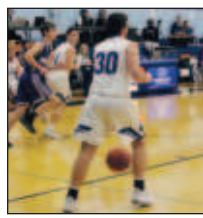


HOLIDAY HOURS



Due to the New Year's holiday, our office will be closed Friday, Jan. 1. The deadline for ad material and content for the Jan. 5 edition is Thursday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. We will reopen Monday, Jan. 4.

SPORTS



Blue Devils Win Both Against Wildcats.

See page 8

COVID-19 UPDATE

This snapshot was made available on: Dec.20 As of Dec. 13 Jackson County is in the Red Zone.
 Total Active: 106
 Total Recovered: 777
 Hospitalizations: 25
 Deaths: 18
 Positivity Rate: 19.3 %



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County Commission To Enhance Fairgrounds

ADAM PARKS
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Commission has elected to upgrade the county fairgrounds using grant money from two different places.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture offered the county a grant for \$75,000 to help with renovations on the fairgrounds, provided that the county match the \$75,000.

The county will be paying the remaining \$75,000 with grant money provided by the governor and general assembly, allowing the county to improve the fairgrounds at no real cost to Jackson County.

"It's kind of unusual to get to use grant money to match grant money, but this is a unique circumstance," Mayor Randy Heady said.

Mayor Heady went on to say that the money would be used to either replace or renovate the roof on the barn and enhance the baseball fields.

Commissioner Josh Locke added that the youth football program is in need of a new field, and proposed the idea of adding a football field to the fairgrounds.

"We have other plans in mind for a youth football field in the future... going down the road we think we have an opportunity to do something bigger and nicer for the county. We would like to do a Sportsplex and put baseball fields, youth football and youth soccer at one place, and we think that we have that opportunity maybe going forward. It may be two years down the road, but we want to give them something to be proud of," Heady said.

The Tennessee Department of Workforce Development has sent grant money from the state to individual counties to help supplement those who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19.

Jackson County received \$50,280.70.

The money will be

used to hire citizens of Jackson County who have been unable to work due to the pandemic.

"We're going to have someone clean the courthouse, working at the archives... sanitation department, since we've lost people due to COVID-19," Heady said.

The money is to be used strictly to hire Jackson County citizens seeking work due to displacement because of COVID-19, and the jobs will last only as long as the money does.

"There was 3-4 counties that didn't want nothing to do with [the grant money], and I told them that I thought my commission would be glad to have that money, and we would put some other people to work," Heady said.

Mayor Randy Heady opened the floor up to vote on a grant that the county will be supplying to each of the community centers in Jackson County that are not already funded by the county currently.

The grant will be for \$9,000, allowing each community center to receive \$1,500.

The \$9,000 provided by the county will be taken from the county CARES Act funds.

"We didn't feel right... giving a couple of them that we knew were struggling and had reached out for help, and not give the other 3-4 help also," Heady said.

Nameless, Center Grove, Dodson Branch, Shiloh, Gladdice and Flynn's Lick will all receive an equal share of the money, while the Fairview and Granville centers will not receive a cut of the \$9,000 since they are already funded by the county.

"For point of reference, we're \$1,100 in the red right now. It's just to keep the lights, electric and propane on," Commissioner Don Chinoy said.

The Jackson Commission will meet again on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse.

County Leaders Are Taking Corrective Measures

MEGAN REAGAN
staff writer

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office released its audit of Jackson County government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 last week, and the audit report included 10 findings, seven of which were also noted in last year's report.

As previously reported in the *Jackson County Sentinel*, the findings detailed deficiencies, weaknesses, or noncompliance within the Office of County Mayor and the Office of County Clerk. The report shows that management has been "unable or unwilling" to correct issues that were noted in the previous year's audit report; however, county leaders express that great strides have been made to correct such issues and state that they are continuing to put forth effort to correct the issues that have been found.

Findings in the County Office of Mayor include: The General Fund required material audit adjustments for proper financial statement presentation.

In the audit documentation, Mayor Randy Heady responded that the discrepancy was a mistake and was corrected

this Fiscal Year.

Heady explained that this discrepancy had nothing to do with misappropriation of funds or theft.

"It was strictly an accounting adjustment under Governmental Accounting Practices," Heady explained. "Revenues for 18-19 Budget year received in 19-20 Budget year were mistakenly not taken off the receivables line. There was no misappropriations of funds nor were there any missing funds, no theft."

The other two findings: General ledger payroll liability accounts were not reconciled with subsidiary payroll records and payments; and discrepancies in purchasing procedures were findings from last year's audit that have been and are still being addressed.

"The other two have been findings for many years, we have made huge improvements since we have been in office on both of these findings," Heady said.

In his response on the deficiencies in purchasing procedures, he states, "We have almost eliminated this finding in our office."

He states that his administration is continuing to work with other depart-

ments on best practices involving purchasing.

"Our office is coordinating with [Solid Waste, EMS and the Library] on a monthly basis to make sure we are doing best practices," Heady stated. "For our office to not get a finding in purchasing practices, it will take a team effort! I do believe we are committed to that effort."

Heady also stated that Payroll Ledger Accounts are close to being reconciled.

"We have reduced the number of purchasing mistakes by more than 50%. While our office believes this is great progress, we are committed to zero findings in this area," he said.

In addition to the discrepancies found in the Mayor's office, seven discrepancies were found in the Office of County Clerk.

Those items include: A cash shortage of \$40,514.33;

The clerk failed to properly document changes and deletions to receipts;

The office did not deposit some funds within three days of collection;

Duties were not segregated adequately;

The office did not review its software audit

logs; and access to the accounting software was not properly restricted.

Many of the findings came about during the last administration prior to Brandon Stafford being elected.

Stafford explained that many of the issues were inherited from the previous administration headed by, Amanda Stafford.

"I'm trying my best to get things back in order," Brandon expressed. "We've already gotten the state and county paid back."

He said that since he has been in office, more and more previous mis-handlings from the last administration have come to light.

"We're dealing with those as we become aware of them," he said. "Here recently, we found several missing checks—one over a year old. While we continue to try and get things back in order, I feel like we'll keep coming across things like this."

While many findings were repeat findings of the Office of Clerk, Brandon assured that he and his staff are working to comply with best practices and have a sound plan of corrective action to come.

County Takes Advantage Of CARES Act

ADAM PARKS
Staff Writer

The Jackson County School Board met in regular fashion on Thursday to conduct their monthly business.

Director of Schools Kristy Brown pitched the board an extension of the Family First COVID Relief Act (FFCRA).

The FFCRA provides for up to two weeks, or 80 hours, of paid leave due to documented coronavirus illness, quarantine, or to take care of a dependent who has coronavirus or is quarantined.

The act is currently set to expire on Dec. 31. Brown's pitch was to extend the act through Jan. 31. All were for.

Another item on the agenda was the approval of hiring part-time student cafeteria employees.

"There's not a lot of places students are able to go out and work here in Gainesboro," Brown said.

Students would be helping in the cafeteria

to help make lunches for those in virtual learning environments. Students would work for two hours per day, and earn eight dollars per hour.

The plan is for the students to be paid with money that the county received through the COVID Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

The Board also plans to hire an additional custodian to help with the added workload caused by the coronavirus. The money for the new custodian is also expected to

come from CARES Act funding.

Brown also announced in her director's report that the county will be introducing Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) classes for Jackson County High School students as well as adults in the county.

The classes are set to begin in early-to-mid January for JCHS students and adult enrollment will be available near the end of January.

"A teacher has been hired, so we are in a good spot and on track for that to happen in January," Brown said.

Jackson County Schools have been refunded, in a partial amount, by the state for electronics purchased to aid with virtual learning.

The county will receive around \$85,000 from the state in the form of a remote technology grant.

"We've got a notification that we are getting it. I think they sent us something just saying that they're behind, and haven't sent it to us yet," Brown said.

The Jackson County School Board will meet again on Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the School Board Central Office.



Commission – Pictured above is Mayor Randy Heady and the Jackson County Commission conducting business at the courthouse last Monday.



School Board – Pictured above are a few members of the Jackson County School Board conducting business at their monthly meeting on Thursday.

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Jackson County General Sessions Court Docket Dec. 17, 2020

Judge Tiffany Gentry Gipson Presiding

Amanda D. Adams – Probation violation.

Zbigniew Mazur – Bait/pitfalls in taking birds/animals prohibited.

Bruce E. Phillips – Three counts of false reports to officer and two counts of criminal impersonation.

Terry W. Phillips – Meth/possess or casual exchange, contra in penal facility, driving while license suspended, light law/motor vehicle and fi-

nancial responsibility.

Glen A. Robichaud – Custodial interference/felony.

Kenneth E. Allen – Driving while license suspended.

Anas Alshammahi – Simple possession/casual exchange, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, speeding and driving without license.

Maria D. Antle – Meth/possess or casual exchange, driving while in possession of methamphetamine, Schedule III drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess, Schedule V drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, driving while license suspended/non resident and driving on roadways laned for traf-

Angela D. Goans – Meth/manufacture/deliver/sale/possess with intent, Schedule III drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess, Schedule IV drugs/manufacture/deliver/sell/possess, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities and driving while license revoked.

Hannah Martin – Simple possession/casual exchange and possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities.

Sierra Sircy – Allowing dog to run at large.

Jason S. Haney – Probation violation.

Brandy Holland – Meth/manufacture/deliver/sale/possess with intent, simple possession/casual exchange/marijuana/less than 1/2 ounce, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, driving while

license revoked, display of registration plates, financial responsibility law and driving on roadways laned for traffic.

Chase E. Pulley – Driving while license suspended.

Wardry R. Smith –

Meth/possess or casual exchange, possession unlawful drug paraphernalia uses and activities, financial responsibility law and driving unregistered vehicle on highway.

Brian D. Stevens – Domestic assault.

Michael O. Walker – Probation violation.

Kyle James Greenlee – Theft of property/\$10,000 to \$60,000 and fugitive from justice/felony.

Dylan R. Martin – Especially aggravated sex exploitation of a minor.

Funds Available To Support Dairies

As part of a recent grant from the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, the University of Tennessee Department of Animal Science and the Center for Profitable Agriculture have teamed with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to support eligible Tennessee dairies as they seek to modernize and diversify their operations. Approximately \$227,000 has been set aside for sub-awards to individual Tennessee dairy businesses, and the process to apply for an award is now open.

To qualify for a grant, dairy businesses must use the funds to improve their operations in one of the following three areas:

Modernization, specialization, and grazing transition on dairy farms

Value chain and commodity innovation and facility and/or process updates for dairy processors

Dairy product development, packaging, and/

or marketing.

Dairy businesses are businesses that develop, produce, market, or distribute dairy products such as milk, cheese, yogurt and more. Each applicant can apply for a maximum of \$25,000 per application until all funds are awarded. UT Extension Dairy Specialist Liz Eckelkamp is leading the project. She says the goals of the overall grant as well as the subawards are three-fold:

To diversify dairy product markets so as to reduce risk and develop higher-value uses for dairy products.

To promote business development that diversifies farmer income through processing and marketing innovation

To encourage the use of regional milk production.

Applicants may apply for funds to receive training, create business or marketing plans, conduct

feasibility studies, develop a food safety plan or purchase equipment.

Additional information about the program and the application for a subaward can be found online at tn.gov/agriculture/businesses/business-development/dbi.html. The committee will accept applications until February 15, 2021. Depending on the total awards funded and number of applications received, additional application periods may open after February 15, 2021.

For additional questions, please contact Eckelkamp at eckelka@utk.edu or Hal Pepper, financial specialist with the UT Center for Profitable Agriculture at hal.pepper@utk.edu. Through its land-grant mission of research, teaching and extension, the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture touches lives and provides Real. Life. Solutions. utia.tennessee.edu.



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1/8 tsp. Pepper
 Place vegetables in 1 1/2 quart shallow baking dish. In small bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Mix well. Pour over vegetables. Cover. Refrigerate 6 hours or overnight. Stir occasionally. Serve as appetizer or on

lettuce leaves as salad.
 *Suggested Vegetables: Cauliflower, carrots, mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, zucchini, onion or cucumber.
 Recipe can be double.
 Margaret Rigdon

Christmas Fruitcake

1 lb. Butter
 1 1/2 lb. brown sugar
 1 1/2 lb. Flour
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 1 tsp. Cloves
 2 tsp. Cinnamon
 1 tsp. Baking soda
 3 tsp. Baking powder
 3 lb. Raisins
 2 lb. Currants
 1 lb. Citron, sliced
 1 lb. Dates, sliced
 10 eggs, well beaten
 1 cup molasses
 1 cup strong cold coffee
 juice and grated rind of 2 oranges and 1 lemon
 1 cup tart jelly
 1/4 lb. Almonds, sliced
 Cream butter and sug-

ar until fluffy. Sift dry ingredients together 3 times and mix with fruit. Add eggs to creamed mixture. Add flour and fruit mixture alternately with next 5 ingredients and beat thoroughly. Pour into pans lined with greased

paper. Sprinkle almonds on top. Cover cake with greased paper. Steam for 2 hours, then bake in slow oven (300 degrees) for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, removing paper during last 1/2 hour to dry surface.
 Rev. James Kerr



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Obituaries



Harlin J. Wheeler

Harlin J. Wheeler, 82, of Madison, passed away Dec. 12. A celebration of life service was held Dec. 17 at **Spring Hill Funeral Home**. Interment followed in Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

He was born March 29, 1938 in Gainesboro. He worked several years as a superintendent in

the construction industry and loved working on pickup trucks and cars.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Joe and Lillian Wheeler; and wife, Linda (Story) Wheeler.

Surviving relatives include: daughter, Malissa Campbell and husband, Steve; sons, Harlin "Wayne" Wheeler and companion, Toni Dan-

iels, Chris Wheeler and wife, Erin and Jeffery Bryant Wheeler; sister, Ann McDonald; brothers, Alfred and Claude Wheeler; grandchildren, Kelsey Campbell, Kasey Campbell, Lucas Wayne Wheeler, Ashley Wheeler and Meredith Wheeler; as well as the mother of Ashley and Meredith, Meghan Wheeler and extended family.

Card of Thanks

The family of Mary Carter would like to acknowledge everyone for all the acts of kindness shown during her illness and passing. Special thanks to all the caregivers that took great care of

her and showed her love and compassion. Thanks to all the staff at Mabry Health and Rehab for all the excellent care you gave her over the last year and especially during her last days.

A special thanks to

all the staff of Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home for the great service. Thanks to Dan Huffines for your comforting words and to Jason Anderson for going a great job with the congregational singing. Any

kindness shown to us was greatly appreciated, especially all the prayers during this difficult time.

John Cason
Cherry and Anthony Ramsey
Carol Chapman and Family

Cumberland River Basin Highlighted In Educational Video

The public is invited to watch a newly released video that highlights how water is managed in the Cumberland River Basin in support of flood risk management, commercial navigation, hydropower production, water supply, environmental stewardship, and recreational opportunities.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District operates 10 dams in the Cumberland River Basin and performs a balancing act of holding and releasing water in support of the Congressionally authorized purposes of each project.

"My team receives phone calls every day from people throughout the region asking why we operate the way we do and what information are we taking into account when adjusting water levels and releases from our reservoirs," said Anthony Rodino, Nashville District's Water Management Section chief. "This eight-minute video provides a basic understanding of how the Nashville District manages water within the Cumberland River Basin and why these projects are so important to the region."

The Nashville District is responsible for managing water and is the caretaker for public lands in

the Cumberland River and its tributaries in Kentucky and Tennessee. Its workforce operates Martins Fork, Laurel River, Wolf Creek and Barkley Dams in Kentucky, and Dale Hollow, Center Hill, Cordell Hull, Old Hickory, J. Percy Priest, and Cheatham Dams in Tennessee.

Nashville District's 10 reservoirs can hold more than 14,000,000-acre feet of water (nearly 4.6 trillion gallons), which is enough water to fill more than six million Olympic size swimming pools, 201,970 oil tankers or 193,260,000 double-decker buses.

During the wettest February on record in 2019, the operation of these dams prevented an estimated \$1.72 billion in would-be flood damage to the region.

The ability to hold back water where possible during this period reduced impacts in Nashville by as much as 16 feet, preventing \$1.5 billion of damage that would have resulted from higher water. The water level on the Cumberland River in Music City reached 40.93 feet with projects operating but would have exceeded an estimated 57.2 feet if the storage projects upstream were not in existence. It would have exceeded the May 2010

event by nearly five feet and exceeded the flood of record in 1927 by nearly a foot.

Lt. Col. Sonny B. Avichal, Nashville District commander, said the high-water event in February 2019 is a great example of how the Corps of Engineers manages water levels and dam releases in the Cumberland River Basin to reduce the risk of flooding.

"This video is intended to help people understand the various capabilities and differences of the dams in operation, how the location of rainfall factors into it, and how the Corps balances competing purposes while operating the system of dams," Avichal said.

Water managers are charged with maintaining a nine-foot channel supporting 318 river miles of navigable water through four lock and dam projects in the Cumberland River from Celina, Tennessee, to the Ohio River at Smithland, Kentucky. In addition, the water's energy throughout the basin was converted into 3.9 billion kilowatt hours of electricity from 28 generators at nine hydro-power plants in 2019. The district also operates 43 recreation areas and 25 campgrounds at its reservoirs.

The Nashville District maintains the Cumberland River Reservoir System with well-established partnerships with the National Weather Service, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, U.S. Geological Survey, Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and Kentucky Division of Water. Coordination and communication among these partnering agencies are crucial to the overall water management goal of protecting life and property.

The water management video can be watched on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/CKmxJgOMu0s> or on the Defense Visual Information Distribution System. The video is part of the Water Management Education Series at: <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/Missions/WaterManagement/EducationSeries.aspx>. The public can obtain news, updates and information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District on the district's website at: www.lrn.usace.army.mil/; On Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/nashvillecorps/>; And on Twitter at: <http://www.twitter.com/nashvillecorps>.

A Week In Jackson County History

December 21, 1967 Music Festival Termed Huge Success Here

The Christmas Music Festival presented by the Music Department of the Jackson County Schools last Thursday evening, December 14, is receiving high acclaim.

All who participated in the festival in the high school auditorium are to be commended on their fine performance.

Contributions made by those who attended the Music Festival totaled \$243.00 and the funds will be used to assist the band in its effort to grow.

Annual Rotary BB Tournery Starts Monday

The annual Gainesboro Rotary basketball tournament will open Monday night, December 25, when the Carthage and Gordonsville girls met at 7:00 o'clock. The second game on the first night of the weeklong holiday event will find the Gainesboro Blue Devils

meeting the Gordonsville boys from Smith County.

Toys Should Suit Individual Child

With so many children in the world and a like number of toys, how does Santa Claus decide which playthings to leave with each child on Christmas Eve?

Dr. Ruth Highberger, professor and head of the University of Tennessee's child development and family relations department, reported that the observation of children contributes to Santa's system of distribution.

Jolly ole St. Nick should select toys to fit each individual child's abilities and interest, said Dr. Highberger. And as they develop over the years, he should choose different types of toys that best suit their needs, she added.

Lions Club Plans Children's Party For Saturday
The Lions Club Party for underprivileged chil-

dren will be held Saturday night, December 23, at 6:60 in the Jackson County High School gym. Santa Claus will be present to visit with the children and there will be gifts for all the youngsters present.

This annual affair, sponsored by the Lions Club, is made possible by the sales of the Empty Stocking Issue of the Jackson County Sentinel and the generous contributions of those who buy a copy of the special Lions Club paper each year.

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Decorate With A Nose Toward Inviting Holiday Aromas

Holiday decor is as much about the sights and sounds as it is about the scents of the season. Few things evoke the holiday spirit as much as the aroma of fresh evergreen or spicy cinnamon and cloves. Incorporating inviting aromas into holiday decor can make homes feel even more special.

Filling a home with fragrant decor takes a little ingenuity and planning. Here are some ideas to incorporate the scents of the holiday season into your decor.

Use A Real Christmas Tree

An easy way to create a pine-like scent indoors is to select a real Christmas tree. Ask the tree farm which varieties are the most fragrant. If a fresh tree is not possible, fill a decorative basket

with pine cones and evergreen boughs for that woody appeal.

Create A Seasonal Scented Simmer

Take to the stove to make a homemade air infusion from ingredients in and around the house. Simmer pine branches, citrus peels, vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon, and whatever else can be placed in a pot or slow cooker with water. The scents will permeate the house for hours if enough water is added to the mixture.

Make Holiday Sachets

Some of the same ingredients for the holiday simmer can be dried and sewn into sachets. Add ribbon and hang on real or artificial trees. Or tuck the pouches into various areas around the house.

Experiment With

Scented Candles

Scented candles can be found at various stores during the holiday season. Select among popular holiday aromas like pine, cinnamon, apples, and Christmas cookie varieties.

Utilize Essential Oils

Natural food stores and other retailers may sell essential oils, which can be diluted and sprayed on surfaces or into the air. Exercise caution around upholstery, or test for staining before use.

Spend More Time In The Kitchen

Add delicious scents to the home by way of freshly baked goods or holiday meals. Nothing beats the smell of cookies right out of the oven, and the scents can linger for hours.

Make Beeswax

Ornaments

Add scented oils to melted beeswax and pour into molds. Hang these creations as ornaments on trees or in other areas of the home.

Craft Some "Gingerbread" Ornaments

A mixture of cinna-

mon, applesauce and glue can be used to make ornaments or gift tags that resemble gingerbread cookies, and these ornaments have more staying power than actual cookies.

Design A Pretty Pomander

Stud an orange with cloves. Cut off the top of the orange and hollow out a place for a small tea light. The warmth of the flame will produce more scent.

Rich and inviting aromas can fill a home with the holiday spirit.



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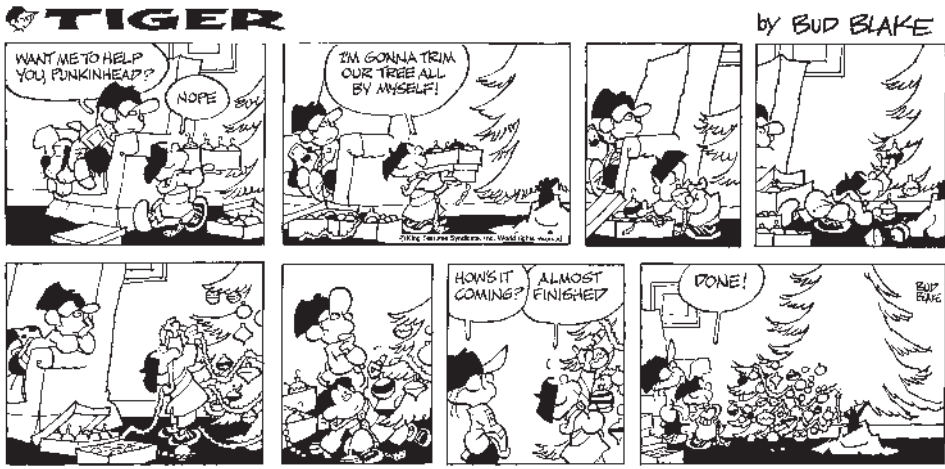
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AHAB, THE SON OF OMRI, SEVENTH KING OF ISRAEL (B.C. 919-896), WAS A MAN WHO, ALTHOUGH HE HAD GOOD INSTINCTS, BEHAVED WICKEDLY DUE TO THE EVIL INFLUENCES OF HIS WIFE JEZEBEL, A PHOENICIAN PRINCESS AND PRIESTESS OF THE HEATHEN GODDESS ASTARTE. JEZEBEL MEANT TO INSTALL THE WORSHIP OF ASTARTE THROUGHOUT ISRAEL WITH AHAB'S HELP AND ONLY THE PROPHET ELIJAH STOOD TO DEFEAT HER, PREDICTING ALSO THAT AHAB WOULD BE DESTROYED FOR TRYING TO HELP HER, NO MATTER WHAT PRECAUTIONS HE TOOK AND, ALTHOUGH AHAB WAS CAREFUL TO DISGUISE HIMSELF ON THE BATTLEFIELD SO AS NOT TO BE A CONSPICUOUS MARK FOR ENEMY ARCHERS, IN HIS LAST BATTLE WITH BENEHADAD OF SYRIA, A RANDOM ARROW HIT BETWEEN THE JOINTS OF HIS ARMOR, KILLING HIM, THUS FULFILLING ELIJAH'S PREDICTION (KINGS 21:19).
NEXT WEEK THE BETRAYER!
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Leisure



HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
 Someone could be extremely generous to you soon, Aries. It may be out of the goodness of his or her heart, or it may be because of a guilty conscience. You may never know.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
 Avoid power struggles at work or even among your circle of friends, Taurus. It is not worth the trouble to get involved, and things will calm down soon. Keep your distance.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
 Gemini, this week may be well suited to contemplation about certain decisions that have been on your mind. Find a quiet place and put all of the puzzle pieces together.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
 Cancer, if you feel like you are ready to make a difference in someone's life, then be honest about what you can take on. You may need a little help

along the way.
LEO
July 23/Aug 23
 Leo, if you need someone to motivate you, seek out a trustworthy friend with your best interests in mind. A qualified mentor might be the way to go.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, sometimes a daily routine can land you in a rut. This is the time to change things up a bit. Mix up your regular schedule by trying a new activity or taking a trip.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
 Rough patches will quickly smooth over if you don't fret about them, Libra. Just have a little patience and everything will work out for the best.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
 Right now stability means much more to you than taking risks. Stick with those people who support you, and don't worry about sitting on the sidelines for a bit.

NOV 23/DEC 21
 Sagittarius, you may not realize it, but you have been slowly pulling back from those around you for some time now. Make a concerted effort to focus on important relationships.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
 A healthy hobby like exercise can be just what you need at the moment, Capricorn. Slowly increase your workout frequency and take a friend along for the ride.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, try to be artistic this week. Don't worry, you don't have to create a masterpiece. Working on creative projects can be a form of meditation and help alleviate stress.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
 You are open to change more so than other people you know, Pisces. It's a good thing, because last-minute changes are coming.

CROSSWORD

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- 1 Doctrine
 - 4 Commotions
 - 8 Mid-May honorees
 - 12 Cattle call
 - 13 "Arrivederci"
 - 14 "So be it"
 - 15 Wordplay specialists
 - 17 Hindu royal
 - 18 Locate
 - 19 Piece of cheesecake?
 - 20 Subsequently
 - 22 Reedy
 - 24 Concoct
 - 25 Good news for bargain hunters
 - 29 Bard's "always"
 - 30 Unrefined
 - 31 Id counterpart
 - 32 Ruins
 - 34 Touch
 - 35 Cincinnati team
 - 36 Gets up
 - 37 -- Valley (California ski resort)
 - 40 Family member
 - 41 Cather's "One of --"
 - 42 Expensive seafood
 - 46 Platter
 - 47 Between jobs
 - 48 Carnival city
 - 49 Remain
 - 50 Ball-bearing items
 - 51 Agent
- DOWN**
- 1 Mischievous tyke
 - 2 Old French coin
 - 3 2001 movie, "--, Inc."
 - 4 Thespian
 - 5 Regimen
 - 6 Skull tool
 - 7 "Mayday!"
 - 8 Leatherneck
 - 9 Mideast nation
 - 10 Options list
 - 11 Use scissors
 - 16 Gush forth
 - 19 Snapshots
 - 20 Sleeping, perhaps
 - 21 Release
 - 22 Cafeteria stack
 - 23 Greet the villain
 - 25 Motivate
 - 26 "-- Dictionary"
 - 27 Chills and fever
 - 28 Deteriorates
 - 30 Staff
 - 33 In poor taste
 - 34 "-- She Sweet?"
 - 36 Strategic tricks
 - 37 Turfs
 - 38 Resign
 - 39 -- Major
 - 40 Competent
 - 42 Illuminated
 - 43 Rhyming tribute
 - 44 Tear
 - 45 Tofu base

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

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| 1. Pulsation | --- B | Toss | --- W |
| 2. Garment pouch | --- O | Fence style | --- I |
| 3. Brood of puppies | --- I | Last mentioned | --- A |
| 4. Two scores | --- Y | Talent | --- E |
| 5. 90 degree angle | R --- | Power | M --- |
| 6. Infer | --- E | Subtract | --- T |
| 7. Skin | --- L | Just picked | --- R |
| 8. Like an empty page | --- A | Eye movement | --- I |
| 9. Center | M --- | Enigma | R --- |
| 10. Collision | --- A | Infatuation | --- U |

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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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- Even Exchange**
- 1 Model Knoll
 - 2 Spiral Stair
 - 3 France Parlor
 - 4 Crime, Crime
 - 5 Tenth, Touch
 - 6 Octane, Octave
 - 7 Laddy, Lardy
 - 8 Ladder, Lardy
 - 9 Ladder, Lardy
 - 10 Octane, Octave

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Lifestyles

Twin Lakes Provides Funding For Community Grants

As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities across the country, the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) provides annual grants for communities served by NTCA members, such as Twin Lakes. The goal of this program is to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America.

In 2020, Twin Lakes submitted 17 applications that met the FRS Community Grant guidelines. These organizations range from schools, libraries, fire departments, economic development groups and more. The Foundation for Rural Service awarded two local recipients: Jackson County Middle School

received \$4,900 to purchase iPads, Apple pens and a camera to improve the virtual learning experience and Baxter Fire Department received \$5,000 to purchase a thermal imaging camera to aid in search and rescue efforts.

Amidst COVID-19, communities continue to face a time of un-

precedented uncertainty. "The pandemic continues to create new needs and financial hardships within the communities we serve," says Jonathan West, general manager/CEO of Twin Lakes. To help the community through the pandemic, and in an effort to enable economic development in our communities, Twin

Lake's Board of Directors committed to fully funding the remaining 15 qualified grant applications, totaling more than \$70,000.

"Our Seventh Cooperative Principle – Concern for Community – led to our decision and will remain a major focus as we navigate through these uncertain times to-

gether," said West.

Twin Lakes thanks the Foundation for Rural Service for their time and efforts in assisting with the verification process of the remaining 15 applications. Twin Lakes looks forward to the significant impact these projects will have on our local communities now, and in the years to come.



Jackson County Blue Devil Network – They were awarded \$5,000 to purchase Pixellot automated cameras, a tripod, an Apple iPad and a GoPro Hero 8 camera to provide the community with live stream sports activities. Pictured left to right are: Larry Stafford, Twin Lakes board member; Coach Jim Brown; Ricky Strong, Twin Lakes board member and Gary Flynn, coach and Twin Lakes board member.



Charles Ralph Holland Memorial Library – The library was awarded \$5,000 to purchase an AWE Learning Station and an AWE Early Literacy Station computer to provide the community with education resources.



Highlands Economic Partnership – They were awarded \$4,746 to purchase photography and audio/video equipment to document information and create content regarding economic and community development, workforce development, education and legislative advocacy. Pictured are: Amy New, Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce president and CEO; Marvin Long, Twin Lakes Business Solutions consultant; David Price, Twin Lakes Business Solutions consultant; and David Darnell, Highlands Economic Partnership director, investor relations.



Town of Gainesboro – They were awarded \$5,000 to purchase surveillance equipment for the newly upgraded City Park project. Pictured from left to right are: Lisa Dodson; Larry Stafford, Twin Lakes board member; Jordan Hunter, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce president; City Mayor Lloyd Williams; Ricky Strong, Twin Lakes board member, Gary Flynn, Twin Lakes Board Member and Karen Head.

Blast From The Past



Bridge – Pictured is the old bridge that used to extend over Roaring River before it was replaced by the current bridge.

Granville Christmas Parade Held



Wildwood Resort – Wildwood Resort was in this year's Granville Christmas parade trying to help get everyone in the holiday spirit by having Santa on a boat.



Christmas – This float was designed to get every into the Christmas spirit this season.



Leading – The Jackson County Sheriff's Department led the way during the Granville Christmas parade.



Old Truck – This antique truck was sponsored by Granville Bed and Breakfast and Gifts.



Car – There were many wonderful old cars in the Granville parade this year.



Lakeside General Store – Lakeside General Store trying to get everyone in the holiday spirit with this decked out ATV.



Confederacy – People walking in 1800's clothing to help people remember a different time in American history.



Historic Sutton Home – The Historic Sutton home all decked out and ready for Christmas.

Sports

Blue Devils Win Both Against Wildcats

MATTHEW STAFFORD
staff writer

The Blue Devils basketball teams of Jackson County High School took the court to face Monterey on Friday, Dec. 18.

The Lady Blue Devils won against the Lady Wildcats 54-36.

Scoring for the girls against Watertown were: Ericka Davidson with three, Riley Thomas with 14, Nikki Ragland with two, Lilly Chaffin with 17, Emma Chaffin with five, Jacklyn Agee with seven and Emma Crockett with six.

“We got off to a slow start. I think that was due to our time off recently. I thought we had a balanced well rounded effort from everyone once we got through the first quarter. Lilly Chaffin had a good all around game. Nikki Ragland and Ericka Davidson defended well. Emma Chaffin and Jacklyn did a good job on the boards for us and Riley Thomas and Emma Crockett shot the ball

well,” Coach Jim Brown said.

The JCHS Blue Devils won against the Wildcats 66-61.

Scoring for the boys against Watertown were: Hayden Stacy with five, Jordan Arroyo with five, Ramon Cuevas with 23, Eli Burriss with 11, Chris Pigg with 18 and Drew Clinard with four.

“After not playing for 19 days I knew we would be rusty at times. The boys were very coachable at halftime. We made adjustments defensively and the boys went out and executed well in the third quarter. We had a poor night at the free throw line going 11 for 28. That kept the game closer than it probably should have been at the end. I was really proud of the effort tonight rebounding the ball. I felt we dominated the glass,” Coach Kevin Thomas said.

The Bedford County Christmas Tournament that was to take place Dec. 21-23 in Shelbyville has been canceled.



Defense – Chris Pigg and Ramon Cuevas try to prevent the Wildcats player from getting to the basket.

SENTINEL Photos / Matthew Stafford



Free Throw – Chris Pigg gets ready to attempt a free throw shot against the Wildcats on Friday night.



In-Bound– Eli Burriss looks for a teammate to in-bound the ball to.



Running – Hayden Stacy is running up court looking for someone under the basket to pass the ball to.

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

ESTATE OF: Albert L. Glosser Jr.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 2020, Letter of Testamentary, in respect to the estate of Albert L. Glosser Jr., deceased, who died August 15, 2020 were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Jackson 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 at the Jackson County Court House, P.O. Box 342, Gainesboro, TN 38562 within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of this notice, or twelve (12) months from the dece-

dent's date of death, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This the 8th day of December, 2020.

Daisy G. Davis, Personal Representative
Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master
Steven A. Cassetty, Attorney of Estate
12-15, 12-22 2TP

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

ESTATE OF: Denise Frances Wilson

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 2020, Letter of Testamentary, in respect to the estate of Denise Frances Wilson, deceased, who died February 5, 2020 were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Jackson County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, hav-

ing claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file same with the Clerk of the above named Court at the Jackson County Court House, P.O. Box 342, Gainesboro, TN 38562 within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This the 8th day of December, 2020.

Kayla Collins
Cantrell Administrator
Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master

Michael Giaimo, Attorney of Estate
12-15, 12-22 2TP

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

ESTATE OF: Edith Marie Loftis

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of December, 2020, Letter of Testamentary, in respect to the estate of Edith Marie Loftis, deceased, who died September 14, 2020 were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Jackson County, Tennessee.

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This the 14th day of December, 2020.

Brian Loftis, Administrator
Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master
Michael Savage, Attorney for Estate
12-22, 12-29 2TP

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CDP171 - CUMBERLAND VALLEY DRIVE



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CD967 - HIGHWAY 56



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NOTICE OF MEETING JACKSON COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Public notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Jackson County 911 Emergency Communications District Board of Directors, to be held at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16**, in the **Rescue Squad Building at 703 School Drive in Gainesboro**.

Future meetings of the Board are at the same time and place on the 3rd Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December, unless notice is otherwise given. The public is welcome.

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All Jackson County **dumpsites** will be closed **Friday, December 25, 2020** for Christmas and will reopen Saturday, December 26.

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The Jackson County courthouse will be closed **December 24, 25 and 26** for Christmas and will also be closed **January 1, 2021** for New Years.

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4-H Speech Contest Winners Announced

ERYN BELL
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Jackson County Extension Office Jackson County 4-H had their annual speech contest for 4th grade through high school students. A huge thank you goes out to First Freedom Bank, Citizens Bank and Miller and Driver Family Dentistry for their generous donations. They made it possible for us to host a countywide speech contest for our youth here in Jackson County.

We had over 400 students participate at the class level with 39 talented Jackson County students moving on to the county level. Students at the county level presented their speeches in front of friends and family along with local judges and extension personnel. These students exhibited incredible public speaking skills and will represent Jackson County in the upcoming 4-H Area Public Speaking Contest.



Sixth Grade Winners – Left to right: Third place Bella Chaffin, second place Cameryn Hensley and first place Kailyn Lee.



Fourth Grade Winners – Left to right: First place Ruby Crawford, second place Layla Garrison and third place Rose Crawford.



Fifth Grade Winners – Left to right: First place Kason Letterman, second place Colt Loftis and third place Dalyla Thomas.



Seventh Grade Winners – Left to right: Third place Kate Crawford, second place Rebekkah Wagoneer and first place Justice Lynch.



Eighth Grade Winners and High School Winners – Eight grade winners are: Second place Allie Wright and first place Riley Vinson. High school winners, Tess Crawford and Savannah Agee.

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As we think on this time of the year and celebrate the season of gift giving, I would like to ask us all to think on the greatest gift ever given to mankind. That would be the gift of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. As mentioned in Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." Another verse we might look at is Revelation 13:8 "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

As we celebrate this time of year and the giving of gifts, we tend to give gifts to those that we have befriended, those we love, or maybe those who have given us a gift first, but that is not the case with God. As Romans 5:8 says "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." As this verse states God's gift was given to us, in that, while we were yet sinners and even enemies of the cross as Matthew 12:30 says "He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

As we move our minds to just how great or precious this gift is we can look at a few more verses or scripture that may help show its importance. One of the most well-known verses of scripture John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Another verse we might look at is James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variability, neither shadow of turning." Or maybe Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And lastly 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

So the choice laid before us all today is what we choose to do with this gift. Do we choose to receive the gift or do we choose to reject the gift?

First off, let us look at if we choose to reject this gift from God. We will start out as we look at this in Isaiah 53:3 "He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not." Another might be John 12:48 "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." Or John 15:18 "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

The other choice we have is do we accept the gift of Jesus as our savior. I can think of no better place to start than where Peter started on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:37-38 "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." We could also look at Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." So this verse tells us that through Jesus' gift we might have salvation, but there is no salvation found through anyone else. Mark 16:16 gives another example of accepting or the consequences of rejecting this gift of salvation, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." In closing I truly hope we are thankful for the many gifts God gives us each and every day, and that we do not overlook the choice set in front of us because no matter what we do make a choice. I leave you with this last scripture of 1 Peter 1:3-5. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Matt Hargis - Shiloh Church of Christ