

The Boils Wildlife Management Area Reopens



The Boils WMA is Open - According to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency the Boils WMA is open. The area was previously closed due to a truck spill about two miles upstream from the area. Crews are still working, but the parking area is now accessible. Thanks for your patience. NOTE: TDEC and the EPA are overseeing this cleanup.

New Business Coming to Gainesboro

Town Of Gainesboro Meeting June 3, 2021

Mayor Lloyd Williams was absent. The town recorder, Mrs. Darla Pippin, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen present: Travis Agee, Ricky Head.

Alderman absent: Wayne Strong

The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed by all present.

Alderman Travis Agee made a motion to approve the minutes for June 3, 2021 with alderman Ricky Head as second. All voted aye.

Old business:

Quotes for trench box - tabled until next meeting

Osha training - alderman Travis Agee made a motion to use VG Safety to conduct Osha training with alderman Ricky Head as second. All voted aye.

New business:

Alderman Ricky Head made a motion to increase Veterans Service Officer salary from \$2400.00 to \$3000.00 with alderman Travis Agee as second. All voted aye.

Paving quotes - tabled until next meeting.

Union Hill Distillery - introduction to mayor and board of aldermen

Alderman Ricky Head made a motion with alderman Travis Agee as second to pass first reading of Ordinance #2021-07-01 water and sewer rate increase of 2% across the rate structure to take effect September 1, 2021. All voted aye.

Alderman Travis Agee made a motion with alderman Ricky Head as second to pass first reading of Ordinance #2021-07-02 water and sewer system administration amendment of chapter 2 sections 18-203, 18-205 and 18-206 to take effect September 1, 2021. All voted aye.

Alderman Ricky Head made a motion with alderman Travis Agee as second to pass first reading of Ordinance #2021-07-03 fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. All voted aye.

Alderman Ricky Head made a motion with alderman Travis Agee as second to pass resolution #2021-07-01 2021-2022 tax rate. All voted aye.

Jordan Hunter requested increase in funds for the Chamber of Commerce. Tabled until next meeting.

Any further business:

Supervisor Jerry Rhoads

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Ribbon Cutting Scheduled



Ribbon Cutting - The *Sentinel* has been made aware of a ribbon cutting to take place on Friday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. to unveil the completed mural on the side of the Realty Firm building across from Anderson & Haile Drug Store, the public is invited to attend. The Chamber has applied for a grant for another mural somewhere in town they are hoping to receive an acceptance letter soon.

Tennessee Releases 2020-21 Spring TCAP State-Level Results

On Aug. 2, Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee Department of Education released the 2020-21 Spring Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) state-level results. These results include exams in English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, science and social studies.

State-level test results from the 2020-21 Spring TCAP assessments show that pandemic-related disruptions to education led to declines in student academic proficiency in the state, across all subjects and grade bands, as expected. These declines were mitigated as a direct result of the hard work of our educators.

During the January 2021 Special Legislative Session, Public Chapter 2 removed negative consequences associated with accountability for districts and schools whose district-wide TCAP participation rate was 80% or higher. On Tuesday, July 27, the department shared that 100% of districts met the 80% participation rate, with 80% of districts having met the federal 95% participation rate. More than two million TCAP tests were administered this year to approximately 750,000 students, providing families and schools systems access to information that will help drive strategic decision-making for students.

"These results show that COVID-19 has disrupted learning in every

school district in Tennessee," said Gov. Lee. "We're grateful to the dedication of our educators and districts who worked to mitigate this loss over the past year, and we're committed to implementing long-term strategies and investments to get our students back on track."

"Since last school year, districts, schools, educators, and families have worked tirelessly to adapt to this new reality, keep children on pace with academic expectations, and are ready to start the new school year strong. Now is the time for our state to come together to support our students," said Commissioner Penny Schwinn. "While this is difficult data to review knowing that there are students behind each percent listed, we have the courage and conviction to meet this moment, to build on state-wide momentum, and to accelerate student achievement. I am confident that our districts are equipped with the right tools to help our students meet grade-level expectations in the upcoming school year, and the department is committed to continue making strategic investments to increase outcomes for years to come. We know what is possible for education in our state, and Tennessee will continue to focus on what is best for all students."

These results highlight the importance of addressing the needs

of students and operating with a sense of urgency and optimism about what our districts, schools, educators, families and students can accomplish. Access an overview of the state-level results with comparisons by student group and grade level here and additional information here.

Students receive a TCAP performance label of Mastered, On Track, Approaching or Below. Performance levels of Mastered or On Track indicate general grade level performance on the assessment.

The state-level results of the 2020-21 spring TCAP assessments reflect expected declines as a result of disruptions due to COVID-19. Specifically, the state-level results from this past spring's test administration found:

Overall:

Tennessee data shows decreases in students scoring Mastered and On Track.

Tennessee data shows increases in students scoring Below.

The most negative impacts were noted for economically disadvantaged students, urban/suburban students, English Learners, and students of color.

ELA:

Overall English Language Arts proficiency dropped 5 points from 2019.

3 in 10 Tennessee students are meeting grade level expectations in ELA.

1 in 7 economically

disadvantaged students is meeting grade level expectations in

ELA.

ELA proficiency rates dropped 4 - 6 points across racial and ethnic lines.

2nd & 3rd grades scores showed large increases to students scoring Below

68% of 2nd graders scored Below (half of 2nd grade students participated in this optional assessment)

47% of 3rd graders scored Below

Students scoring at Below in 2nd and 3rd grades are typically those who are not able to read proficiently.

Math:

1 in 4 Tennessee students is on grade level in math.

1 in 10 economically disadvantaged students is meeting grade level expectations.

Black students were most impacted in math, with 67% scoring Below and 9% meeting grade level expectations.

Hispanic and Asian students had 12 and 13 percentage point declines, respectively, from 2019.

White students experienced an 11-percent-age point decline overall from 2019.

Overall 3rd grade proficiency declined from 44% in 2019 to 31% in 2021, while 4th grade proficiency declined from 46% in 2019 to 34% in 2021.

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Obits

Fred Russell Lynn
Aaron Rabbit Tayse
Jeffrey Scott Greenwood

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New Office Hours

Monday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

After Hours Contact 268-9725 or
Email jcsentineloffice@twlakes.net

COVID-19 Update

This snapshot was made available on: Aug. 6.

Total Active: 59 (+ 10)
Total Recovered: 1,339 (+ 6)
Hospitalizations: 41 (No Change)
Deaths: 37 (No Change)
Positivity Rate: 13.4% (+ 5.5%)
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New Initiative Focuses On Perinatal Quality Care, Health Equity In Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-(BUSINESS WIRE)-UnitedHealthcare and Nashville-based Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care (TIPQC) recently announced a maternal health initiative aimed at improving maternal and infant health outcomes and equity throughout the state. With \$280,000 in funding from UnitedHealthcare, the initiative will focus on maternal hypertension and hemorrhage simulation training for hospitals in Tennessee and support remote monitoring capabilities for perinatal patients.

“We hope this new partnership is an important step toward addressing a leading cause of severe maternal morbidity and helps improve health outcomes in Tennessee.”

“It is unacceptable that Black women in the U.S. have at least twice the rate of severe maternal morbidity, and are at least three times as likely to die from pregnancy related complications, compared to white women,” said Keith Payet, CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee. “We hope this new partnership is an important step toward addressing a leading cause of severe maternal morbidity and helps improve health outcomes in Tennessee.”

Hospitals across the state that will provide train-the-trainer model training for maternal and infant clinical staff by county include those in: Bedford, Blount, Cocke, Cumberland, Davidson, Dickson, Dyer, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hardin, Henry, Knox, Madison, Maury, Montgomery, Obion, Overton, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Sevier, Shelby, Smith, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Warren, Washington, Weakley, Williamson and Wilson, with additional anticipated.

“Simulation training has proven to be beneficial in improving outcomes of high-risk pregnancy conditions. Standardization of treatment and protocols has been shown to decrease maternal mortality and morbidity in all patients, with the largest improvement in outcomes in women of color,”

said Dr. Connie Graves, TIPQC statewide project lead. “UnitedHealthcare’s decision to support a statewide simulation effort means that we can improve care for all pregnancies across the state of Tennessee and decrease disparities for both mother and babies.”

Additionally, UnitedHealthcare and Regional One Health will implement remote patient monitoring to determine its ability to improve access to care by activating Babyscripts, a prenatal app and mobile clinical tool that allows OB-GYN to remotely monitor the progress and health of pregnant patients.

“One of the biggest contributors to health inequity in obstetrics, especially in Black women, is lack of access to adequate health care. The pandemic has proven telehealth is a very effective way of providing health care to patients who would otherwise be without means,” said Dr. Danielle Tate, OB-GYN, Regional One Health. “Programs like Babyscripts are great resources to aid in providing this type of care through real-time home monitoring and communication using state-of-the-art technology. UnitedHealthcare’s decision to collaborate with Babyscripts speaks volumes to its commitment to ensuring healthy communities and eliminating disparities.”

UnitedHealthcare recognizes that poor maternal health outcomes remain high among women in the U.S., and that Black women and infants share a disproportionate share of adverse outcomes. According to March of Dimes, Tennessee ranks above average in the preterm birth rate, at 11.2% compared to the national average of 10.2%, and the preterm birth rate among Black women is 14.7%. This is 44% higher than the rate among all other women. Additionally, the maternal mortality rate in Tennessee is among the worst in the nation at 26.2 per 100,000 live births. Tennessee also has one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country, with the CDC reporting 563 infant deaths since 2019. This ranks Ten-

nessee 45th out of the 50 states.

This initiative is one of several that UnitedHealthcare, along with its parent company UnitedHealth Group, is launching to address maternal health outcomes throughout the United States. Recent initiatives include more than \$5 million in recent philanthropic grants to support maternal health, and \$2.85 million in support to March of Dimes for a public-private partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services that aims to reduce the Black-white disparity gap and improve maternal health outcomes. Earlier this year, UnitedHealthcare also announced more than \$276,000 in maternal health grants to six community organizations in Tennessee. These grants provided support to programs addressing maternal health outcomes, reducing disparities, and expanding access to care.

About UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and making the health system work better for everyone by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. In the United States, UnitedHealthcare offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers, and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 1.3 million physicians and care professionals, and 6,500 hospitals and

other care facilities nationwide. The company also provides health benefits and delivers care to people through owned and operated health care facilities in South America. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified health care company. For more information, visit UnitedHealthcare at www.uhc.com or follow @UHC on Twitter.

About TIPQC

The Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care (TIPQC) is the state’s perinatal quality collaborative. The goal of TIPQC is to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants in Tennessee by engaging key stakeholders in data-driven performance improvement initiatives. TIPQC’s membership, which numbers over 2000, includes neonatologists, obstetricians, nurses, hospital administrators, families, insurers, business leaders, and community advocacy groups from Johnson City to Memphis. If you would like more information about TIPQC, please visit our website at www.TIPQC.org where you will learn about our efforts to improve outcomes of pregnancy and the health of Tennessee’s youngest citizens.

Understanding Tennessee is particularly impacted by this public health crisis, this work will support TIPQC in dissemination of their initiatives to improve the care system and ensure all women – regardless of race and/or ethnicity – receive safe and equitable care during, and after pregnancy.

All Hands On Deck



by Freddy Groves

The older veterans were arrayed along the back parking lot, watching the construction of two tiny homes for Veterans Village. My mission, which I accepted, was to sidle up to one of them, the very elderly Frank, and see how I thought he was doing.

I reported back to Sarge: “Well, for starters, I couldn’t tell you the last time he washed his clothes or took a shower. Looks sad.”

Sarge nodded and stabbed numbers into his phone. I overheard his end of the conversation with his granddaughter.

“Baby girl, this is Granddad. You up for a spy mission?” He gave her the particulars, and when she called back 15 minutes later he put her on speaker phone.

“His wife has been in rehab for over a week, chest congestion, not COVID, getting better. Your guy Frank hasn’t answered his phone this whole time. She’s frantic and nobody at rehab will help.”

“Can you jump in?” he asked.

Sarge’s lovely granddaughter volunteered at the senior center and knew everybody. Even more valuable, she knew how to wheedle info out of people. Within 24 hours she called back with the sitrep: She’d paid a visit to Frank, and it was all now under control. Frank had been told he couldn’t visit his wife due to COVID restrictions. His wife had their only phone charger cord. The water heater had quit, and the repair guy was on vacation. And on and on. Poor Frank.

Sarge’s granddaughter took him home for dinner (her mom knew to never be surprised), made a grocery run, put Frank on the phone to his wife in rehab, gave him a spare phone charger and called another plumber.

Today she had a snarling conversation with the director of the rehab place, after which Frank’s wife was wheeled out to the sunlit inner courtyard, where she was allowed a socially distant half-hour with Frank. He was heard laughing.

Sarge’s granddaughter is 17 years old.

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— Joseph Campbell

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Court & Crime



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.

Sheriff's Report

On July 29, Samuel

William Barrett was arrested on a warrant for violation of an order of protection.

On July 29, Samantha R. Brewer was arrested on warrants for possession of Schedule V (Gabapentin), resisting arrest, two counts of manufacture/sale/delivery or possession methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, evading arrest, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, simple possession or Schedule IV (Alprazolam), possession of firearm dur-

ing the commission of a felony and unlawful possession of weapon.

On July 29, Brandi Leeann Hardman was arrested on a warrant for DUI first offense.

On July 29, Daniell Joe O'Conner was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

On July 30, Donna Lee Cleghorn was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct.

On July 30, Michael Poston was arrested on a warrant for driving while license canceled/suspend-

ed or revoked penalties.

On July 30, Joseph Ellis Reedy was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

On July 31, Eddie Russell Jr. was arrested on a warrant for driving while revoked.

On Aug. 1, James Robert Jackson was arrested on warrants for disorderly conduct and drug/manufacture/deliver/sale/possess Schedule II/meth.

On Aug. 3, Matthew Chase Hester was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.



Marriage Licenses

Jason Spivey to Peter Downs, Joint Tenants and Marie Finch, Joint Tenants, 6th District.

Larry Kinslow and Lana Kinslow to Mike Lish, Donna Sue Lish, Seth Lish and Mara Lish, 14th District.

Robert N. Montgomery and Charles A. Mont-

gomery to Mika Killgore, Tenants, Janelle Killgore, Tenants, Janet Edwards, Tenants and Brittany Edwards, Tenants, 6th District.

Terry R. Farley and Dolores G. Farley to Neil Caldwell Sr. and Dawn Caldwell, 2nd District.

Dianna E. Gunn AKA Dianna G. Gunn and Dianna F. Gunn to Christopher D. Allen, 1st, District.

Mindy Brown, Tenants and Robert Brown, Tenants to Justin Groce and Haley Overby.



It's Time For The 2021 Wilson County Fair - Tennessee State Fair!

LEBANON, TENN. - Ready for the time of your life? Get your senses ready for the sight of carnival lights and rides, the taste of delicious Fair food, the sound of laughter and squeals of

delight and the feeling of making great memories that will last a lifetime as Mid-South Ford proudly presents the 2021 Wilson County Fair - Tennessee State Fair opening Thursday, August 12, at 5 p.m. and running through Saturday, August 21. Fairgoers can take advantage of our 12 price admission and \$1 ride night (with a minimum purchase of \$10 in ride tickets) on opening night. There is so much to see and do you can't see it all in one visit!

Honoring our agriculture roots of the Fair, this year's agriculture commodity focus will be the "Year of Beef." American Ninja Warrior and cowboy ninja, Lance Pekus, will be here all 10 days of the Fair for a meet and greet and to run the "Beef. It's What's For Dinner" Ninja Course presented by the Tennessee Beef Industry Council! Times for those who want to try the course just for fun will also be available. Beef will also be celebrated at the Big Beef Showdown presented by Burger Republic on Saturday, August 14. Delicious smells will be wafting through the air as a panel of judges from the World Food Championship determines our winners.

This year's Fair theme is Honoring Hometown Heroes. Every day at the Fair, we will be honoring, thanking, and celebrating different Hometown Heroes! Watch our social media (Facebook @wilsoncountyfair and Instagram @wilsoncountyfair) for details about who was nominated and selected to be honored.

Exhibits, pageants, livestock shows, commercial booths, the Ag Venture Bam, hypnotists, exotic animals, a circus, clowns, ventriloquist along with many different music acts and more will ensure that there is something for all ages to enjoy!

Bates Ford presents in concert The Frontmen of Country with Janelle Arthur opening that will hit the Entertainment Stage on Monday, August 16, at 7 p.m. Throughout the 10 days of the Fair, there will be much more entertainment on all 8 musical stages.

The Motor Sports arena will feature Super and Tractor pulls, Antique Tractor Pull, Four Wheeler Rodeo, Side-by-Side and Demolition and Lawn Mower Derbies.

Take a stroll back in time by visiting Fiddlers Grove Historic Village with over 60 buildings where artisans and storytellers will share Untold Stories celebrating 225 years of statehood for the state of Tennessee. See the operating grist mill, broom and sorghum making, glass blowing

and much more! Get your team ready for the Out-house Races to win some great prizes. More details about registering are on the Fair's website (www.wilsoncountyfair.net).

The midway carnival will be spectacular thanks to Reithoffer Shows! Over 60 fantastic rides will include 28 Kiddie rides, 17 Major rides, 6 Spectacular rides, 10 Super Spectacular rides plus the Euro Slide! There will be thrilling rides for everyone to enjoy!

Satellite parking is available at multiple locations this year. In addition to the Cumberland

University football field parking and Baird Park (415 Harding Dr.), First Baptist Church (227 E. Main St. and Market St.) along with the Wilson County Courthouse (228 E. Main St.) will have shuttles stopping continuously during the following times: Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Shuttle Stops in those parking locations will be marked for bus pick up locations.

Buy your tickets online now at www.wilsoncountyfair.net. Daily admission tickets are on sale through the Fair. Mega Tickets (for a single admission and ride pass) are only on sale until August 11 and can be purchased on-line or at local banks.

Get your family and friends together, and we'll see YOU at the Fair!



Get Ready – Get excited to come to the 2021 Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair August 12-21,2021, at the James E. Ward Ag Center in Lebanon, TN.

New Business Coming Continued From Page 1

ten informed the mayor and board of aldermen that the water plant may need to hire a part time employee if water sales continue to increase, he stated that they could use someone at least 3 nights a week. Discussion only.

Zeda Hillis with James C. Hailey and Co. asked permission of the mayor and board of aldermen to allow them to start the application process for search grant (special evaluation and assistance for rural communities and households) alderman Travis Agee made a motion with alderman Ricky

Head as second. All voted aye.

Cleaning of the headstones in city cemetery update. 16 headstones cleaned to date.

Adjournment: Alderman Ricky Head made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm with alderman Travis Agee as second. All voted aye.

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Tips To Keep Car Interiors Clean And More Healthy

Oil changes, tire rotations and even car washes may garner the bulk of drivers' attention in regard to vehicle maintenance. But various smaller undertakings, including keeping vehicle interiors clean, are worthy of drivers' attention as well.

Dust and dirt can accumulate in a vehicle over time, making for a less comfortable ride. Keeping vehicle interiors clean can make car and truck cabins more welcoming for drivers and their passengers, and such maintenance is simple and inexpensive.

Focus On The Floors
The floors in a car face all that weather has to offer. In winter, boots may track snow and deicing solutions like salt into a vehicle's cabin. In summer, sand from the beach or dirt from hiking trails

may find its way in. Some drivers use the same floor mats year-round, but there's an advantage to switching based on the seasons. According to the automotive experts at Napa, fabric floor mats in summer will hold on to dirt and keep it from spreading. Beachgoers will appreciate that after tracking sand into their cars. In the winter, swap fabric floor mats with rubber or plastic alternatives, as these mats will hold melting snow, rain or salt, preventing them from staining the floors.

Be Mindful Of Seating Materials
When cleaning seats, drivers should be mindful of the materials those seats are made of. Cloth seats should be cleaned differently than leather and vinyl, and all seats

should be vacuumed prior to cleaning. Consumer Reports notes that leather and vinyl seats are treated with a protective coating that requires gentle cleaning. Begin with a small cloth with a dab of dish or saddle soap, and then apply a leather conditioner to prevent the leather from drying out. When cleaning cloth seats, an upholstery cleaner can be applied to stains, just be sure to follow instructions carefully. Cleaning products are not all the same, and application techniques may vary. A scrub brush can be used to work cleaning solutions into the seats and any lingering moisture can then be wiped away with a microfiber cloth.

Clean The Inside Of Your Car Windshield
Use an interior glass cleaner to clean the inte-

rior windshields and windows. These surfaces can accumulate a significant amount of dirt due to interior vapors and air pollution. Consumer Reports recommends using a glass cleaner that contains alcohol. Interior glass cleaners are designed to prevent streaking and film

buildup, which can compromise drivers' vision.

Take On Touchscreens
Modern vehicles have touchscreens that can quickly accumulate dust and fingerprints. Toyota recommends soaking a clean cloth in lukewarm water and lightly wip-

ing the surface of touch screens. Avoid substances like solvents, alkaline or acidic solutions, which can contribute to staining or discoloration on the screen.

Clean car interiors can make driving that much more enjoyable and even more healthy.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.

EXODUS 2: 23-25

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HOW MANY PROMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE? EIGHT THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND TEN! 7,706 PROMISES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, 1,104 IN THE NEW! 7,485 (85%) ARE MADE BY GOD TO MAN—ONLY 290 PROMISES MADE BY MAN TO GOD! 991 ARE BY ONE MAN TO ANOTHER. ANGELS HAVE MADE 28 PROMISES. 9 PROMISES WERE MADE BY THE DEVIL! 2 BY EVIL SPIRITS. 1 PROMISE FROM A MAN TO AN ANGEL! 2 BY GOD THE FATHER TO THE SON. ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL—EACH OVER 1,000 PROMISES (MOSTLY PROPHETIC, NATURALLY). ONLY ONE BOOK IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE HAS NO PROMISE IN IT—TITUS! BUT THE RICHEST CHAPTER FOR PROMISES IS THE 37TH PSALM, WITH A GRAND TOTAL OF 43!

ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SIGNS OF A PROMISE MADE IS THE RAINBOW, SEEN AFTER EACH SHOWER. THIS IS THE TOKEN WHICH COMMEMORATES GOD'S PROMISE TO MAN THAT HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN DESTROY MANKIND BY A FLOOD. (GENESIS 9:11-17)

NEXT WEEK: WHEN IS AN ENEMY NOT AN ENEMY?

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

AREA CHURCHES		
BAPTIST	CHURCH OF CHRIST	JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH	FREESTATE CHURCH OF CHRIST	METHODIST
NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	LAKEVIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST	CURRY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SPRING CREEK THE BAPTIST CHURCH	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST	FAIRVIEW FREE METHODIST CHURCH
DODSON BRANCH SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH	MCCOINSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST	GAINESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST
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CUMMINS MILL BAPTIST CHURCH	NEW SALEM CHURCH OF CHRIST	MOUNT UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CATHOLIC	NORTH SPRINGS CHURCH OF CHRIST	OTHER
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	PLEASANT HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST	WARTRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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BURRISTOWN CHURCH OF CHRIST	SUGAR CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST	MT. PLEASANT COUNTRY CHURCH OF GOD
CENTER GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST	WHITE'S BEND CHURCH OF CHRIST	OLD ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CHURCH
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FREEWILL COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST	ZION CHURCH OF CHRIST	PLEASANT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FLYNN'S CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST		BURRISTOWN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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Obituaries



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Fred Russell Lynn

Fred Russell Lynn, 83, passed away on July 27th, 2021, after a lifetime of accomplishments, passions, and friendships. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Peggy, three children Patti, Pam, and Brian, their spouses, Phil, Scott, and Colleen, and seven beloved grandchildren Katie, Caroline,

Eric, Allie, Megan, Will, and Dane. He is also survived by two brothers, Jim Lynn and Joe Lynn.

Born in Celina, Tennessee, in 1937, he graduated from Celina High School in 1955 as the captain of the high school football team and senior class president. After two years in the United States Army, he graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and married Peggy Porter of South Carolina in 1966.

He began a long management career at the Internal Revenue Service which led him to relocate his family to Cincinnati, Ohio, and eventually to Irvine, California in 1983. Fred retired from the IRS after 25 years of service

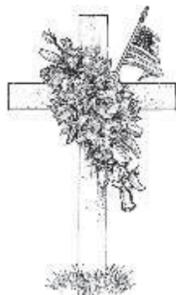
and launched his own successful tax accounting firm in Irvine, Fred Lynn and Associates, where he was beloved by his clients.

He eventually began to return to the family farm in Celina, Tennessee for several months each year investing time, money, and energy in creating a beautiful working cattle farm that he cherished and enjoyed immensely. Fred and Peggy also enjoyed spending time in Hilton Head, South Carolina each year where they developed many lifelong friendships. Their permanent home after retirement was in Palm Springs, California, where they were active in the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church.

Fred Russell Lynn lived a beautiful life full of family and friends. He enjoyed listening to music, meeting new people, and spending time with his friends and cherished family.

Services were held at Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home in Gainesboro, TN and Pacific View Mortuary in Newport Beach, Calif.

Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Aaron Rabbit Tayse

Aaron Rabbit Tayse, 89, of Cookeville, passed away Aug. 4 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Aug. 8 at Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Floyd officiating. Interment followed in the Byers Cemetery in the Center Grove community.

He was born March 12, 1932 in Jackson County. He worked as

an auto mechanic.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Elijah Tayse and Gusty Lee Dyer Tayse; daughter, Ellean Marie Leonard; and brothers and sisters.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Joyce Edwina Denson Tayse of Cookeville; sons, Russell Tayse of Cookeville and Arvil Tayse of Sparta; daughters, Barbara Sue Cherry of Cookeville, Lora Martin of Cookeville and Heather Tayse

of Cookeville; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Jeffrey Scott Greenwood

Jeffrey Scott Greenwood, 51, of Crossville, passed away Aug. 2 at St. Thomas Midtown in Nashville. Funeral services were held Aug. 6 at Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Blair officiating. Interment followed in the Lynn Cemetery in the Burrstown community.

He was born May 1, 1970 in Cookeville. He was a mechanic and

carpenter and a member of the Double Springs Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Aaron Rajjoe Greenwood and Bonnie Sue Bryant Greenwood.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Angela Greenwood of Crossville; sons, Austin Greenwood and Dylan Greenwood, both of Crossville and Scott Greenwood of Maryville; daughters, Kendra (James) Morris of Maryville, Jessica Davis of Crossville and

Isabella Greenwood of Crossville; brothers, Larry Greenwood and Glenn Greenwood, both of Cookeville and Eddie Greenwood of Baxter; sisters, Lisa Greenwood and Lori Greenwood, both of Algood and Becky Greenwood of Baxter; and grandchildren, Kailie Morris, Olivia Morris, Gavin Morris, Jameson Morris and Brooke Davis.

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Reuben's Compromise

The story of Joseph is Genesis 37-50 is a part of the Bible everyone should read. Joseph overcame betrayals and temptations and showed unwavering faith in God. Joseph was hated by his brothers because he was favored by their father, Jacob. In Genesis 37, his brothers schemed to kill him, but Reuben intervened. Reuben told his brothers that instead of killing Joseph themselves, they should put him into a pit and let nature take its course. He planned to alter save Joseph from the pit and send him home to Jacob. Reuben's plan delayed the conflict with his brothers until everyone had time to calm down. Unfortunately, while Reuben was away, Judah convinced the brothers to sell Joseph into slavery. Reuben was distraught when he found out what happened and faced a terrible choice. Should he go along with his brothers' plan to deceive Jacob about Joseph's fate or confess this awful affair and be scorned by his brothers?

Reuben let Jacob believe the lie that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast. Perhaps he thought it was kinder for Jacob to think his son was dead than for him to know the terrible truth. Whatever his reasons, it is safe to say he did not expect this sin to follow him for the rest of his life.

Sin is a stalking horse. It is not done with you until you are done with it. Reuben's failure to confess his part in Joseph's demise caught up with him years later in Egypt, in Genesis 42. Joseph's various trials led to him being in charge of grain distribution during a severe famine. Joseph's brothers appeared before him without recognizing him. Who would suspect their brother would wind up in an exalted position in this strange land? Joseph questioned his brothers closely and treated them as spies, perhaps trying to judge if these men have changed. Reuben and his brothers were convinced this treatment was God's Punishment for what they did to Joseph. Guilt of their past sin still hung over them.

Sin is persistent. It can reappear long after it should have expired. In Genesis 45 Joseph revealed his identity to his brothers after a period of testing them. Joseph did not rain fire and brimstone on their heads but instead told them to not be too hard on themselves for their terrible deeds because God used them to the benefit of all. Presented with this forgiving attitude, the brothers should have put this misdeed behind them, giving praise to God for His mercy, but they chose a different path. They lived in Egypt with their father until Jacob passed from this world. Then Reuben and his brothers returned to their old ways, renewing their lies, and plunging back into sin. In Genesis 50 they approached Joseph with a lie that Jacob, before passing, had wanted Joseph to forgive his brothers. They mistook Joseph's nature for being a nature like their own. Joseph absorbed this final insult, renewing his pledge to care for them in the land.

Sin should be dealt with in a timely manner. Reuben was a better man than some of his brothers. He compromised himself and caused needless harm by not confessing in a timely manner. A firm rebuke of his brother's idle talk could have prevented escalation. A quick pursuit may have allowed him to redeem his brother from slavery. A painful confession may have allowed Jacob to use his considerable resources to find his lost son. Instead, sin cleared each hurdle and affected his life for years to come. Deal with your transgression. It may be painful now, but it may save a world of pain down the road. God will forgive you, and those who love you will forgive you as Joseph forgave his brothers.

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Lifestyles

Blast From The Past



Historical Calendar – Jimmy Birdwell, vice president of Citizens Bank in Gainesboro, presents Katherine Anderson of the local Historical Society, with the first calendar in a series which depicts historic Gainesboro and Jackson County. The calendar which Birdwell is presenting shows a picture of the Jackson County Courthouse, 1903-1926. From the Dec. 2, 1992 edition of the *Jackson County Sentinel*.

A Week In Jackson County History

August 12, 1971 County School Schedule Set

Schools will open in Jackson County Monday, Aug. 23. Since the first two days will be used for registration of students we are asking the parents to cooperate with us by sending the children as schedule below:

Monday, Aug. 23 – All children who will register in grades 1, 2, 5 and 6 will go to their respective schools for registration. On this date children in grades 2 and 5 will be given a reading test. We are doing this in order to find the children who need remedial help and also for placement of children.

Tuesday, Aug. 24 – All children in grades 3, 4, 7 and 8 will register. On this date children in grades 3, 7 and 8 will have a reading test. Children in grades 4 and 6 were tested last year and will not be required to take this test.

Hix Takes Mayors Race 353 to 42

Gainesboro voters elected Bennie Hix mayor in last Thursday's City Election. According to election officials, 826 residents were registered to vote. A total of 340 went to the polls and 107 absentee ballots were cast.

Hix received a total of 353 votes in his successful bid for the mayor's office, while Corben Newberry, a write-in candidate, had 42.

U.S. Mail Has Money Problem

The U.S. Postal Service, only a month old, is getting into the kind of financial trouble that convinced Congress to replace the old Post Office Department with the new streamlined agency, according to reports from Washington.

Postal officials now expect costs to run \$430 million above available funds this year, and are looking either to mailers, taxpayers or perhaps to both to make up the difference.

Turner's Department Store

- Hot Pants \$2.98.
- Men's Dress Up Jeans \$5.00.
- Girls Summer Dresses and sportswear reduced 40 %.
- Panty Hose 2 pair \$1.00.
- Dycus Super Market**
- Shortening 3 pounds \$0.59.
- Miracle Whip Salad Dressing \$0.58.
- Smoked Picnics \$0.31 a pound.
- Duncan Hines Cake Mixes \$0.39 each.

RECIPES of the WEEK

Zucchini Relish
 10 cups zucchini
 4 cups onions
 2 green peppers
 5 TBL salt
 2 ¼ cups cider vinegar
 1 tsp nutmeg
 1 tsp tumeric
 1 jar (4 oz.) pimentos (optional)
 4 cups sugar
 1 tsp dry mustard
 1 tsp cornstarch
 2 tsp celery seed
 2 tsp cinnamon
 ½ tsp black pepper
 Grate the zucchini, onions and green peppers. Add the salt and let stand overnight. In the morning, drain and rinse thoroughly in cold water. Then add

the remaining ingredients, with the exception of the pimentos. Bring mixture to a boil, then lower heat and cook for 30 minutes. Add the pimentos (for color) and put in jars and seal immediately.

English Toffee
 1 tsp vanilla
 3 TBL water
 ½ lb butter
 1 cup sugar
 1 lg (½ pound) Hershey bar
 Mix the vanilla, water, butter and sugar together, melt and stir constantly in 3 quart sauce pan until mixture turns brown and reaches 325 degrees on a candy thermometer. Pour

into buttered 9" x 13" aluminum pan and spread evenly. Break up Hershey bar on top and let it melt and spread it over top. Cool for several hours and break into pieces. Store in refrigerator after completely cool.

Hamburger-Sausage-Potato Skillet Dinner
 1 lb ground beef
 1 lb Italian sausage
 ½ cup chopped onion
 3 cups frozen hash brown potatoes
 1 pkg (10 oz.) frozen Italian green beans
 2 tomatoes, cut in wedges
 1 tsp lemon juice
 ½ tsp salt
 1/8 tsp pepper
 Boil sausage for 15 minutes. Cut in ½ inch slices. In large skillet, cook sausage, onion and beef until brown. Add frozen potatoes and cook uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 2 TBL water and remaining ingredients; simmer covered 10 minutes or until green beans are tender.

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PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY 2021 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
 will be held Monday, August 16, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the PLEASANT HILL CHURCH BUILDING
 Anyone having any interest in the cemetery is urged to attend.

Jackson County Democratic Party

to Elect New Leaders at Reorganization Convention

All County Democrats Welcome

The Jackson County Democratic Party will hold a Biennial Reorganization Convention to elect new leaders on **Saturday, August 14th, 2021**. The meeting will take place at the **Jackson County Courthouse**. Doors open for registration at **8:30 a.m.**, convention start time is **9:00 a.m.**

Local Democrats will elect a Chair, Vice Chair(s), Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Committee members from all areas of the county for a two year term. All Democrats who are residents of and who are registered voters of Jackson County are urged to attend to discuss the party's agenda and events for 2021-2022. During the Convention the voting delegation will adopt County Party bylaws and elect new leadership.

The County Party Reorganization Convention welcomes all Jackson County Democrats. Attendees should arrive early to complete credentialing forms and be admitted to the convention prior to **9:00 a.m.**, when the meeting will begin.

For more information contact: Frank Hardegree at **931-704-3242**.

Weddings

Birthdays

Baby Announcements

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 Deadline: 4 p.m. Friday prior to following week's edition. Email jcsentinel@twakes.net or bring by the office at 211 S. Main St., Gainesboro.

Agriculture

Refreshing And Beautiful Hibiscus

UT Gardens' August 2021 Plant of the Month

Nothing is more refreshing in the droughty heat of summer than spotting a wild stand of Hibiscus coccineus scarlet red blooms towering above the vegetation of ditches and other low-lying areas. With its bright red flowers and preference for moist sites, this plant claims a variety of aptly descriptive common names: Scarlet Rose Mallow, Rose Mallow, Swamp Mallow and Swamp Hibiscus just to name a few. While there are well over 200 species of Hibiscus and innumerable common names associated with each, the Southeastern United States claims several species as native to the region including *H. coccineus* Scarlet Rose Mallow.

Scarlet Rose Mallow is an herbaceous perennial in USDA Zones 6-11, dying back each winter to the ground and returning from the roots. Published

zone recommendations vary, but upon further investigation, we have confirmation of hardiness located in zone 5. While the roots themselves maintain hardiness, the seeds produced are also viable, and under favorable conditions, you may see a few volunteer seedlings.

Valued for its long bloom period, Scarlet Rose Mallow can be seen blooming from July through September or later. Solitary 5-petaled blooms 3-5 inches in diameter spring from the leaf axils in the upper portion of the plant. Its cannabis-like leaves are palmately compound and deeply segmented, and growth habit is upright and airy reaching heights of 5-8 feet. While commonly called Scarlet Rose Mallow, there is also a white form called by many names (White Texas Star, Texas White, Lone Star or Alba) that is equally stunning.

H. coccineus provides optimal bloom display and stronger upright stems if planted in full sun. It prefers moist sites and can even tolerate partial submersion at water's edge, but moisture is not a requirement. Once established, it can thrive in drier/unirrigated conditions as well. These qualities make it a functional addition to the sustainable landscape concepts of residential rain gardens and downspout gardens, which can have both periods of saturation and drought.

While this plant is certainly practical, it is not lacking in aesthetic design qualities. Its height and open habit make it an ideal addition to the back of borders, and its unique foliage and bright bloom color in combination with other bold textures can create the feel of a tropical oasis. A final attribute to this resilient plant is its resistance to foliar feeding of Japanese beetles, while many of its cousins,

like Hardy Hibiscus *H. moscheutos* and Tropical Hibiscus *H. rosa-sinensis*, prove to be a tastier treat!

Along with other species of hibiscus, *H. coccineus* can be found at UT Gardens, Knoxville, in the hibiscus breeding trial plot and the wetland area. UT Gardens, Jackson, also features it in the rain garden demonstration area.

The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson. Designated as the official botanical garden for the State of Tennessee, the collections are part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The Gardens' mission is to foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, educational programs and research trials. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. For more information, see the Gardens website: utia.tennessee.edu/state-botanical-garden.



Plant Of The Month – The hibiscus 'Scarlet Rose Mallow' can grow wild with bright scarlet red blooms towering above the vegetation of ditches and other low-lying areas. Photo by J. Reeves, courtesy UTIA.

Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Grants Available To Communities

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry (TDF) will be accepting grant applications for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program beginning Aug. 9 and continuing through Sept. 10, 2021. Communities that have developed or are in the process of developing a Community Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP) will be eligible for funding to implement hazard mitigation assistance and education projects in their CWPP.

"Communities have an important role in wildland fire prevention," State Forester David Arnold said. "Hazard Mitigation Grants provide an opportunity for neighborhoods to be safer from wildfire by funding outreach, education,

emergency planning, and hazard mitigation activities such as fuel reduction through thinning and prescribed burning."

TDF partnered with the Appalachian Resource Conservation and Development Council (ARCD) in the administration and management of the hazard mitigation assistance grant program. TDF reviews and approves all applications for grant assistance and makes recommendations to ARCD for approved community grant expenditures. Communities are required to sign an agreement with ARCD. ARCD provides guidelines for expenditures and reimbursement.

Last year, the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program provided \$120,000 to assist 18

communities in Tennessee. Local leaders use that funding to develop and update their CWPPs, reduce hazardous and flammable vegetation, and facilitate best practices for Tennessee Fire Adapted Communities. Knowledge and engagement lessen the need for extensive protection actions and enable communities to safely accept fire as part of the surrounding landscape.

More information and the application for applying for a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant can be found at www.tn.gov/twildlandfire/prevention/tennessee-fire-adapted-communities/community-fire-prevention-grants.html.

About the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of For-

estry (TDF)

As Tennessee's lead agency in wildland fire, the division's Fire Management Unit works to minimize damage to forest resources and personal property while prioritizing firefighter and public safety. TDF prevents and suppresses wildfires, promotes hazard reduction activities, implements beneficial prescribed fire, and supports wildland fire training for volunteer fire departments and other wildland firefighters. The division supports interagency cooperation with local area fire departments, mutual aid partners, and civic leaders regarding wildland fire activity and hazard incident management. Visit www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests for more information.



Cattle Report

Smith County Commission
Livestock Weighted Average Report for 7/31/2021
- Final AUCTION

This Week Last Reported Last Year
7/17/2021

Total Receipts: 526 643 1,011
Feeder Cattle: 398 (74.3%) 478(78.8%) 793(79.5.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:103(14.6%) 94(13.6%) 151(12.2%)
Replacement Cattle: 25(11.0%) 71(6.6%) 67(8.4%)

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers/Bulls 2.00-5.00 higher; Feeder Heifers 4.00-10.00 higher; Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 higher; Slaughter Bulls mostly steady. Supply included: 76% Feeder Cattle (20% Steers, 43% Heifers, 37% Bulls); 20% Slaughter Cattle (83% Cows, 17% Bulls); 5% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 32%.

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	235	235	165.00	165.00
7	300	300	150-159.00	156.46
9	420-445	423	146-154.00	146.94
1	475	475	146.00	146.00
26	500-525	519	145-155.00	152.18
38	570-598	587	136-143.00	140.86
4	649	649	133.00	133.00
45	660-698	671	135-142.25	140.47
13	720-736	729	129-140.00	134.02
6	770-785	778	131-137.00	133.97
1	820	820	120.00	120.00
3	840	840	128.00	128.00
4	856	856	128.00	128.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	420	420	133.00	133.00
2	635	635	121-124.00	122.50

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	245	245	133.00	133.00
7	314	314	141.00	141.00
23	350-376	369	125-137.00	135.13
70	450-493	466	128-140.00	134.42
4	454	454	141.00	141.00
53	524-532	527	125-133.00	129.83
80	559-592	583	126.50-133.00	128.93
13	624-633	627	120-129.00	126.20
10	615	615	131.00	131.00
35	650-686	666	115-127.00	125.02
4	730-740	733	115.00	115.00
7	716	716	124.00	124.00
1	760	760	115.00	115.00
12	795	795	122.50	122.50
3	862	862	105.00	105.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	605-610	607	115.00	115.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
17	375-378	376	145-156.00	153.40
36	458-473	461	140-149.00	146.95
42	513-525	524	134-146.50	145.92
28	576-590	579	129-137.00	135.25
28	655-665	663	127-130.50	129.88
23	753-764	763	106-112.00	111.23
6	863	863	91.00	91.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	443	443	133.00	133.00
2	470	470	125.00	125.00
7	500-510	501	120.00	120.00
10	561-563	561	113-114.00	113.80
6	650-680	660	108-113.00	111.28

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
21	1185-1680	1404	64.00-75.00	69.94	Average
1	1305	1305	77.00	77.00	High

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

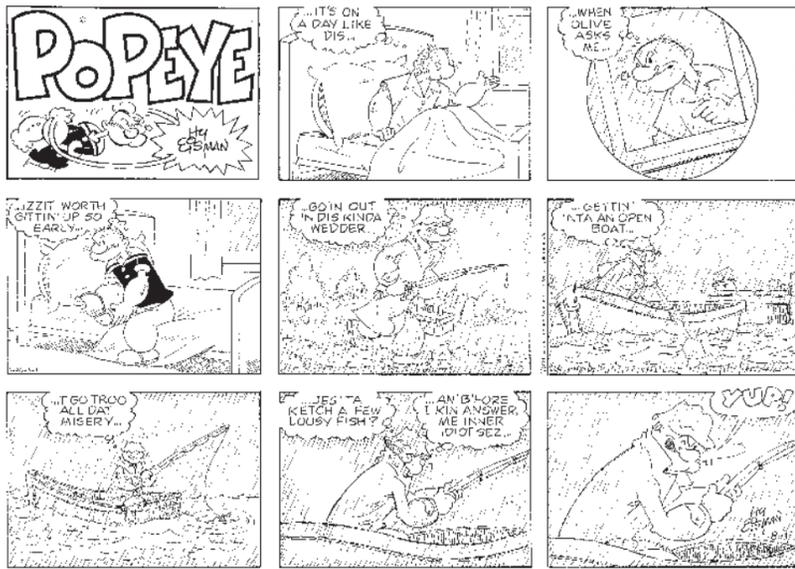
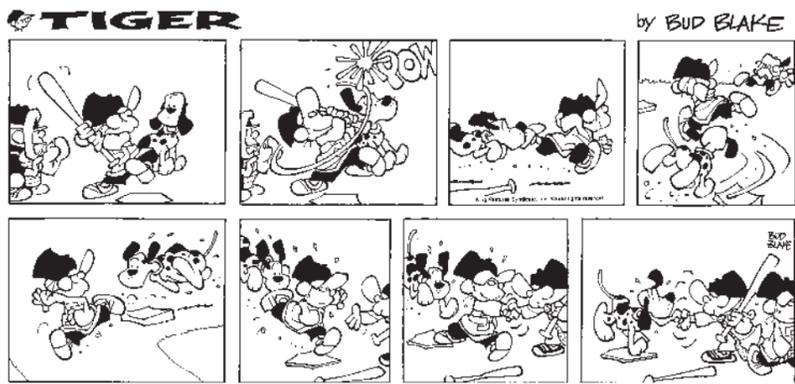
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
39	940-1400	1145	62.00-73.00	66.94	Average
2	1270-1285	1278	76.00-79.00	77.49	High
1	1305	1305	61.00	61.00	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
35	825-1335	1035	54.00-65.00	59.54	Average
4	865-1085	1000	67.00-69.00	68.25	High
4	790-1015	901	50.00-53.00	51.45	Low

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The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

Leisure



HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
 Try to dig a little deeper and not take things at face value this week, Aries. Some surprising elements that you may not initially recognize are just waiting to be discovered.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
 It's good to have a rich fantasy life to envision plans for the future, Taurus. Some of these ideas may come to fruition this week as you dig down deep into your creative side.

GEMINI
May 22/June 21
 Avoid jumping to the conclusion that a romantic partner is looking to move on, Gemini. There may be another underlying factor at play that will soon come to light.

CANCER
June 22/July 22
 Some major news is the catalyst that ignites the flame for your motivation to change, Cancer. You may find you're interested in volunteerism or another worthy project.

LEO
July 23/Aug 23
 Enjoy time spent connecting with some new people this week, Leo. It is a fine time to branch out of your typical social circles and embrace new friendships with confidence.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
 You gravitate toward people who prefer to see life through rose-colored glasses this week, Virgo. Enjoy this optimistic outlook and make the most of it.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
 An intense phone call may put you on edge for a little while, Libra. But once you get to the heart of the matter and think things through, you can work it out.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, your desire to socialize will be stronger than ever, so get out there and make a new friend or two. You will enjoy sharing ideas with others and trying some new things.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
 Appreciate all of the good things you have going in your life now, Sagittarius. Pay homage to those who have lent a hand or offered support that went above and beyond.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
 You may be on the brink of making a major move Capricorn. Try not to focus too much on all of the small details; look at the bigger picture.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
 A short trip out of town might be necessary to clear your head, Aquarius. Schedule some time to get away so you can rest, relax and recharge free of distraction.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
 Take some time alone this week to reorder your priorities, Pisces. You may have made commitments that no longer are vital.

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. Groucho's sibling | _____ O | Angelic instruments | _____ S |
| 2. Visitor | G _____ | Expedition | Q _____ |
| 3. Interfere | _____ E _____ | Dead center | _____ I _____ |
| 4. Ceiling beam | _____ S _____ | Elbow or knee | _____ N _____ |
| 5. Fasten | _____ H | Raid | _____ K |
| 6. Goblet or tumbler | _____ L _____ | Lawnmower's target | _____ R _____ |
| 7. High-level meeting | _____ M _____ | Give in to | _____ B _____ |
| 8. Artist's stand | _____ A _____ | Ford's lemon | _____ D _____ |
| 9. At some future time | _____ R _____ | Paint option | _____ X _____ |
| 10. Late morning meal | _____ U _____ | Large twig | _____ A _____ |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



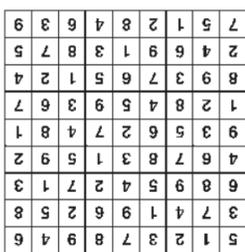
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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

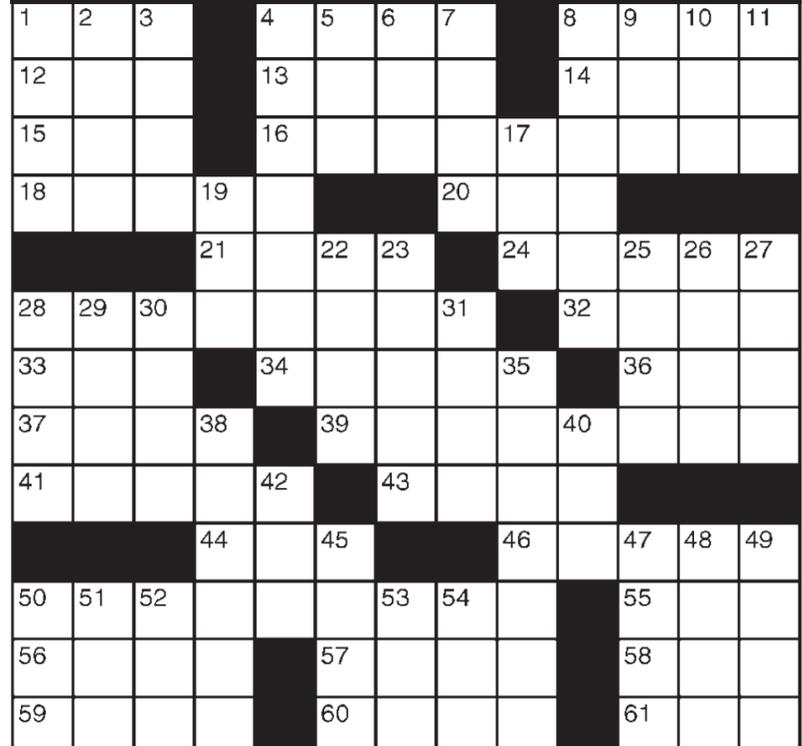


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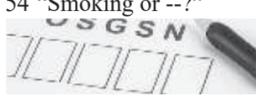


ANSWERS
 1. Lingo; Enjoy 2. Racco; Rabbit 3. Nurple; Teltale 4. Model; Motor 5. Wedgie; Window 6. Phee; Phee 7. Racco; Rabbit 8. Sings; Stare 9. "Moo"; "Moo" 10. Cartoon; Cartoon

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Scepter
 - 4 Israeli airline
 - 8 Staffer
 - 12 Brit. record label
 - 13 The Big Easy acronym
 - 14 Not worth debating
 - 15 Picnic crasher
 - 16 Bird with yellow plumage
 - 18 Popular takeout entree
 - 20 Use a shovel
 - 21 Golden Fleece ship
 - 24 Atkinson of "Mr. Bean"
 - 28 Wood pigeon
 - 32 Long tale
 - 33 Mil. morale booster
 - 34 Gladden
 - 36 Decay
 - 37 Lost traction
 - 39 Pink wading bird
 - 41 King of Judea
 - 43 Faux pas
 - 44 Belly
 - 46 Tribal emblem
 - 50 Coastal diving bird
 - 55 Chopper
 - 56 -- mater
 - 57 Bassoon's kin
 - 58 Director Burton
 - 59 Longings
 - 60 See to
 - 61 Packed away
- DOWN**
- 1 Harvest
 - 2 Hotel chain
 - 3 Bubblehead
 - 4 Fencer's cry
 - 5 Brit's restroom
 - 6 100 percent
 - 7 "Shane" star
 - 8 Juan's pals
 - 9 Charged bit
 - 10 Medico
 - 11 Ordinal suffix
 - 17 Fragrant tree
 - 19 Abrupt turn
 - 22 Michelle Wie's game
 - 23 Cameo shapes
 - 25 Tip off
 - 26 Awestruck
 - 27 Peackeekeeping org.
 - 28 Hurry
 - 29 Capri, for one
 - 30 Pinot --
 - 31 And others (Lat.)
 - 35 Sent forth
 - 38 Doctrines
 - 40 Wall St. debut
 - 42 Pair
 - 45 Jog
 - 47 "Toodle-oo!"
 - 48 Way out
 - 49 Viral web phenomenon
 - 50 Low isle
 - 51 Flamenco cheer
 - 52 LBJ's successor
 - 53 Copper head?
 - 54 "Smoking or --?"



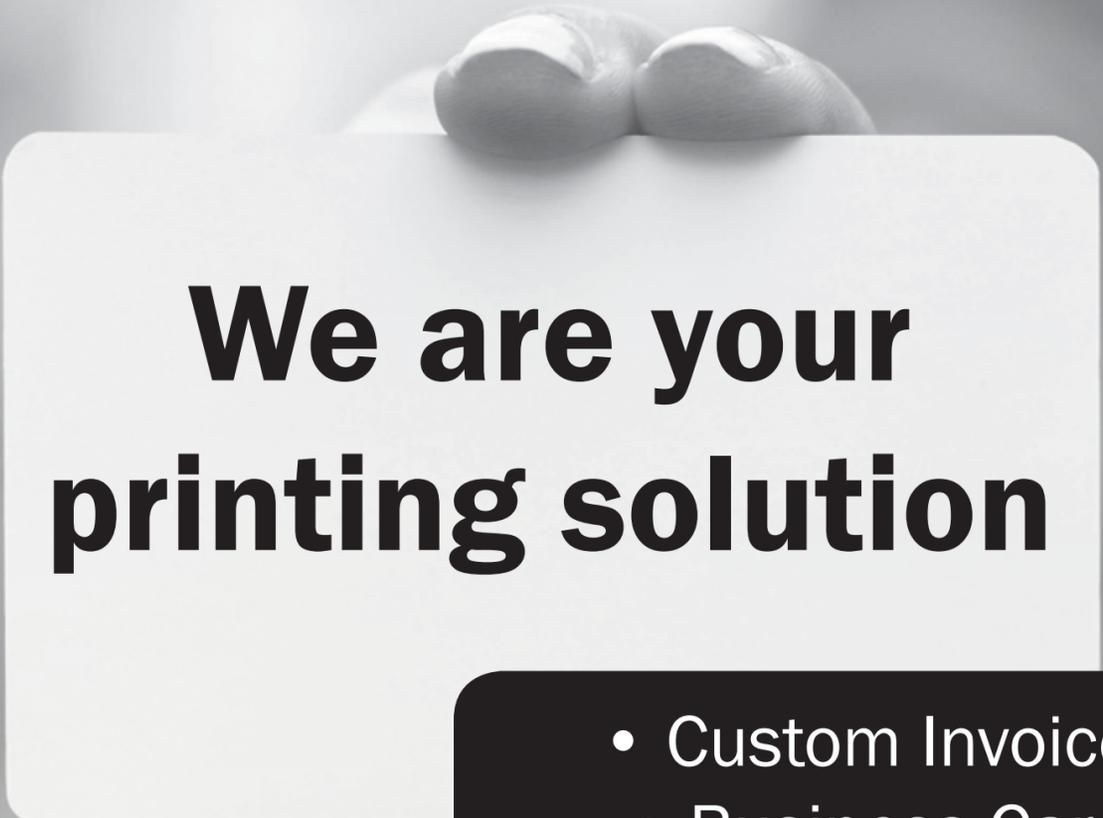
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 8-10, 8-17 2TP

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The Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation (UCEMC) has an opening for a **Consumer Services Clerk**. The successful applicant for the position will be assigned to UCEMC's Cookeville District Office. All Applicants should note that this position includes a residency requirement. The standard maximum distance employees hired shall be no more than twenty (20) miles or the service area perimeter of the Cooperative Office to which assigned. UCEMC offers a competitive salary and benefits package together with a working environment conducive to personal and professional growth. UCEMC is a Tennessee Drug-Free Workplace and an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants must be presently legally authorized to work in the United States. UCEMC will exercise its right to select an applicant for hire. Persons interested in applying for the position may read the Notice of Position Open and the position's description at www.ucemc.com; www.JOBS4TN.GOV; or the local Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Office. Application forms must be obtained from UCEMC's website ucemc.com through August 13, 2021. No application will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 13, 2021. For more information on this position contact UCEMC's Human Resources Department at 1-800-261-2940 ext. 123.

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Testing Results
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The greatest drops across subject areas were understanding and using mathematical notation to describe quantitative relationships and situations.

Science:

Proficiency rates dropped by a third in science, with only 38% of Tennessee students demonstrating proficiency.

Drops in science were larger in science than in any other subject area.

Social Studies:

This data saw fewer declines than other content areas and maintains performance from statewide increases that began in 2018, when standards were updated.

While proficiency dropped by 4 points in middle school, it increased 4 points in high school.

Due to continued challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, such as changes in mode of instruction and scheduling, the results from the 2020-21 TCAP administration are distinct from previous years.

To help Tennessee families and students understand their TCAP results, the department's free, online resource, TCAP Family Portal, is available and provides access to test results from this year. The portal also includes test history features allowing families to track progress over time, TCAP scale scores and performance levels by subject, parent guides and

resources, and individualized recommendations for improvements. Families can access this resource by registering at familyreport.tnedu.gov.

The portal was created in direct response to parent and stakeholder feedback, and information in the portal is useful for families engaging in conversations with educators about their child's academic progress. Families of students that tested in spring 2021 can access student data now for TCAP and August 20 for TCAP-Alternate assessments. Districts will continue to provide paper score reports to families.

To support districts and schools experiencing various learning disruptions, the department offered multiple flexibilities and supports to districts so they could make the best assessment plans to fit their needs. These flexibilities included the expanded use of off-site testing locations, flexibility for local testing schedules, and guidance on medical exemptions for COVID-impact students.

In January 2021, Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly convened a special legislative session on education, which addressed urgent issues facing Tennessee students and schools as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the special legislative session passed legislation on accountability, learning loss, lit-

eracy, and teacher pay. The Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act established summer learning loss bridge camps for elementary students to help them recover learning loss and accelerate their achievement.

In alignment with the Best for All strategic plan, the department recognized the impending impact the global pandemic would have on K-12 education in Tennessee and has proactively and strategically committed investments to prioritize meeting the needs of all Tennessee students through the state's ARP ESSER plan, which lays out the state's spending strategy for its portion of federal COVID-19 relief and stimulus funding to benefit K-12 education in Tennessee. Specifically, the state plan highlights combating existing gaps in student achievement and opportunity, addressing the needs of rural communities, improving early literacy, investing in a statewide tutoring corps, and accelerating student academic achievement across the state.

Additionally, the department provides formative assessments aligned to Tennessee Academic Standards at no cost to districts. These department-created assessments support our districts and schools in measuring how students are approaching grade-level expectations. In August 2020, the department launched a

new statewide formative assessment platform, Schoolnet, which has already administered over 377,000 tests, and has deployed an item bank, Checkpoint exams, and full-length Mock Interim assessments, all aligned to our state standards and summative TCAP. Districts that utilized the department's free, formative assessment tools showed higher success rates.

District and school leaders, statewide elected officials, and education stakeholders commented on the importance of annual assessments and how Tennesseans need to come together to support our students.

"We knew we faced some extreme challenges during this past school year, which not only put stress on our students and educators but also our high achievement goals," said Speaker of the House Cameron

Sexton. "While today's sobering news has been expected by many of us, we are still profoundly affected by the extent and depth of the decline. I am very thankful we were visionary in starting the learning loss program this summer before receiving these test scores. However, our focus must continue to be on reading, writing, and arithmetic, and students must be in the classroom. If school systems can not meet the most basic requirement of being open, then parents need other options like school choice."

"First, we must recognize and respect the challenges that students and teachers have faced over the last school year," said Kristy Brown, Director of Schools, Jackson County Schools. "With that in mind, having TCAP data is especially important to determine where kids are academi-

cally. Now, it is time for Tennessee and local school districts to invest resources to support our educators and accelerate learning for all students."

TCAP includes summative assessments for English language arts, math, science, and social studies for grades 3-8, high school end-of-course (EOC) exams in English I and II, Algebra I and II, Geometry, Integrated Math I, II, and III; Biology, and U.S. History. TCAP also includes the TCAP-Alternate Assessment for students with disabilities, and the optional TCAP Grade 2 Assessment.

These analyses do not include the results of TCAP-Alt tests, which are assessments for students with the most significant learning disabilities. To learn more about the state's assessment program, visit the department's State Assessment webpage.

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