLAY AND SAUL WOULD BE SOOTHED AND REFRESHED, AND SOON CAME TO LOVE DAVID AS HIS OWN SON. HOWEVER ...

...DURING THE NEXT SIX YEARS, AS THE LAD GREW FROM YOUTH TO YOUNG MANHOOD, SAUL'S ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE—FOR DAVID SHOWED A FINE APPETITE AS A WARRIOR AND LEADER, GAINING GREAT POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE. SAUL, IN HIS DEPRESSED MENTAL STATE, BEGAN TO SEE DAVID AS A THREAT TO HIS OWN RULE, LET ALONE THE FUTURE RULE OF JONATHAN, HIS SON, WHOM HE TRIED TO ENTICE INTO KILLING DAVID—WHICH JONATHAN WOULDN'T DO BECAUSE HE WAS A CLOSE AND SINCERE FRIEND. BUT, UNDERNEATH THIS GROWING OBSESSION TO SEE DAVID DEAD, LOVE FOR HIM STILL REMAINED WHICH BECAME QUITE EVIDENT, IN THIS WRITER'S OPINION, WHEN, THE LAST TIME DAVID PLAYED FOR HIM, SAUL TOOK UP HIS JAVELIN (I SAMUEL 19) AND HALF-HEARTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO PIN DAVID TO THE WALL. THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, OF WHICH SAUL WAS A MEMBER, WAS RENOWNED AS THE GREATEST OF LEFT-HANDED MARKSMEN (JUDGES 20-16) WITH SLING, SPEAR, OR ANY OTHER WEAPON OF WAR AND, FOR A WARRIOR OF SAUL'S GREAT CALIBER, TO MISS HIS MARK IN THE CLOSE CONFINES OF A ROOM, OTHER THAN ON PURPOSE, WAS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT IT DID SERVE AS A SIGN TO THE ESCAPING DAVID THAT FROM HENCE HIS LIFE WAS ENDANGERED, EVEN THOUGH THE KING DID NOT, PERSONALLY, INTEND TO HAVE DAVID'S BLOOD ON HIS OWN ROYAL HANDS!

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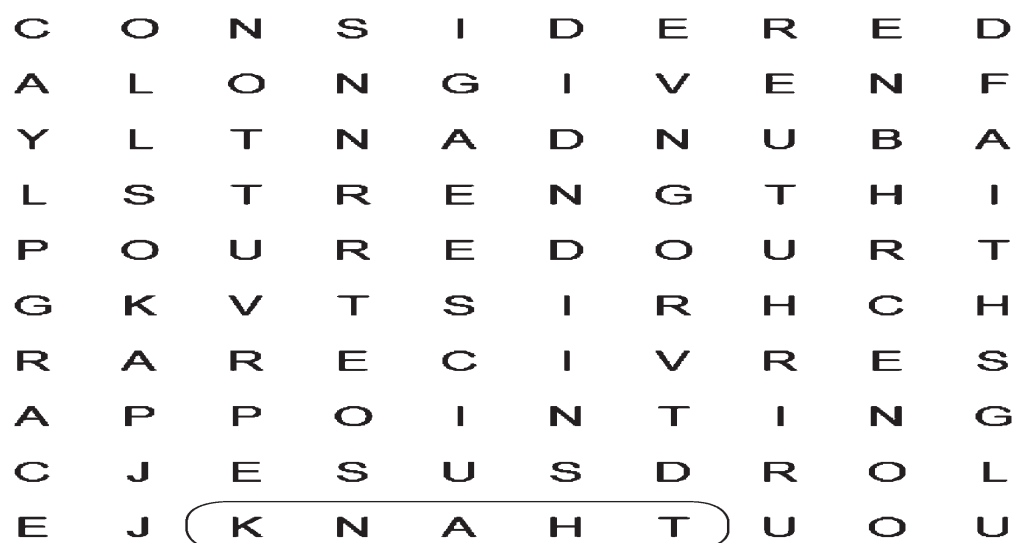
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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

I TIMOTHY 1:12, 14

I **thank** Christ **Jesus** our **Lord**, who has **given** me **strength**, that he **considered** me trustworthy, **appointing** me to his **service**. The **grace** of **our** Lord was **poured out** on me **abundantly**, **along** with the **faith** and **love** that **are** in **Christ** Jesus.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?" And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son

many days.

GENESIS 37: 32-34

Detail of "Jacob Weeping for Joseph," Marc Chagall, 1956



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# LIFESTYLES

## The Goblin In The Rose Garden

By Renae Callahan &  
Zoral B. Stephens  
Chapter Ten

After packing up a few essentials and loading my car, I go to the grocery store to pick up some things for the next few days. I told Mason at the office that I would buy groceries as he was putting me up for a while. Luckily the store doesn't look too crowded, it's 8:30 and already dark so a lot of people have gone home.

I park and head into the store mentally running through the list of items I need to purchase. As I grab a buggy and head through the aisles, I'm happy to see that there are few shoppers, which makes my job much easier and quicker. Within a few minutes I have everything I came for and use the self-checkout before leaving the store with my purchases.

As I get to my car, I use the key fob to open the trunk and start loading the groceries into it. Suddenly I feel something cold against my neck and stiffen as I hear a man's voice say, "Shh, don't make a sound and don't move or I'll cut you". Of course, I flinched and moved just enough to see a hoodie in the darkness, but it was just a view out of my peripheral vision, so I couldn't really make out any features.

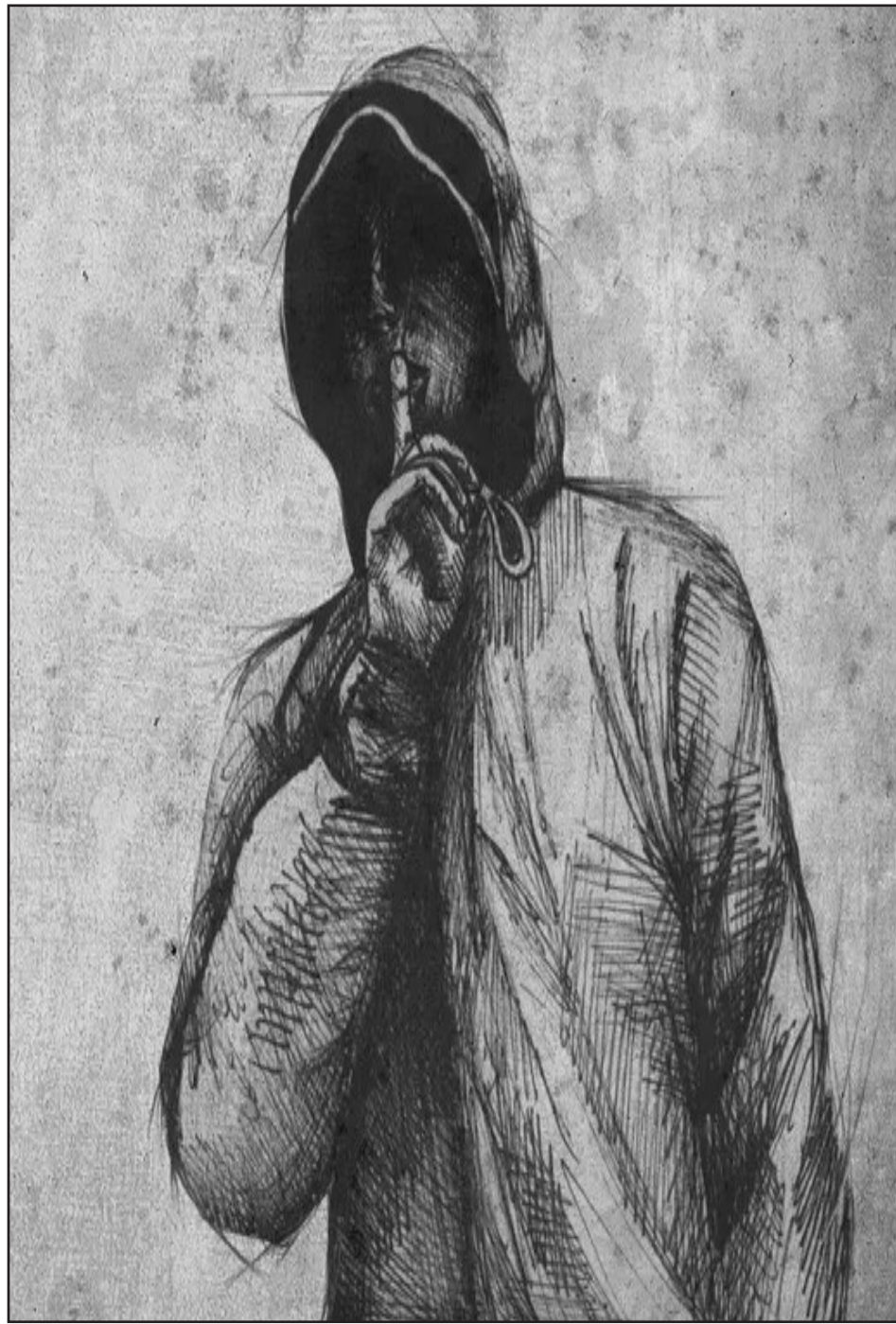
Suddenly, as I was trying to figure out the best course of action, I felt a hard push from the side and realized that someone had tackled my assailant. As I stumbled, hitting my head on the car, I heard a scuffle and then running footsteps.

I stagger to my feet and realize that there is a man lying beside my car, I run to him and check for injuries and a pulse, pulling out my phone and dialing 911 as I make sure that he is breathing. As I'm checking him over, using the flashlight on my phone, I realize that I recognize him, It's Rob, the janitor from the office. He's breathing okay, but I can feel a lump starting to form on the side of his head. Evidently, he took quite a hit from my assailant before he ran away.

After assuring myself that he is breathing, and his pulse is steady I start looking around to see if I can find any trace of evidence that the assailant may have left behind. I don't touch anything, because I know that forensics will go over everything with a fine-toothed comb, and I don't want to mess anything up. I scan the ground from my position on the ground kneeling beside Rob; I can't see anything at all.

I hear the sirens getting closer and I finally sit down on the ground and wait. I am trained for this type of thing, but honestly, this really shook me up. I obviously was not paying attention to my surroundings as I just let someone come up behind me with a knife. What is wrong with me, I know better. That monster is getting into my head and causing me to act like a rookie, and if I don't get myself together it just might cost me my life.

"Samantha!"  
I turn and there is Micah, he evidently heard



the call over the radio and managed to beat everyone else here.

"I'm okay," I call out to him as he is running towards us. "Thankfully this man managed to scare off the attacker, but unfortunately for him, he paid for his actions." I explain quietly while looking down at Rob.

"Isn't that the janitor at the office?" Micah asks, reaching out to check his pulse as he kneels beside us.

"Yeah, it seems like everybody that even works in my vicinity is stuck under this black cloud of threats," I reply sadly. It seems that all my effort to keep my team out of harm's way didn't work, and now even random employees at my job are being hurt because of this monster.

"Was it the Goblin?" Micah asks as a patrol car and ambulance pull up almost at the same moment.

"I don't know for sure," I reply. "I never saw him, I just felt the knife and then heard a voice, and then everything went crazy." I look at Rob again, "I think he just saved my life." I tell Micah quietly.

Soon the paramedics take over, the police question me about what happened, and finally I am free to check on Rob's condition.

"He'll be okay," one of the paramedics replies when I ask how he is doing. "He took a hard knock on the head and is still unconscious, so he will need some tests, but his vitals are good, and he isn't bleeding, so those are good signs. You can talk to the doctor at the hospital after they check him out there.

I turn and see that Micah is talking with a police detective, I go over to join them. "Anything?" I ask hopefully.

"Sorry Sam," Micah answers. "It was a long shot, but he doesn't seem to have left anything behind, your car

will be towed to the evidence lot to check for any prints that you don't recognize, but that's a long shot since you were between him and the car."

"And of course I just bought groceries!" I exclaim.

"I'll take you and the groceries over to Mason's and you can get your car later." Micah takes my arm.

The paramedics insisted on looking at me and making sure I was okay to leave, but besides a small cut on the side of my neck from the knife, and a growing goosebump on my head from hitting the car, I checked out just fine. Micah loaded the groceries in his car, and we left to go take them to Mason's house. The detective had assured me that he would let me know as soon as he had any news on Rob's condition, I felt like I should go with Rob, since he had saved my life, but Micah had insisted I go with him, so after a few minutes of arguing I finally gave up.

"You know we'll get him, Sam," Micah says while keeping his eyes on the road. "We can't even say for sure yet if this was the Goblin or just some guy that saw a woman alone at night and decided to take the opportunity to grab some quick cash."

"I know," I reply while shaking my head. "But I just can't help but feel like it would be too much of a coincidence for a random man to decide to rob me right now. I don't believe in coincidences."

"Yeah, I understand," Micah responds. "But speaking of coincidences, what are the odds of the person that saves you also working at our office?"

We both get lost in our own thoughts and the ride to Mason's house is quiet the rest of the trip.

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The Goblin dreams—it isn't a cohesive dream. Chaos pre-

vails; disjointed images flutter around like a thousand unbound pages of a book caught in a whirlwind; words, visions, scents, emotions, and the long, grim specter of the past. His past undulates like an endless river, no beginning, no end, just a restless current of ebon water. Fleeting figures appear and disappear as they move past his mind's eye. Aunt Ida and his deadbeat parents are there fighting over who will keep him for the summer; his parents don't want him, and Ida says she can't afford another mouth to feed, but she relents, and his parents depart. Phillip rises with a couple of guys, laughing, taking turns tossing a basketball through a makeshift hoop in the park; carefree and confident. Samantha appears, not the detective, with tired eyes and an off-the-rack blazer that covers her like a shield, keeping those around her from seeing her tense shoulders and delicate, troubled, intensely loyal heart. No, this is the naïve, little Sam, the tomboy that follows Phillip and his buddies around like a little pup. The sweet Sam that still believes the world is good.

"You were so close to her," a voice emerges from the darkness of the dream. "You could have taken her right there in the parking lot and brought her to us, to bloom eternally with us, but..." the voice fades.

"I could have," the Goblin's words float out into the void and dissipate like a cloud of hot breath into a winter's night. Suddenly, he is surrounded by tall, untamed rose bushes; their briars heavy with blooms, nodding, bowed with great drops of dew that looks like shimmering drops of blood on the roses' crimson petals. He cups one of the blooms in his hands and inhales its fragrance.

"Soon, soon, soon," he says as the dream fades and his eyes open.

## Calendar of Events

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### Holidays

14th - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day  
31st - Halloween

### Job Readiness Sessions

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# SPORTS

## Clay County Bulldogs Dominate Monroe County

**Matthew Stafford, Staff Writer**

The Clay County Bulldogs delivered a commanding 21-6 victory over Monroe County (KY) on Thursday, September 26, boosting their overall record to 4-2. This non-region win highlighted both offensive and defensive strengths, as the Bulldogs continue to build momentum heading into the crucial stretch of Class 1A, Region 4 play.

Clay County set the tone early with a balanced offensive attack, led by standout performances from quarterback Nate Adams and running back Ayden Soto. The offense was able to efficiently move the ball, mixing in both runs and passes to keep Monroe County's defense off balance. Adams, known for his dual-threat capabilities, connected on several key passes while also scrambling for yardage when needed.

On the ground, Soto powered through the Monroe County defense, picking up valuable yards and scoring one of Clay County's three touchdowns. The offensive line played a critical role, providing protection for Adams and opening up lanes for Soto and the other running backs to exploit.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were stellar, allowing just one touchdown while effectively stifling Monroe County's offensive efforts.

Clay County's defense consistently pressured the opposing quarterback, forcing hurried throws and preventing big plays. Key defensive stops in the second half allowed the Bulldogs to maintain their lead, with standout performances from linebackers Worm Smith and Reece Adams, who anchored the defense and led in tackles.

A critical moment in the game came in the third quarter when Mon-

roe County was driving deep into Clay County territory. The Bulldogs' defense stepped up, stopping Monroe County on a crucial fourth down and turning the ball over, securing momentum for the rest of the game.

**Region 4 Standings (Class 1A):**  
 Gordonsville – 4-2 overall, 1-0 region  
 Clay County – 4-2 overall, 0-0 region  
 Jo Byrns – 2-4 overall, 0-1 region  
 Red Boiling Springs

– 2-4 overall, 0-2 region  
 Clay County now shifts its focus to a pivotal region matchup against Jo Byrns on October 4. With a perfect 0-0 region record so far, the Bulldogs are hoping to secure their first region victory to strengthen their playoff chances. A win against Jo Byrns would put Clay County in a prime position to challenge Gordonsville for the top spot in the region as the postseason race heats up.

## Jr. Bulldogs Defeat Jr. Wildcats



Clay County Jr. Bulldogs defeated the Monterey Jr. Wildcats 42 to 0 on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Jackson County High School Football Field.

## Golden Eagles Pick Up Statement Win At Gardner-Webb

**By Thomas Corhern, TTU Sports Information**

For the first time since 2011, the Tennessee Tech football team is starting conference play with a 2-0 record, but it was an adventure to get there.

Seeing the effects of Hurricane-turned-Tropical Storm Helene first-hand as they made their way to Charlotte, then to Boiling Springs, the Golden Eagles overcame those adversities to take a 52-21 victory over the defending Big South-Ohio Valley Conference champ in a statement victory.

With no power at Spangler Stadium, no network connections and spotty cell connections, the modern amenities of college football were non-existent, leaving both teams to play an old-school-style contest, lining each side's 11 up and letting them go at it.

In all, Tech compiled 414 yards of total offense – 340 on the ground.

Aidan Littles, aided by an 87-yard rush, led the Golden Eagles with 118 yards on 10 carries. Obie Sanni rushed for 79 yards on five carries and Jalen Mitchell 68 yards on 12 carries. Tech had five rushing touchdowns in the contest for the first time since collecting a quintet of running scores against Virginia-Lynchburg in 2021.

It was the first time Tech surpassed 300 rushing yards since picking up 303 against Lindenwood in 2022 and the most since rushing for 346 against Austin Peay in the 2011 campaign.

Tech only had 10 passing attempts in the contest as Jordyn Potts went 5-for-10 for 74 yards.

The Golden Eagles (2-2, 2-0 Big South-OVC) wasted no time. Potts engineered a nine-play, 80-yard drive on the first series, punctuating the effort with a 20-yard pass to D.J. Linkins. After Gardner-Webb

missed a field goal, Tech then expanded its lead with another extended drive as Tremel Jones scored on an end-around run from 12 yards out to end an eight-play, 70-yard series.

Linkins ended the game with two catches for 48 yards to lead the Golden Eagles.

Tech extended its lead to 21-0 as Jordan Yates scored on a five-yard rush.

The Runnin' Bulldogs joined the action on the scoreboard as Jordan Bly caught a 19-yard touchdown strike from Tyler Ridell, but Tech's defense kept GWU from scoring again until the final four minutes of the contest.

Dom LeBlanc finished the game with 10 points – seven on PATs to extend the team's streak to 122 consecutive and his own to 10 straight – with a 30-yard field goal with just over a minute remaining in the first half.

Omari Philyaw in-

tercepted the ball to end Gardner-Webb's first drive in the third quarter and the play set up a scoring drive as Tech's offense needed five plays to score once more as Jalen Mitchell hit pay dirt on a six-yard rush to the left side.

The defense came through with a score as Theron Gaines' third sack of the game created a fumble, which was scooped up by Daniel Rickert, who then brought it back 50 yards for the touchdown. The PAT made it a 38-7 game.

Another defensive stop came on the next Gardner-Webb series as an incomplete pass turned the ball over on downs at the Bulldog 34. Jordan Yates picked up a yard, then Torin Baker broke away for 33 and the score.

The Runnin' Bulldogs were in position to score to start the fourth quarter before Tim Coutras intercepted a pass in the end zone

to end the threat. Gardner-Webb forced a Tech turnover, but the resulting drive went nowhere, leading former Golden Eagle Nick Bigelow to punt the ball away to the Tech 5. Aidan Littles needed just two plays and 51 seconds – an eight-yard rush up the middle, then a run to the left that developed into an 87-yard dash – to put Tech on the board once again.

The Bulldogs broke their scoring drought with a 10-play, 75-yard drive as backup quarterback Ren Hefley connected to Camden Overton for a one-yard pass. After Tech tried to run out as much clock as possible, Spencer Ashby's punt to the GWU 35 was returned 43 yards by Bly all the way to the Tech 22. Carson Gresock scored on a two-yard rush with 1:24 left in the game.

Tech held Gardner-Webb to 103 rushing yards, led by Gresock with 13 carries for 86

yards. Ridell ended his day with 14-for-21 passing for 110 yards, while Hefley was 13-for-20 for 116 yards.

Defensively, Gaines led Tech with seven total tackles – six solo and one assisted – with 3.5 for-loss for 38 yards, including three sacks for 36 yards. Gaines was two sacks short of Brannon Vaughn and Elois Grooms' record of five. He also forced a fumble recovery for a touchdown. Philyaw had six solo stops to go with his interception, while Angel Garcia had six tackles.

The Golden Eagles return home for action next Saturday as they host non-conference South Carolina State. Tech returns to conference play on October 12 at Southeast Missouri.

Tickets for Tennessee Tech Football are on sale now – call (931) 372-3940, visit the Hooper Eblen Center ticket office or order online at TTUsports.com.

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#### HIT SIDE TO SIDE

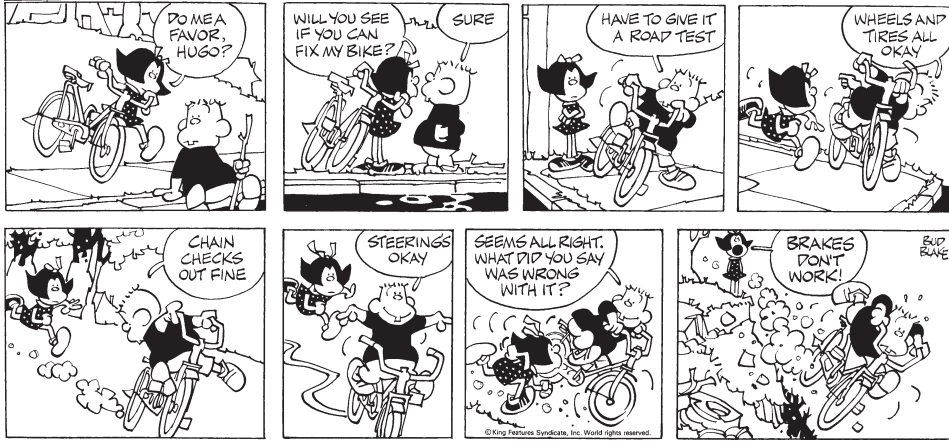
If you can hit the ball side to side, you will wear your opponent down. It is particularly tough for him to run full speed in one direction, then recover in time to reach the next shot.

Progressively, it will become more difficult for the opponent to reach the ball. Don't try to hit the sideline – since it's not necessary and just leads to errors. Instead, keep hitting to the open court until your opponent runs out of gas.

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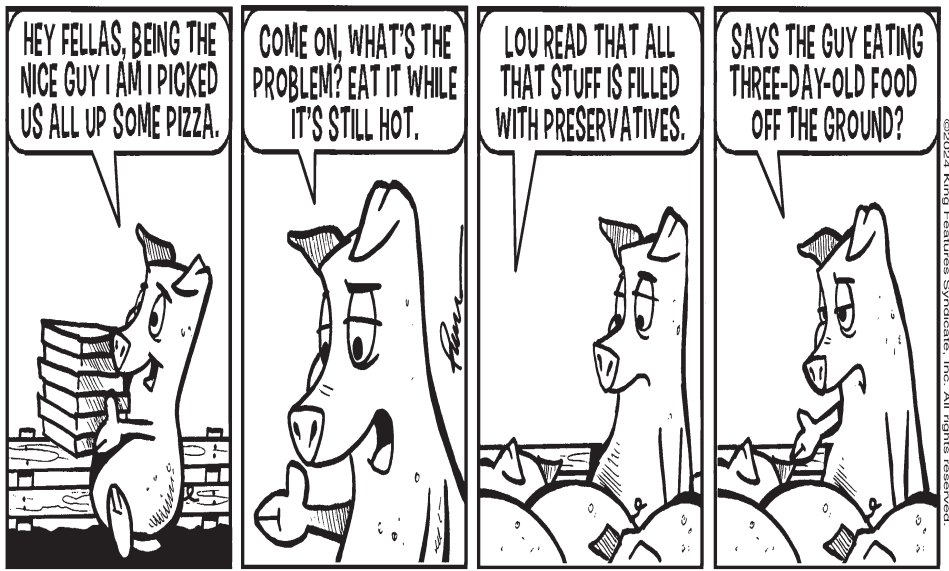
# Citizen-Statesman LEISURE

## TIGER



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                       |           |                    |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Sitcom butler      | ___ R ___ | Midday meal        | ___ N ___ |
| 2. Bowler's goal      | ___ K _   | Do your utmost     | ___ V _   |
| 3. Timepiece          | ___ C _   | Dracula's mantle   | ___ A _   |
| 4. Pinball hangout    | ___ D _   | Obscure            | ___ N _   |
| 5. ___ Potter         | ___ A ___ | Get a move on      | ___ U ___ |
| 6. Boring tool        | ___ U _   | Irritation         | ___ N ___ |
| 7. Feeling well again | ___ E ___ | Pancake topping    | ___ U ___ |
| 8. King's chair       | ___ E     | Multitude          | ___ G     |
| 9. British title      | B ___     | Brother of Moses   | A ___     |
| 10. Corn              | ___ Z _   | Augusta's location | ___ N _   |

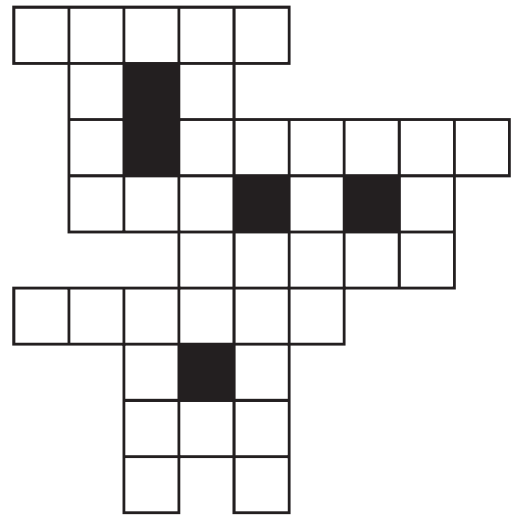
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# FEAR & KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- PKI
- DRACEA
- ♥ DRITE
- ♥ NRDA
- ♥ HECSTA
- ♥ DDA
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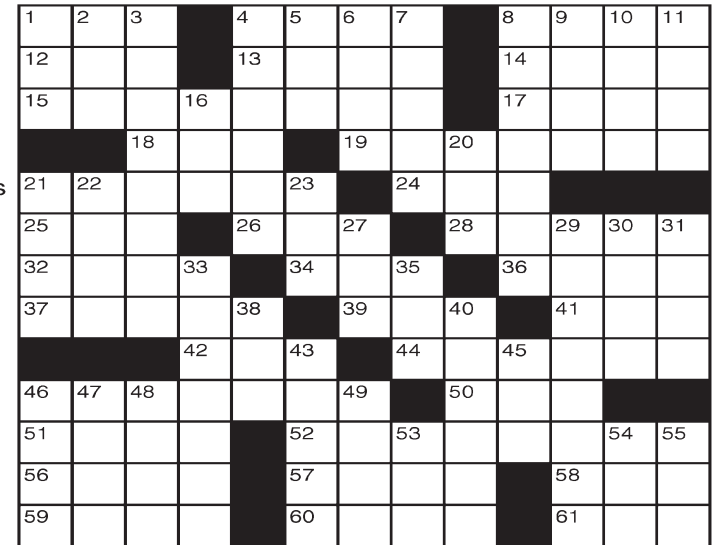
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Peron of Argentina
- 4 Siestas
- 8 First light
- 12 Bud
- 13 — Major
- 14 Actor Morales
- 15 German shepherd
- 17 Teen hangout
- 18 Resistance unit
- 19 Church top- per
- 21 British party
- 24 Louvre trea- sures
- 25 Khan title
- 26 The "G" of LGBTQ
- 28 Doesn't buy
- 32 Clothing store section
- 34 Gender
- 36 Stratagem
- 37 Green sauce
- 39 Teeny
- 41 Shriner of tennis
- 42 Rainbow shape
- 44 A Karamazov brother
- 46 Stew flavorer
- 50 Chi follower
- 51 Genesis brother
- 52 Music school concerts



- 56 Only
- 57 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 58 Pool unit
- 59 Contain
- 60 Commanded
- 61 Messy room
- 7 Dasher's boss
- 8 Agriculture goddess
- 9 Pronto
- 10 Humpty's perch
- 11 Egyptian river
- 16 Sashimi fish
- 20 Goof up
- 21 Pack (down)
- 22 Curved mold- ing
- 23 Airline to Sweden
- 27 Evergreen type
- 29 Wedding
- 30 Despot
- 31 Big rig
- 33 Bought time
- 35 Deleted
- 38 Tram load
- 40 Realm
- 43 Ersatz choco- late
- 45 Follower (Suff.)
- 46 Wild party
- 47 "Peek- —!"
- 48 Holler
- 49 Disaster aid gp.
- 53 Scoundrel
- 54 Long. crosser
- 55 CIA operative

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## STICKELERS

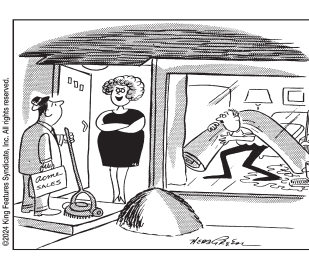
by Terry Stickels

Here's a brain-twister:

If it were three hours later than it is now, it would be twice as long until midnight as it would be if it were four hours later.

What time is it now?

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"Thank you, but I've already discovered the secret of taking the drudgery out of \_\_\_\_\_."

### SCRAMBLERS

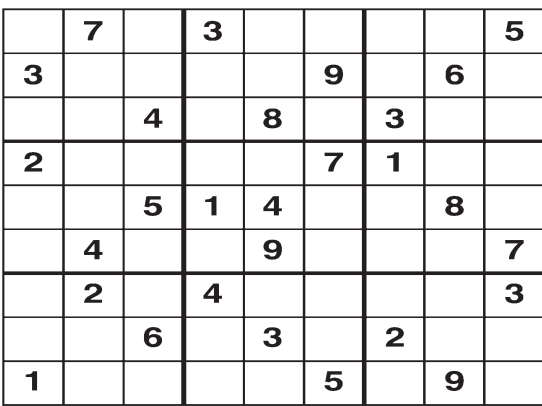
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Bloom
- PROBERS
- Avoid
- CHEWES
- Strong
- DUSTRY
- Berserk
- MOKA

TODAY'S WORD

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



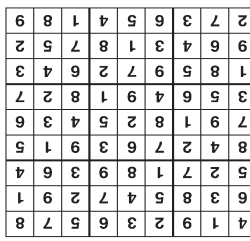
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

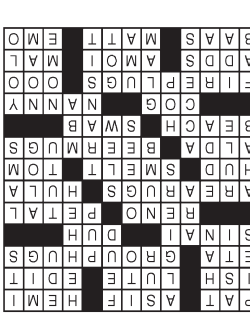
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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



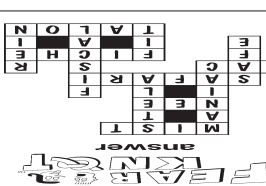
Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

- 1. Horse, House
- 2. Absent, Assent
- 3. Deigne, Delude
- 4. Minor, Miner
- 5. Sprit, Spring
- 6. Grown, Groan
- 7. Wiggle, Giggle
- 8. Lesson, Lessen
- 9. Stern, Stirn
- 10. Stern, Stirn

Even Exchange



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



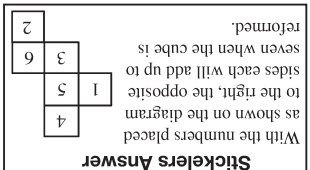
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## GRIN and BEAR IT



"Roscoe didn't ask for directions, but several drivers did tell him where to go."

What would you call a group of certain small fish that start a  
Cryptoquip  
answer



- 1. Horse, House
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SCRAMBLERS  
Today's Word  
1. Berate; 2. Change; 3. Limber; 4. Bother  
solution



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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT

**To whom it may concern:**  
Clay County, Tennessee is requesting statements of qualifications from consultants to provide services on a Healthy Built Environment project to complete a countywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Duties to be performed by the selected firm will include the preparation of a parks and recreation master plan which is wholly funded by the Tennessee Department of Health through the Healthy Built Environment program. **Qualifications should be received on or before Friday, October 29, 2024, by 12 p.m. (local time.)** Electronic copies should be sent to: [mreagan@ucdd.org](mailto:mreagan@ucdd.org) Each submission will be evaluated according to the following criteria:  

- Specialized experience or technical expertise of the firm.
- Past performance record on contracts with the community as well as other clients
- Capability of firm to perform the work within time limitations.
- Familiarity with the type of problems applicable to the project.
- Familiarity with local conditions.

The firm selected must comply with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968.  
Thank you for your interest in the needs of our community. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,  
Dale Reagan  
Clay County Mayor

## IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JESUS ADRIAN MARTINEZ GARCIA, Deceased Case No. 2024-PR-33

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of September, 2024, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Jesus Adrian Martinez Garcia, who died on July 28, 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Clay County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims matured or unmatured against the Estate are required to file 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 the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting);

(b) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this 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 first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(a); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedents date of death. This 23rd day of September, 2024.

Tierra Brown  
Personal Representative  
James D. White, Jr.  
Attorney for Estate  
P.O. Box 333  
Celina, TN 38551  
Phone: 931-243-3535  
L. Rene' Davis, Clerk and Master  
145 Cordell Hull Drive  
Celina, TN 38551  
Phone: 931-243-3145

## MEETING NOTICE

The Clay County Board of Education will have a planning session on **Thursday, October 10, 2024** at the Clay County Schools Central Office, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** followed by the regular session board meeting.

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# LIFESTYLES

## H & H Auto Parts Partners With Parts City Auto Parts

H & H Auto Parts in Celina, TN is now partnered with Parts City Auto Parts, a brand of Ozark Automotive Distributors developed specifically for supplying parts and business support to independently-owned auto parts businesses. Currently, Ozark Automotive services over 6,000 O'Reilly Auto Parts stores and independent Parts City Auto Parts locations from coast-to-coast.

H & H Auto Parts will continue to be locally owned and operated by Chris and Derek Hix, who started the business in 2018 when they realized how well the community would benefit from a reliable, local parts store. Chris and Derek said that they made the switch to Parts City for a few reasons, but the main ones are being able to offer their community better parts availability and a better delivery

schedule for the inventory of the store. In addition to selling auto parts, H & H Auto Parts also offers battery testing, battery recycling, engine code checks, custom hydraulic hoses and more. When asked what they like best about running an auto parts store, Chris and Derek said that they enjoy helping their customers out most of all.

Chris, Derek and their team invite you to drop by, say hello

and check out the new product selection.

H & H Auto Parts is open Monday through Friday from 7am to 5pm, Saturday from 7am to 2pm and they are closed on Sundays. The store phone number is 931-243-7278. Visit [PartsCityAuto.com](http://PartsCityAuto.com) to lookup parts and a map to H & H Auto Parts in Celina, TN.

About Parts City Auto Parts Parts City Auto

Parts is the brand name of independently owned stores serviced by Ozark Automotive Distributors, Inc. Although the Parts City brand was launched in 2008, Ozark Automotive Distributors has been servicing independently owned auto parts stores since 1961. In addition to an extensive inventory of more than 300,000 items available, Parts City Auto Parts stores also have access to over-

night product delivery on hard-to-find parts, national warranty protection, employee and technician training programs, unparalleled computer technology and support, availability of parts for farm and lawn machinery, and aggressive programs to capture and retain retail and professional customers.

For further information on Parts City Auto Parts, contact Camaron Inman at 573-855-9178

## TVA Raises Power Rates

Effective October 1, 2024, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will be implementing a 5.25% increase in wholesale power rates to all distributors including Tri-County Electric. Tri-County Electric will pass the TVA increase through to its members, resulting in an increase of approximately \$4.50 per month for the average residential customer using 1,250 kWh per month.

In addition to the

forementioned TVA increase, Tri-County Electric will be implementing a rate adjustment that will increase the monthly Customer Charge by \$3.00 while decreasing the kilowatt hour rate. The overall effect of this adjustment will be zero for members using the average of 1,250 kWh per month. The adjustment will provide savings to members during the higher usage periods of the winter and summer.



A new UT Extension event will offer presentations and demonstrations to assist producers in making informed equipment decisions for their farms. Photo taken at Duncan Farms during the 2024 harvest season in Franklin County, Tennessee, courtesy UTIA.

## UT Extension Farm Equipment Expo Scheduled

Extension agents in the lower Middle Ten-

nessee area as well as specialists from the University of Tennessee Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Department of Biosystems Engineering and Soil Science are offering a Farm Equipment Expo on November 1 from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT at the Coffee County Fairgrounds, 99 Lakeview Drive, in Manchester. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided.

The event will include presentations to assist producers with making informed financial decisions and proper safety and maintenance of farm equipment, as well as demonstrations with various types of equipment. Local farm equipment dealers and vendors will be at the event and skin screening tests will be available free of charge for participants. Pesticide points will be available.

“One of the most important decisions producers make is purchasing equipment for the farm,” says Rachel Painter, UT Extension farm management specialist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. “When evaluating capital investments like equipment purchases, the decisions will vary based on the type and needs of the operation and the financial situation. A farmer must ensure the use and size of the equipment matches the scale and needs of the operation from a production standpoint while having a clear understanding of how the purchase will impact the operation financially for years to come.” Painter has worked with local agricultural Extension agents to plan the expo based on common questions and needs of producers in the area.

“Maintenance and safety of equipment is extremely important and we want to provide an opportunity for producers to see proper cleaning, winterization, and calibration in-person with equipment demonstrations on-site,” says Amy Prince, UT Extension agent in Coffee County. “We are excited to partner with local equipment dealers and vendors to offer the expo and to have medical professionals offering skin screenings for farmers free of charge during the event.”

Register to attend online at [tiny.utk.edu/farmexpo](http://tiny.utk.edu/farmexpo) or contact your local agricultural Extension agent for more information and registration.

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### WHAT IS A CO-OP VOTER?

A Co-op Voter:



Wants to preserve the way of life in rural America, but not let our future generations be left behind technologically.



Believes in policies that will modernize our nation's energy supply in a way that keeps costs affordable, promotes system reliability, and avoids imposing undue burdens on our energy supply system.



Wants to be an active voice in the community and promote the democratic system of governance for all our nation's institutions, from our co-ops to the halls of Congress.



Will vote for any candidate, regardless of party, who is willing to help ensure that rural Americans have ready access to reliable, affordable energy.



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### Strange BUT TRUE

- \* Octopus wrestling was a popular sport in the 1960s. A diver would fight an octopus in shallow water and drag it to the surface.
- \* After an online vote in 2011, Toyota announced that the official plural of Prius is Prii.
- \* Each spacecraft sent to Mars is scrubbed and inspected before dispatch as part of a strict planetary protection protocol meant to prevent contamination from Earth.
- \* Ophiocordyceps unilateralis, a parasitic fungus,

effectively turns ants into zombies. The fungus compels the ant to bite onto the underside of a low-hanging leaf, where it dies, and the fungus then sends a fruiting body out through the ant's head to disseminate spores.

- \* Geckos can turn the stickiness of their feet on and off at will.
- \* And speaking of feet, during World War II, the United States began rationing shoes. Citizens were allowed three pairs.
- \* When Leonardo DiCaprio smashed his hand on the dinner table in “Django Unchained,” he accidentally crushed a small stemmed glass with

his palm and really began to bleed. He ignored it, stayed in character, and continued with the scene. Quentin Tarantino was so impressed that he used this take in the final print, and when he called cut, the room erupted in a standing ovation.

- \* Though they are often used as vegetables in cooking, eggplants are botanically classified as berries.
- \* Charles Richard Drew was a Black physician who developed blood banks for military personnel during World War II. He quit working for the Red Cross after he learned that the military separated blood donations by race.