

SPORTS



Blue Devil Baseball plays back-to-back games against Pickett Co.

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LIFESTYLES



Tennessee's Mayberry Town Set To Open

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COVID-19 UPDATE

This snapshot was made available on: April 1.  
As of March 26 Jackson County is in the Red Zone.

Total Active: 50  
Total Recovered: 1,238  
Hospitalizations: 38  
Deaths: 35  
Positivity Rate: 13.3 %

Damage Assessment Hotline Established

Jackson County EMA has established a hotline for residents and business owners to call to report damage from this past weekends flooding.

Anyone who has sustained damage to their property is asked to call (931) 268-6177.

Each individual who calls will receive a voice-mail prompt instructing them to leave their name, address, and phone number.

Each message will be responded to via phone call and a time for a damage survey will be scheduled. JC EMA asks residents and business owners to be patient as it may take time for them to respond due to the extensive flood damage in our county. They urge anyone inside Jackson County with flood damage to please report that to this hotline.

Thank A Lineworker On April 12

JENNIFER BROGDON  
UCEMC GM/CEO

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, I bet you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

“Lineworker” is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb 40 feet in the air, often carrying heavy equipment to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of your home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering comfortably at home? This dedication and sense of service to the community are truly what sets them apart. That’s why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at UCEMC, it’s important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes. Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Member service representatives are always standing by to take your calls and questions. Our information technology (IT) experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data. And these are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn’t be able to “bring the light” to our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent UCEMC, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, I hope you’ll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you’ll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.

One Million People Fully Vaccinated

Tennessee has reached a vaccination landmark of one million Tennesseans being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Approximately 22% have received at least one dose.

“We celebrate this milestone and expect to see this number increase as vaccine is more widely available,” said Tennessee Health Commissioner Lisa Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP. “The hard work and dedication of our local health departments and statewide vaccine partners have helped us reach this significant moment in our fight against COVID-19.”

**Continued Focus on Equity and Underserved Populations**

Tennessee is committed to ensure equity in its COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. TDH has been working with community partners, faith leaders, and health care advocates to help empower and inform underserved populations across the state. Over half of Tennesseans over the age of 60 have received their first dose, and nearly two-thirds of those over age 70 have received their first doses.

Meanwhile, over the past month, Tennessee’s Hispanic population receiving at least one dose has increased from 3.9% to 12.9% and Tennessee’s Black population receiving at least one dose has increased from 5% to 15%.

“We are encouraged that Tennessee is increasing uptake particularly among our elderly, minority and underserved populations,” said Piercey. “At this point in the vaccine roll out, we are committed to access for everyone if they choose to receive a vaccine in a health department, a pharmacy, or a provider’s office.”

**Highest County Vaccine Administration**

The following counties have the highest vaccine administration per 100,000 population in Tennessee. Three of these counties, Unicoi, Hancock, and Madison, are among Tennessee’s 35 counties with highest Social Vulnerability Index values, indicating they may struggle to recover from adversity. These 35

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Twin Lakes Donates To Schools

Twin Lakes recently visited all K-8 schools in the service area to present a check to these schools to further meet the needs of their students.

Each school received \$1 per student who is currently enrolled. Twin Lakes understands the importance of education in the rural areas.



Gainesboro Elementary School – Twin Lakes representatives Rebekah Davidson and Sydney Birdwell present a check for \$345.00 to Principal Tina Cassetty at Gainesboro Elementary School.



Dodson Branch School – Twin Lakes representative Sydney Birdwell presents a check of \$274.00 to Dodson Branch School Principal Brian Lee.



Jackson County Middle School – Sydney Birdwell, Twin Lakes representative, presented a check for \$411.00 to Jackson County Middle School Principal Gary Tinsley.

To our heroes in hard hats, thank you for keeping the lights on.



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# Court

*Editor's Note: Court results are taken from court records. Persons in the community may have similar names. Every effort is taken to ensure accuracy and completeness.*

**Jackson County General Sessions Court Docket April 1, 2021**  
**Judge Tiffany Gentry Gipson Presiding**  
Thomas B. Anderson – Livestock running at large.  
Lucas Boles – Illegal taking/possess/destroy

of wildlife, fail wear daylight florescent orange while hunting big game, hunter education required/adult and hunt/fish/trap/no license or stamp.  
Troy D. Grasty Jr. – Meth/manufacturing/deliver/sale/possess with intent, simple possession/casual exchange, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, driving while license revoked and driving on roadways laned for traffic.  
Haley N. Gray – Pos-

session unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, simple possession/casual exchange, financial responsibility law, registration expired and driving on the right.  
Gary E. Grigg – Domestic assault.  
Kenzi B. Harden – DUI by allowing and possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities.  
Donny J. Jackson – Probation violation.  
George D. McAllister – Bait/pitfalls in taking birds/animals prohibited, fail wear daylight florescent orange while hunting big game.  
Caleb S. Minshall – DUI first offense, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, driving while license suspended, light law/motor vehicle and financial responsibility law.  
Michael Moon – Tampering with evidence, two counts of simple possession/casual exchange and theft/up to \$1,000.  
Bobby Q. Moss – Livestock running at large.  
Bobby G. Nether-ton – Hunter education required, illegal taking/possess/destroy of wild-

life and fail wear daylight florescent orange while hunting big game.  
Julie Patterson – DUI second offense.  
Bradley Dewayne Taylor – Speeding.  
Christopher L. Thompson – Bait/pitfalls in taking birds/animals prohibited and fail wear daylight florescent orange while hunting big game.  
Brian Carlton – Meth/deliver/sale/possess with intent.  
Ryan H. Flatt – Violation of order of protection/restraining order, simple possession/casual exchange and possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities.  
Michael P. Foster – Aggravated assault.  
Benjamin L. Hix – Theft/up to \$1,000.  
Jennifer A. Key – Driving while license suspended and simple possession/casual exchange.  
Adam L. Stoner – DUI first offense.  
James L. Vaughn – Two counts of driving while license suspended/second or subsequent, seat belt/18 and older, two counts of registration expired and two counts of financial responsibility law.  
Emilie J. Yates – Joyriding/unauthorized use auto/other vehicles.  
Brooklynn M. Butler – Person under 21 having beer in possession and transporting beer.  
Michael J. Damron – Probation violation.  
Tara M. Manier – Pos-

session weapon/convicted felon and Schedule V drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess.  
Roger Lee Robinette III – Two counts of theft of property \$10,000 to \$60,000, two counts of burglary/other than habitation, vandalism/\$2,500 to \$10,000 and false reports to officer.  
Timmy D. Rodgers – Domestic assault and Schedule V drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess.  
William C. Sliger – Meth/manufacturing/deliver/sale/possess with intent, evading arrest/risk of death or injury/vehicle involved, Schedule II drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess, Schedule V drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia, driving while license suspended, speeding, window tinted and financial responsibility law.  
Candice Stafford – Probation violation.

**Sheriff's Report**  
On March 27, Julie Lynn Spivey-Patterson was arrested on a warrant for DUI second offense.  
On March 28, Michael Jay Moon Jr. was arrested on warrants for fabricating/tampering with evidence, simple possession IV Xanax, simple possession Schedule V and theft.  
On March 29, Michael Joseph Damron was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.  
On March 29, Jerry Dwayne Kemp was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.  
On March 30, Brooklynn M. Butler was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.  
On March 30, Gary E. Grigg was arrested on a warrant for domestic assault.  
On March 30, Tara Michelle Manier was arrested on warrants for unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon and possession of Schedule V.  
On March 30, Timmy D. Rodgers was arrested on warrants for domestic assault and possession of Schedule V.  
On March 31, Troy Don Pharris was arrested on warrants for driving on revoked/suspended license, unlawful removal of registration decal or plate, possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession/casual exchange, evading arrest and violation of probation.

*Editor's Note: The Jackson County Sheriff's report is obtained from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and is a matter of public record. The Sentinel appreciates the cooperation from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in providing the report and we hope the printing of this report helps as a deterrent in criminal activity. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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## Stay Safe When Working

A day spent working in the yard is an ideal way to pass the time on spring and summer afternoons. A pristine landscape can add value to a property and instill pride in homeowners who put a lot of thought and effort into their lawns and gardens.

A sun-soaked day can make it easy to overlook potential threats when working in a lawn or garden. But safety precautions are of the utmost necessity when working in the yard, where the risk for serious injury is considerable. For example, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons reports that, in 2016, more than 90,000 patients, including nearly 5,000 children, were treated in hospital emergency rooms for lawn mower-related injuries.

Lawn- and garden-related injuries can be prevented without going to great lengths.

Know your terrain before mowing. Knowing the terrain in your own yard can reduce the risk for accident or injury. This can be especially important when mowing the lawn with a riding mower. Adhere to manufacturers' recommendations regarding inclines to reduce tip-over accidents that can pin riders beneath the mower. Study hilly areas of the yard prior to mowing so you know which areas are

safe to mow with a riding mower and which areas are best mowed with a walk-behind mower. For greater control when using a walk-behind mower on an incline, mow parallel to the slope.

Apply and reapply sunscreen. Sunburns may not require trips to the emergency room, but they can still be serious. In fact, the Skin Cancer Foundation notes that sunburn is a leading cause in the majority of cases of basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma, which is the deadliest form of skin cancer. The SCF recommends applying sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside to allow the sunscreen to bond to your skin. Reapply sunscreen at least every two hours, and more often if you're sweating excessively. The SCF recommends broad spectrum sunscreens, which protect the skin from both UVA and UVB rays. Though a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 is acceptable when walking the dog or driving to work, the SCF advises using a product with an SPF of 30 or higher when engaging in extended outdoor activities like gardening or mowing.

Employ the buddy system. Use the buddy system when pruning tall trees or performing any tasks that

require a ladder. The Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania reports that more than 164,000 people are injured each year falling off a ladder. Ask a significant other or neighbor to hold the ladder in place while you climb up to reduce your risk of falling. If cutting large branches, cut them piecemeal to reduce the risk of being injured by heavy falling branches.

Inspect the property for insect hives. The OIP notes that the most common insect stings in spring come from bees, wasps and hornets. Homeowners who are not careful can inadvertently come across hives when doing spring cleanup, making them vulnerable to bites and stings. That can be very dangerous for anyone, and especially so for people with a history of allergic reactions to insect bites or stings. Inspect areas where you'll be working to make sure insects haven't put down roots in your property. If you discover any hives and are hesitant to remove them on your own, contact a local landscaping firm.

Lawn and garden accidents and injuries can be serious. Thankfully, accidents and injuries are easily prevented when homeowners take a few simple safety precautions while tending to their lawns and gardens.



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# Celebrate Grads Despite Unique Circumstances

The end of a school year has traditionally been a time of celebration. Students may celebrate because summer vacation has arrived, and families typically gather to celebrate students who have earned their diplomas and degrees. But just as it's compromised many other traditional celebrations, the COVID-19 pandemic is changing how families can safely celebrate graduation.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of medical researchers, a handful of COVID-19 vaccinations have been developed and approved since the end of 2020. As more and more people become vaccinated, the world is gradually emerging from the pandemic. However, members of the class of 2021 will likely have to

celebrate in unique circumstances. Such celebrations may not be traditional, but they can still be fun. Families may even enjoy finding new and unique ways to celebrate graduation this spring.

### Create A School-Themed "Movie" Where Grads Are The Stars

Students' academic careers are filled with milestones, and the emergency of various technologies over the past two decades has made it easier than ever for families to document those milestones. Parents can pore through the many photos and videos they've created through the years and create a "This Is Your Life" video montage documenting all the special school-related mo-

ments students have had on their way to earning their diplomas and degrees. Parents can share the video with relatives if they still can't gather en masse come graduation season.

### Plan A Special Dinner

Graduation dinners are one tradition that need not fall by the wayside, even if meals might not resemble traditional meals. Families comfortable dining out can book a reservation at the grad's favorite restaurant, while those who prefer to avoid dining out can order take-out from that establishment. But families also can gather and prepare a special meal together. Even if dining at home, everyone can get dressed up and go the extra mile by creating a restau-

rant-like atmosphere at home. Fête the guest of honor with a toast before the meal, and reserve a special surprise for the graduate that's only revealed during the meal. For example, parents can uncork a special bottle of wine to commemorate college grads who can legally drink. Parents of newly minted high school graduates can present a special video with well wishes from all the relatives who would normally attend the dinner but cannot due to the pandemic.

### Organize A Ceremony At Home


A lighthearted graduation ceremony in the living room or the backyard can ensure graduates don't miss out on their chance to stride across the stage and receive their diploma. Invite a

favorite teacher over to give out the diploma or present it yourself while doing your best school principal/president impersonation. This can be a fun way to add some levity to celebrations and will be a fun memory for

grads to look back on in the years to come. Graduation celebrations will be different in 2021, but families can still make the most of their chances to honor grads in these unique circumstances.



**Graduation** – Such celebrations may not be traditional, but they can still be fun.



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**AHITHOPHEL**, LONG A MEMBER OF KING DAVID'S PRIVY COUNCIL, A WILY POLITICIAN, WHOSE ADVICE WAS VALUED AS WISDOM FROM A SACRED ORACLE, LEFT DAVID AND JOINED ABSOLOM WHEN THAT YOUNG PRINCE REVOLTED AGAINST HIS FATHER IN AN ATTEMPT TO SEIZE THE THRONE. BUT KING DAVID SENT ANOTHER MAN OF WISDOM, HUSAI, IN A PRETENSE OF JOINING ABSOLOM'S REBEL ARMY, TO COUNTERACT ANY OF AHITHOPHEL'S SAGE COUNSEL. WHEN ABSOLOM DID TAKE HUSAI'S ADVICE OVER HIS OWN, AHITHOPHEL KNEW THAT DAVID WOULD NEVER BE DEFEATED — SO HE LEFT THE ARMY, RETURNING HOME, WHERE HE PUT ALL HIS AFFAIRS IN ORDER—FOR HE KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE KING DAVID GOT HOLD OF HIM—AND HANGED HIMSELF!

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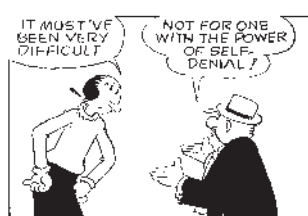
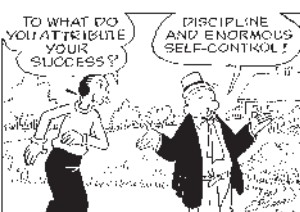
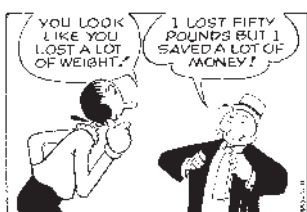
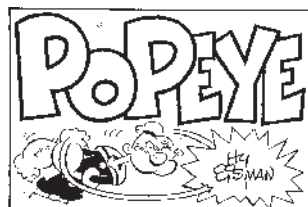
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# Leisure



## TIGER



# HOROSCOPES

**ARIES**  
**Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Now may be a great time to reevaluate your finances, Aries. Investments could be the right path for now, but you may want to seek some professional advice.

**TAURUS**  
**Apr 21/May 21**  
A message from a business partner could bring welcome news, Taurus. This might be the break you are waiting for at this juncture in your life. Career changes could be in store.

**GEMINI**  
**May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, expect to engage in a very interesting conversation this week. This person has not crossed your path in a while, and the reconnection sparks new goals.

**CANCER**  
**June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, frustrations could arise that make you want to vent some anger. Channel your energy into something productive, such as a kickboxing

class.  
**LEO**  
**July 23/Aug 23**  
Obstacles at work or home interfere with your ability to work efficiently, Leo. Even though tasks may take you a little longer, don't throw in the towel just yet.

**VIRGO**  
**Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, do your best to lighten the atmosphere around the house this week. Encourage others to kick up their heels and keep the focus on fun and fun alone.

**LIBRA**  
**Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Avoid any drama or chaos that may surround you this week, Libra. Others may seem on edge, but you can remain calm. Quarantine yourself at home and the storm will blow over.

**SCORPIO**  
**Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, even though a few setbacks come your way, your financial situation still looks very promising this week. Figure

out how to capitalize on this favorable position.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**Nov 23/Dec 21**  
You are usually laid back and calm, Sagittarius. However, when something goes against your beliefs this week you are ready to stand up for morals or concerns.

**CAPRICORN**  
**Dec 22/Jan 20**  
This may not be a good week to travel, Capricorn. Look over your itinerary again and try to reconfigure them so you can travel later on instead.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, trust your gut instinct about big financial moves regardless of any advice you're getting from others. You'll likely see that now isn't the time for spending.

**PISCES**  
**Feb 19/Mar 20**  
A bumpy start to the week that has you questioning several choices will smooth out, Pisces. The weekend will be very productive.

## 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 L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Sudden fear           | ___ R ___ | Airplane trip    | ___ L ___ |
| 2. Pursue                | ___ A ___ | Picked out       | ___ O ___ |
| 3. Horizontally aligned  | ___ ___ L | Pry bar          | ___ ___ R |
| 4. Mockup                | ___ A ___ | Easy, like Simon | ___ I ___ |
| 5. Glue                  | ___ T ___ | Outdated         | ___ S ___ |
| 6. Employee reward       | ___ U ___ | Tibia and ulna   | ___ E ___ |
| 7. Standard book         | ___ A ___ | More embarrassed | ___ D ___ |
| 8. Halloween perk        | T ___     | ___ Lakes        | G ___     |
| 9. Top of the wave       | ___ E ___ | Pizza edge       | ___ U ___ |
| 10. Multiplication lists | ___ S     | Mobile computer  | ___ T     |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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See this week's answers in next week's edition of the Sentinel

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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FERN	RYE	RASP	

1. Clavier, Clavier	6. Fagot, Fagot
2. Noddy, Noddy	7. Sperm, Sperm
3. Older, Older	8. Letter, Letter
4. Ham, Ham	9. Marm, Marm
5. Expand, Expand	10. Fairy, Fairy

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## CROSSWORD

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# Points Of View



## Tennessean Crisis: Rural Hospital Closures

JUDY ROITMAN  
Executive Director, Tennessee Health Care Campaign

With fewer than 65 rural hospitals left to serve Tennessee’s rural communities, and half of those estimated to be at high risk of closure, the health of thousands of Tennesseans is in jeopardy, simply because of where they live. In their 2021 report on Rural Hospital Closures: *The ambulance is our emergency room! The voices of rural Tennesseans*, the Tennessee Health Care Campaign draws on the words of rural Tennesseans facing the loss of a treasured and essential local institution as they describe the impact of hospital closures on their communities and recommend solutions to prevent additional closures and repair local health care systems.

Tennessee has the highest per capita rate of hospital closures in US, jeopardizing the health not only of vulnerable residents, but also of the local economies and quality of life of the large majority (82%) of counties in our state. Rural residents tend to be older, poorer, and more likely to have the chronic health issues that require steadily available health care, yet their hospitals keep closing.

Between 2010 and 2020, 18 rural hospitals have closed, with only four offering any remaining health services.

Jellico Hospital in east Tennessee was the first to close its doors in 2021, but given the impact of the COVID-19 on health services, it will not be the last.

Each closure leaves thousands of families precious minutes and many more miles away from the help they need to successfully treat stroke, heart attack, overdose, or major trauma.

And state and federal response to the trend has been inadequate and limited.

The Tennessee Health Care Campaign report is based on nearly three years of community-based qualitative research conducted in collaboration with researchers at Vanderbilt

University Medical Center.

Together they have created a Toolkit for communities whose hospitals are vulnerable to closure that offers community, state, and federal level solutions to rural health inequities, and emphasizes the urgency of coordinated action to strengthen rural health access to a continuum of needed services. The Toolkit is available online at the Tennessee Health Care Campaign’s website: <https://tnhealthcarecampaign.org/rural-equity-report/>

“The THCC Toolkit is needed right now, to highlight the experiences of our rural communities and what they can do, and our state can do, to protect rural citizens’ health.

Recognizing the link between the loss of a rural hospital and the loss of the local economy is long overdue,” says Randall Rice, Board President of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign.

The toolkit is designed to help rural communities facing the loss of their hospitals. It contains lessons learned from communities whose hospitals closed, and a detailed list of Local, State, and Federal policy recommendations for sustaining Tennessee’s rural hospitals including:

Increasing coverage for the disproportionately high number of low-income, uninsured, and chronically ill Tennesseans who live in rural areas.

Increased state planning and financial investment in rural health care, including innovative service options for distressed communities.

State oversight of hospital ownership transfers to assure experience in hospital management and verification of funding.

Working for affordable access to high-quality health care for all Tennesseans.

Prioritizing infrastructure improvements in roads, broadband, and regional emergency call centers.

The report contains a themed analysis of conversations with key com-

munity stakeholders in six/seven communities across the state that has recently lost a hospital. These stakeholders—county and city elected officials; first responders; providers primary care and long-term care; former hospital administrators and board members; business leaders; community representatives—share their perceptions of the causes, consequences, and solutions. Here is a sample of some of the insights shared:

There was no forewarning. Everyone was caught off guard. They made us believe that everybody’s jobs were fine. And then (on Feb. 27) they walk in and say, “March 1st we’re closed. See y’all later.”

You lose 150 jobs in a small county, it has an economic effect...Without the hospital, fewer people buy gas and groceries. School enrollment went down, so less state assistance...

Business and industry eliminate you if you don’t have a hospital.

And then you have [real estate] deals that actually come down to the closing and they won’t go through with it

because a local hospital is just so important.

The poorest in the community are most impacted, especially when they don’t have transportation to travel to health care facilities that may be 30, 40, 60 miles away.

We have two ambulances in a county of over 500 square miles.

Many indigent patients and expectant mothers didn’t have insurance, but they were all served. And the bottom line is that the hospitals couldn’t get paid.

The Tennessee Health Care Campaign (THCC) is Tennessee’s leading non-profit consumer health care advocacy group and a leader in the health care justice movement. Founded in 1989, THCC and its members have worked to assure that state and national policies promote Tennesseans’ equitable access to affordable, high-quality health care. THCC’s partners include Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the Meharry Vanderbilt Alliance, citizens, elected officials, health care providers, hospital administrators and activists in East, West, and Middle Tennessee.



**Rural Hospitals –** Between 2010 and 2020, 18 rural hospitals have closed, with only four offering any remaining health services.

### Americanisms

“It ain’t what they call you,  
it’s what you answer to.”  
— W.C. Fields

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## VA Extends Deadlines For Life Insurance



by Freddy Groves

Nobody wants to think about it, but the need for life insurance is a fact of life. And now the cost of life insurance for veterans is dropping, opening the door for more of us to be able to afford it.

After separation, we’ve had 240 days to apply and hand over the initial premium to transfer from Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance to Veterans’ Group Life Insurance without having to provide proof of good health. After that deadline we had one year plus 120 days to file and pay, but needed to submit proof of good health in the form of a questionnaire about our medical conditions.

Now, with COVID, the Department of Veterans Affairs has extended the application time by an additional 90 days for both categories. This will expire in June, but it does buy a little more time to get insurance.

To learn more about VA life insurance, go to [www.benefits.va.gov/insurance](http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance). Follow the Eligibility links to see if you qualify for any of the whole menu of VA insurance. Consult the rates chart to see what your premiums would be. As an example, a \$300,000 policy for a 50-year-old veteran would run you \$99 per month. Rates across all categories jump significantly once you hit the age 55 column, so if you’re considering it, don’t delay. A \$100,000 policy at age 30 will cost you a mere \$9 per month.

At that same webpage you can apply to convert your SGLI policy to VGLI, apply for service-disabled insurance, update your beneficiary, file an insurance claim and more, as well as getting forms for all of these.

On the right side of the screen you’ll see Assessing Your Life Insurance Needs. Click that to use the calculator to zero in on how much you should have. It might be more than you think.

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# Lifestyles

## Blast From The Past



Old General Store – Pictured is the General Store / Post Office in Whitleyville as it looked in 1968.

## Comptroller’s Office Studies Chronic Absenteeism And Truancy In Schools

The Tennessee Comptroller’s Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has completed a thorough review of student attendance in Tennessee, including issues of chronic absenteeism and truancy.

Chronic absenteeism includes all absences, excused and unexcused. A Tennessee student is chronically absent if he or she misses 10% or more of instructional days (typically 18 days absent). State chronic absenteeism rates remained steady over the three years analyzed, dropping slightly from 13.6% in 2017 to 13.3% in 2018 and finally to 13.1% in 2019. Chronic absenteeism rates were not calculated in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OREA found that during the time analyzed, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities were more likely to be chronically absent than their peers due to the multiple barriers faced

by each subgroup. Black students had higher chronic absenteeism rates than either White or Hispanic students. Hispanic students were chronically absent at a lower rate than both Black and White students during this period.

Between the 2017 and 2019 school years, nearly half of all chronically absent students in Tennessee were in high school. As students progress from freshman to senior year, the likelihood of chronic absenteeism increases. On average, 25% of high school seniors were chronically absent compared to 15% of freshmen.

Truancy includes unexcused absences only and may have legal consequences. A Tennessee student is truant if he or she accrues five unexcused absences.

During its review of attendance data and local attendance policies, OREA concluded that variation in policies and practices at the district and school levels results in the inconsistent clas-

sification of absences as excused or unexcused across Tennessee. Outside of what is specified in state law, each district (and in some cases, each school) determines through its own policies whether an absence will be excused. As a result, a student might be considered truant in one district but would not be considered truant in another.

While TDOE collects unexcused absence data by district, school, and student, it does not calculate truancy rates as it does for chronic absenteeism. Additionally, no reliable data exists on the implementation of the progressive tru-

ancy intervention plan required by a 2017 state law. Due to lack of data and issues of local variation, OREA was unable to conduct an evaluation of truancy rates or the effectiveness of the progressive truancy intervention plan.

The Comptroller’s Office has included several policy options for the General Assembly in its report. These include changing requirements for data collection and calculation, clarifying aspects of the progressive truancy intervention plan, and making certain attendance-related policies more uniform for all districts, schools, and juvenile courts.

## Good Housekeeping

### Ginger Shrimp and Noodles

Light and fresh, this Asian-inspired dish tantalizes with the scents of ginger, soy and green onion. Low-cal shrimp and nearly 2 pounds of nutrient-rich cabbage keep it healthful.

Salt and pepper  
3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced  
1 tablespoon peeled finely chopped fresh ginger  
1 pound shelled and deveined 16- to 20-count shrimp, with tail part of shrimp left on, if you like

3/4 cup water  
1/3 cup lower-sodium soy sauce  
2 bags (14- to 16-ounce) shredded cabbage mix for coleslaw  
1 pound rice noodles  
1. Heat covered 6-quart pot of water to boiling on high. Add 2 teaspoons salt.

2. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil on medium. Add green onions and ginger; cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle shrimp with 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper. Add shrimp to skillet in single layer; cook 3 to

4 minutes or until shrimp just turn opaque, stirring frequently. Transfer shrimp to medium bowl.

3. To same skillet, add 3/4 cup water and soy sauce, scraping up browned bits. Stir in cabbage mix; cover and cook 6 to 7 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring often.

4. Meanwhile, add noodles to boiling water in pot. Cook minimum time that label directs, stirring occasionally. Drain well; rinse under cold water and drain again. Return to pot; add shrimp and vegetable mixture, tossing until well-combined. Serves 6.

TIP: We like to use flat, 1/8-inch-wide dried rice noodles, often labeled pad Thai, thin rice noodles or rice sticks.

\* Each serving: About 455 calories, 8g total fat (1g saturated), 115mg cholesterol, 1,050mg sodium, 75g total carbohydrate, 4g dietary fiber, 18g protein.

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Ginger Shrimp And Noodles – Make this delicious dish for your family tonight.



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# Sports

## Spring Sports In Action This Week

MATTHEW STAFFORD  
staff writer

The Jackson County (2-5) Blue Devils baseball team started the week with back-to-back games against region opponent Pickett County Bobcats (3-3).

The Blue Devils lost to the Bobcats 10-1 on March 29.

The Blue Devils lost once again to the Bobcats 11-9 on March 30.

On April 1 the Blue Devils were scheduled to play the Livingston Wildcats in Livingston, but that game was postponed due to poor field conditions.

The Jackson County Softball team was to play at Trousdale County on March 29 and at home on March 30 against Monterey but the games were postpone.

The Jackson County Blue Devils soccer team was to have two games this week, but both games were cancelled. On March 30 they were to face Cannon County at home. On April 1 they were to play at Upperman.



Swing Batter Batter Swing – Luke Babb pitches the ball at a Pickett County batter.



He Swings – Jacob Calvin swings at a ball pitched by the Pickett County pitcher.

## Middle School Spring Sports Have Begun



JCMS Boys Soccer Team – The Soccer team is happy to be playing this season after having the 2020 season cancelled.

### 2021 JCMS Soccer Roster

- Aden Netherton #2
- Camdyn Preister #4
- Kason Letterman #5
- Gavin Clinard #6
- Eli Baker #7
- Spencer Stafford #8
- Logan Sandlin #9
- James Harris #12
- Jayden Wood #13
- Timmy Hollon #14
- Wilmer Novak #15
- Brandon Dudley #17
- Wesley Stoner #18
- Channing Collier #19
- Isaiah Thomas #20
- Luke Otte #21
- C.J. Collier #22
- Garret Bowman #23
- Hugo Calvillo #24
- Zane Netherton #25
- Ryan Lambert #26
- Ethan Holloway #27
- Noah Larramendi #28

### 2021 JCMS

#### Blue Devils Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent/Time
April 6	Dekalb County 5:30 p.m.
April 16	@ Overton County 6 p.m.
April 19	Upperman 6 p.m.
April 23	Smith County 6 p.m.

Top 6 in conference advance on to Upper Cumberland Soccer Tournament.  
Those games will be April 26 through April 29.



JCMS Baseball Team – Kyler Head, Kain Brown, Colby Mull, Brady Bowman, Jaren Bill, Caleb Wimberly, Skylar Stacy, Garrett Wiley, Braylen Goss, Adrik Crider, Bryson Ballentine, Korbin Rhea, Kadin Birdwell, Kaleb Birdwell, Colt Loftis, Aiden Holland, Logan Bullock, Head Coach Kevin King and Assistant Coach Bradley Murphy.

### 2021 JCMS Baseball Roster

- #1 Kyler Head
- #20 Kain Brown
- #13 Colby Mull
- #5 Brady Bowman
- #26 Jaren Bill
- #25 Caleb Wimberly
- #30 Skylar Stacy
- #35 Garrett Wiley
- #27 Braylen Goss
- #7 Adrik Crider
- #14 Bryson Ballentine
- #17 Korbin Rhea
- #34 Kadin Birdwell
- #33 Kaleb Birdwell
- #44 Colt Loftis
- #16 Aiden Holland
- #31 Logan Bullock
- Head Coach: Kevin King
- Assistant Coach: Bradley Murphy

### 2021 JCMS Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent /Time
April 9	Red Boiling Springs 5 p.m.
April 13	@Celina 5:30 p.m.
April 22-23	Middle School Tournament TBA @ Monterey



2021 JCMS Softball Team – The Softball team is happy to be playing this season after having the 2020 season cancelled.

### 2021 JCMS Softball Roster

- Ava Hendley #6
- Summer Stoner #21
- Emma Hendley #29
- Kenley Letterman #16
- Casey Peden #7
- Karley Poston #32
- Natalie Tinsley #10
- Bella Chaffin #52
- Brooklyn Robinson #11
- Eva Wilson #12
- Lillianne Wilson #15

### 2021 JCMS Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
April 6	@Algood	5 p.m.
April 8	@Gordonsville	5 p.m.
April 13	Macon County	5 p.m.
April 15	@Upperman	5 p.m.
April 16	Livingston	5:30 p.m.
April 19	@Burks Middle	5:30 p.m.
April 22	Westmoreland	6 p.m.
April 23	@Macon Co. Tournament	TBD
April 24	@Macon Co. Tournament	TBD
April 27	@Prescott	5 p.m.
April 29	Prescott	5 p.m.



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ESTATE OF: Edward Raymond Chestney, Jr.

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This the 18th day of March, 2021.

Kayla Collins Cantrell, Administrator ad Litem, C.T.A  
Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master  
Kayla Collins Cantrell, Attorney for Estate  
3-30, 4-6 2TP

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This the 22nd day of March, 2021.

Rosemarie Black, Personal Representative  
Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master  
Donna Simpson, Attorney for Estate  
3-30 4-6 2TP

### STATE OF TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY AT GAINESBORO NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This the 26th day of March, 2021.

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The successful candidate will be an adaptive problem solver with well-balanced technical experience who possesses effective communication and time management skills while working in a team environment. Candidates must possess strong oral/written communication, organizational, decision-making, customer service, and problem-solving skills with the ability to handle multiple tasks and work under pressure. The successful candidate must be a team player within the organization with a commitment to excellence, integrity, and driven by results.

**Functions and Abilities of the Position\*:**

- Provide technical assistance to answer questions or resolve problems for customers and/or technicians over the phone.
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- Ability to work days, evenings, and weekends, and to be on-call as scheduled.

\*Functions and abilities listed are not all inclusive of the job description.

**Qualifications:**

The successful candidates for this position should have a High School diploma or equivalent.

Candidates possessing IT certifications and technical support experience are preferred.


**Job Location:**

Livingston, Tennessee.

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).

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**Functions and Abilities of the Position\*:**

- Installs and maintains customer premise voice, video, and data networks and components in customer homes and businesses. Works to ensure all services are maintained continuously.
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**Qualifications:**

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**Job Location:**

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The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Mid-Tenn Engineering Company, 648 Highway 52 Bypass W. Lafayette, Tennessee 37083, Direct questions to Evan White, Project Engineer, Phone: 615-666-2385, or Email: [ewhite@midtennengineering.com](mailto:ewhite@midtennengineering.com). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

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# Tennessee’s Mayberry Town Set To Open

Tennessee’s Mayberry Town will feature Mayberry Lucy Day on April 10 featuring a great group of performers. To lead the day will be Rodney Dillard who actually performed as Rodney on the Andy Griffith Show. He is the last living Darling from the show. He will perform at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Granville Event Stgae and will perform at Sutton Ole Time Music Hour at 7 p.m. Granville will also feature impersonators of characters of the Andy Griffith Show, which will feature Barney Fife to be performed by Rik Roberts at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Floyd to be performed by Allan Newsome at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m., Briscoe Darling to be performed by Bo Pierce at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and The Darlings Bluegrass Band performed by One Way Out Bluegrass Band at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Kaye Loftis will be doing a program at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. entitled “The Women of the Andy Griffith Show”. The day will feature a Mayberry Cruise In for Antique cars with no entry fee. The Mayberry I Love Lucy Museum will have a special day being open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Mayberry Diner will be serving lunch, which will be at the Granville Event Center.

The I Love Lucy Show will also feature Jeff and Carrie Ketterman performing as Ricky & Lucy. They will bring in a travel trailer like the

one on the I Love Lucy Show that will be part of their stage for their performances at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

This is a very unique day for Granville in being able to engage these professional performers that perform nationwide. There is an admission price to the festival per person with parking being per automobile. Granville will require social distancing, mask in all buildings and will feature hand stations over the entire town. The day will also feature the Genealogy Festival with booths, speakers and information on how to do genealogy. Genealogy speakers to be featured are Liz Huff Bennett-“The Pioneer Travels of the First Families Founding Granville” at Methodist Church at 10 a.m., Vonda Dixon, Aunt Polly Williams at Methodist Church at

10:30 a.m., Anna Stout Stephenson, “Validating Your Genealogy Research with Tips for Success”, Karen Hall Sarraga, “Genealogical Manhunt: Finding Scattered Clues, Funny Stories, and Chasing Illusive Ancestors” at Methodist Church at 1 p.m., James Kenneth Turner, Memaw’s: Southern Style Wit and Wisdom at Granville Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Tours of the historic Sutton Home featuring “Contributions of Women” will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Pioneer Village will have craftsmen demonstrating from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will also feature Women & Automobiles and Life of the Pioneer Women. The festivals will also have craft booths, food, shopping at Granville Shops and much more. For more information visit granvilletn.com or call 931-653-4151.



Tennessee’s Own Mayberry Town - Characters of Mayberry & I Love Lucy Come to Granville as Barney performed by Rik Roberts will be one of them.

# A Native Showstopper: Virginia Bluebells

JASON REEVES  
horticulturist, UT Gardens, Jackson

“From the moment the blue green mouse-ear shaped leaves break the soil in the spring until they disappear in the summer, these plants provide immense pleasure,” says Allan Armitage in his second edition of *Herbaceous Perennial Plants*. I could not agree more! I fell in love with Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) the first time I saw them more than 30 years ago. The gardener shared some plants with me, and I haven’t been without since. My home garden would not be complete without Virginia bluebells or our native columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*. These two wildflowers have become my favorites because they thrive and naturalize with little or no care while putting on a great spring show.

Native to the eastern half of North America, Virginia bluebells are commonly found in the wild in moist, rich, shady woodlands and river flood plains but can be found in sunny locations in good soil. Hardy in zones 3–9, they are easily grown in average-to-good garden soil in shade to full sun.

The leaves of this spring ephemeral are oval in shape and emerge in early spring a deep purple but quickly turn a blue to gray-green, reaching 4- to 8-inches long. Virginia bluebells bloom in mid-spring with loose

clusters of flowers that are borne at the ends of 12- to 18-inch arched stems that are frequented by bees, hummingbird moths, butterflies, skippers and hummingbirds. The pendulous, bell-shaped flowers start out pink in bud, turning sky blue as they open. They combine well with columbine, bleeding heart, celandine poppy and trillium. The leaves are thin and quickly decay as the plants go dormant shortly after flowering, thus not requiring clean-up. Hosta, ferns and hardy begonias are also good to grow amongst them to fill the summer void or they can be overplanted with shallow-rooted annuals. In my home garden, I overplant them with annuals like begonias, impatiens, torenia, petunias or zinnias, depending on whether the site is in sun or shade.

When happy, Virginia bluebells will naturalize and can form dense colonies. The dozen plants I started with in my own garden have become several hundred, both in shade as well as in full sun areas. They have no serious insect or disease problems and are not favored by deer.

They can be difficult to find for sale. One reason is that they go dormant as people really begin to hit the garden centers in the spring. Native plant nurseries and plant sales at nature centers can be a good source. Finding a source for them is well worth the effort. Once they are established in the landscape they are sure to bring years of pleasure.

You can find specimens on display at the UT Gardens sites in Knoxville and Jackson.



A Favorite Native Perennial – Virginia bluebells can make a spectacular display every spring. Photo by J. Reeves of specimen in his private garden, courtesy UTIA.

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