

Parsons Seeks Re-Election ————— Memorial Donated —————



J. David Parsons has informed the *Jackson County Sentinel* that he is a candidate for re-election to the Board of Directors of Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative. J. David Parsons of Livingston has announced that he will run for re-election to the Board of Directors of Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative for Area III (Overton County). Parsons states, "I have been fortunate to be a small part of the success of Twin Lakes today. Twin Lakes is on the cutting edge of technology and a leader in today's market. This is why I would like to continue to be a part of Twin Lakes in the years ahead."

Parsons is a lifelong resident of Overton County. He graduated from Livingston Academy in 1971. Parsons served the families of Overton County for 48 years as a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer at Speck Funeral Home in Livingston.

He is married to Lesa Parsons, a retired teacher with 38 years in the Overton County School system. They have 2 sons, Curtis and Stuart Parsons. The Parsons attend Life Church.

During Parsons tenure on the Board of Directors, Twin Lakes has acquired the fastest internet speeds available in the world at 10 Gig, offering to their customers a variety of internet speeds while making high speed internet affordable for all incomes. Twin Lakes also expanded its selection to include state of the art security services for home and business and television services with live streaming.

Parsons has been active in many community and professional organizations and would appreciate support for his continuation on the Twin Lakes Board of Directors.

Early voting will be on Sept. 24 at all of the local Twin Lakes business offices from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Oct. 1, voting will be held at Jackson County Middle School from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Twin Lakes will hold their annual meeting at the middle school immediately following.

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Memorial Donated – Members of JCCFD were presented this beautiful memorial for Eddie Brewer to hang in our station and forever honor his memory. The badge number 506 has permanently been retired by the department in his honor. Eddie was dedicated member of JCCFD for many years selflessly serving his community before following his dream of being a over the road truck driver. Thank you to Joe Brewer for blessing us with this gift. Joe is the brother of Eddie and was also a long time member of JCCFD and now serves in a Honorary role with the department. We will forever cherish this gift. Thank you to Ethan Leonard for his outstanding work in making this amazing memorial. We are honored to display it proudly at JCCFD station 6 on Seven Knobs Rd.

Group Seeking Animal Shelter

BRIAN WILMOTH
Editor

A new effort to bring an animal shelter to Jackson County is underway.

The Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter is a new nonprofit that is working to find a safe place for homeless animals.

Director Mark Pack said he has long noticed stray animals running free.

"I'm an Electrical Engineer by trade and I was always told 'it's easy to come up with a problem, but it's much harder to come up with a resolution'," Pack said. "The hardest thing for me is learning the process. I've never done anything like this before and Learning everything involved is sometimes overwhelming."

"I quickly found out this is much bigger issue than I thought it was. with all abandoned animals and abused animals, and some people just let their animals roam here in Jackson County it's an epidemic."

Pack said he has seen multiple pets dumped near his home every year, and that there is not much that can be done currently to help the abandoned animals.

"I live on the Back side of Roaring River Park, and we get three or four dogs dumped here a year," Pack said. "When

you call the Sheriff's Department about a stray, the answer is: 'well take care of it or just shoot it.' I think that is inhumane just because someone's pet got out it's okay to shoot it. I know without an animal shelter their hands are tied. But we must do better. We have to do better."

Pack said the Friends have made a lot of progress since they began to get organized.

"We started a little over a month ago with our public roll out at 12 Degrees in Gainesboro," Pack said. "We had a standing room only crowd. It was well received, and we have a lot of support from the public. Since we had so much support we decided to press forward."

Pack said since that meeting, the group has established a board of trustees for an animal shelter, applied to tax exempt status and tax-exempt business approval, received their IRS and EIN numbers, and created a Facebook page and logo.

"We have reached out to all the animal rescue groups in Jackson County for their support and advice," Pack said. "We have also contacted the Putnam and Sevier County Animal Shelters, as well. We also have a professional grant writer that has volunteered to help us apply for grants."

The group has also presented their plans to the Jackson County Commission and the Chamber of Commerce, where Pack said he felt like they were well received.

Even with all the effort to this point, Pack said there's still much to be done.

"We have to identify a location for an animal shelter, either land or a business that we can convert to a shelter," Pack said. "It needs to be in a good and accessible location and that will meet our current and future needs. We are open to all ideas, whether that is purchasing land or a business or through a donation of land or a business."

Pack said in the short-term, the group will continue trying to raise funds to keep the project moving. Along with accepting donations and selling window and car stickers, he said they are

open to selling sponsorship and naming rights for a shelter or rooms in the future shelter. They have also identified over 2,000 grants they could qualify for.

"If money was no object, my dream shelter would be on ten acres of land, centrally located that could house 100 dogs and 50 cats," Pack said. "It would have an indoor/outdoor access for the dogs and a separate puppy/kitten area with a fenced in area for the animals to exercise. We would have a medical room and even an OR for emergencies. It would have an Education Area to teach not only children but adults how to properly care for their new family member. It would also plenty of storage of food and medical supplies to assist those in the community in need, so no animal goes hungry or needs medical care here in Jackson County."



Jackson County Man Charged



Michael Wallace

An investigation by special agent fire investigators with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has resulted in the indictment and arrest of a Jackson County man.

In December 2021, fire investigators responded to a fire at 419

Goolsby Lane in Celina. During the course of the investigation, agents developed information that identified Michael Wallace as the individual responsible for the fire.

On August 19, the Jackson County Grand Jury returned indictments against Michael Eugene Wallace, 37 charging him with one count of Arson, and one count of Vandalism between \$10,000-\$60,000. On the same day, Wallace was taken into custody and booked into the Jackson County Jail on a \$35,000 bond.



Deadline Change.....



The *Sentinel* will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. The deadline for all material for the Sept. 6 edition will be Thursday, Sept. 1 at 12 p.m.

Obits.....

Carol Lucio
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Fall Sports Preview.....



Be sure to check out the Fall Sports Preview in this edition of the *Jackson County Sentinel*.



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Court & Crime



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

Jackson County General Sessions Court Docket
Aug. 18, 2022
Judge Tiffany Gentry Gipson Presiding

Charles D. Hawkins – DUI: First offense, two counts of simple possession/casual exchange and driving while license suspended.

Austin L. Winningham – Violation of order of protection/restraining order.

Samuel Belvin – Theft (up to \$1000).

Austin L. Drury – Domestic assault, four counts of assault – threat of bodily injury.

Tammy L. Jones – Probation violation.

Michael R. Lynch – Possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities and driving on wrong side of road.

Dustin P. McHenry – DUI:First offense, possession weapon-convicted felon, possession of handgun while under influence, simple possession/casual exchange (marj >1/2 oz or 14.175 grams), possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities, speeding, reckless driving by intoxicant and open container.

Billy J. Spivey – Aggravated assault- domestic, interference with emergency calls,false imprisonment, Schedule IV drugs: manufacture, deliver, sell and possession and possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities.

Joseph G. Garcia – Public intoxication and resist stop, arrest, search (no weapon).

Chad R. Hancock – Possession-

weapon-convicted felon and possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities.

Charles Hancock Jr.- unlaw possession of weapon and possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities.

Joshua Q. Hancock – Possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities.

Charles S. Hargis – Probation violation-booked.

Jesse O. Hunter – DUI: First offense, Schedule I drugs: manufacture, deliver, sale and possession, meth-manufacture, deliver, sale and possession and possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities.

Jacob D. Lautt – Theft of property - \$2500 to >\$10000 and fraud transfer of motor vehicle less than \$20000.

Jessica M. Montgomery – Meth-manufacture, deliver, sale, possession with intent, Schedule VI drugs: manufacture, deliver, sell, possession and possession unlaw drug paraphernalia uses & activities.

Franklin Delano Plank – Aggravated assault and interference with emergency calls.

Brian J. Robinson – Meth-manufacture, deliver, sale, possession with intent and simple possession/casual exchange.

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 Aug. 7, Scott W. Piggush was

arrested on warrants for criminal impersonation and driving on rev/sus license, 2nd offense.

On Aug. 7. Melissa Ann Walker was arrested on warrants for unlawful drug paraphernalia and manufacture delivery sale or possession of meth-amphetamine.

On Aug. 12, Austin Winningham was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.

On Aug. 17, John Robert Carper Jr., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

On Aug. 13, Jacob D. Lautt was arrested on warrants for theft of motor vehicle and fraudulent transfer of motor vehicle.

On Aug. 14, Joseph Gabrile Garcia was arrested on warrants for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

On Aug. 14, Jesse Oliver Hunter was arrested on warrants for driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor, possession of drug paraphernalia, felony and drug, manufacture, sale, possession Schedule II, Meth.

On Aug. 14, Brian James Robinson was arrested on warrants for manufacture sale possession for resale and simple possession.

On Aug. 15, Charles Clifford Hancock was arrested on warrants for unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon and unlawful drug paraphernalia.

On Aug. 15, Joshua Quintin Hancock was arrested on a warrant for unlawful drug paraphernalia.

On Aug. 15, Charles Stephen Hargis was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation.

On Aug. 15, Charles Dale Hawkins was arrested on warrants for two counts of simple possession/casual exchange, driving under the influence and driving while license cancelled

suspended or revoked.

On Aug. 15, Jessica Michelle Montgomery was arrested on warrants for manufacture sell delivery marijuana, unlawful drug paraphernalia, manufacture delivery sale or possession of methamphetamines and offense of possessing firearm or antique firearm during commission or attempt to commit dangerous felony.

On Aug. 16, Eddie Lee Walker was arrested on warrants for unlawful drug paraphernalis and manufacture delivery sale or possession of methamphetamines.

On Aug. 16, Heather Renee Crawley was arrested on warrants for driving while suspended priors, Schedule III and Schedule V.

Real Estate

Willine Nellie Raines to Abby Jo Lynch and Larry Ray Hopkins Jr, 12th District.

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Woosley Named District Caregiver Of The Year

Lindsey Woosley, staff development coordinator with Mabry Health Care & Rehab Center in Gainesboro, was recently honored as the Tennessee Health Care Association’s (THCA) Nashville District Caregiver of the Year. She received the award Aug. 11 during THCA’s Convention & Trade Show in Knoxville. Woosley has worked at the facility for 14 years.

THCA’s membership is divided into geographical districts across the state. Woosley’s name, along with the other five district winners, will be placed in the running for the statewide honor of Caregiver of the Year. The honoree will

be recognized at a special ceremony on Nursing Home Caregiver Appreciation Day on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022.

“Our Caregiver of the Year winners are incredible people who dedicate their lives to caring for those who cannot care for themselves,” THCA Executive Director Jesse Samples said. “We are extremely proud of these individuals and what they contribute to Tennessee’s long-term care community.”

THCA is a nonprofit organization whose members include long-term care facilities located throughout the state. For more information about nursing homes, visit www.thca.org.

Kids Can Read

For over two decades education reformers have been trying to convince parents, taxpayers and voters that Tennessee public schools are doing a horrible job. They have done this through the manipulation of test result data gathered from state and federally mandated standardized tests.

Last month the State of Tennessee announced that 36.4% of Tennessee’s public school students are reading on grade level based on the results of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) state-level results. Governor Bill Lee and Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn would like Tennesseans to believe that this means that the other 63.6% of Tennessee students cannot read.

This is just not true. Tennessee’s standards-based grading system was originally adopted as part of Tennessee’s adoption of the Common Core State Standards. The system includes four levels of performance: the highest level is “exceeded,” the second highest level is “met,” the third is “approaching,” and the lowest level is “below.”

This year, the state reported that 23% of all Tennessee students scored in the “below” performance level on spring TCAP exams. It’s obviously imperative that we dramatically decrease the percentage of students reading below grade level. However, reading scores in Tennessee were steadily improving in the years prior to the COVID pandemic and, even with the disruption of the pandemic, have increased from 18% in 2018. It is also important to note that the number of students reading below grade level falls dramatically by the time students get to high school. In 2021, only 10% of Tennessee high school students were reading below grade level.

The State arrives at its assessment that 36.4% of students are reading on grade level by only including the top two performance levels in their announcement and discussion of TCAP scores.

The Commissioner and others interested in privatizing Tennessee’s K12 education system purposefully leave out the largest category of students in their test results: students in the “approaching” category. This year 41% of Tennessee students scored in the approaching category for reading. Not only are students in the approaching category able to read, but they are also not reading below grade level. These are likely B and C level

students.

The state does not release the number or letter grades associated with each of the four TCAP performance levels. On other tests and student report cards in Tennessee, numbers and letter grades are pretty straightforward: 90-100 is an A, 89-89 is a B, 70-79 is a C, 60-69 is a D and anything below a 60 is an F.

But TCAP has only four vague performance levels. This vagueness makes TCAP test results easy to manipulate.

So why do Governor Lee and Commissioner Schwinn want parents, taxpayers and legislators to think that two-thirds of Tennessee public school students can’t read? Why do they want you to think that your kids’ and grandkids’ teachers are not doing a good job teaching them to read when, in fact, almost 90% of Tennessee students are reading on grade level by the time they graduate?

It’s because they want to create a fake crisis to make it easier to continue the privatization of public schools through private school vouchers and privately-run, publicly-funded charter schools.

Just recently, it was revealed that Governor Lee is still working with controversial Hillsdale College president Larry Arnn to bring 100 of Hillsdale’s radical charter schools to replace Tennessee’s traditional public schools, despite Arnn’s demeaning comments about Tennessee’s teachers. We assume that the Governor will soon use his misleading claims that two-thirds of Tennessee students can’t read as the as an excuse to propose expanding his Education Savings Account/voucher program statewide.

The Governor, the Commissioner and Tennessee lawmakers need to know that you are paying attention to their deceptive reports on student achievement. They need to know that we know that it is a manufactured myth that two-thirds of Tennessee students can’t read.

Kids can read. Email and call Governor Lee, Commissioner Schwinn to let them know that Tennessee’s public school teachers are doing a great job. Email and call your state legislators and let them know that student achievement is much better than what the Governor and the Commissioner are reporting. Ask them to oppose any further attempts to privatize Tennessee’s schools.

Calendar

Commodity Distribution

The Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) will hold a commodities distribution for Jackson County on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Sign-up will

be available at the distribution site.

The Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, color, national origin, religion, or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or

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Committee Reminds Us

LEE HAMILTON
special to the *Sentinel*

Watching the hearings held by the Jan. 6 committee as it delves into the events at the Capitol last year and what lay behind them, I’ve been struck by what you might think of as the “meta-coverage.” It’s been fascinating to see.

Most news stories, of course, have focused on the alarming revelations uncovered by the committee—in essence, the lengths to which a sitting president and his allies went in trying to short-circuit the clearly expressed will of the American people. But some coverage has instead focused on how the select committee has gone about its work: the technology it’s using and its careful structuring of the hearings to create a clear narrative of the events leading up to and following the attack on the Capitol.

As Axios’ Mike Allen put it recently, “The committee ditched the flabby traditional format and has methodically built a taut, colorful narrative with a prosecutor’s precision and a cinematographer’s flair.” He and others cite the influence of former ABC News president James Goldston, who, as Allen writes, “has been producing each hearing as if it

were a ‘20/20’ episode,” as well as the committee’s discipline in building an easy-to-grasp accretion of facts and testimony.

There is much about this that’s new: the use of relevant footage, maps, and reconstructions that are available instantly when needed; interweaving videotaped and in-person testimony to deepen the narrative; production values that make the hearings seem up-to-the-minute, rather than a throwback to an earlier era. But there is also much about this that is, in fact, time-tested congressional process.

What the hearings are doing is what congressional committees at their best have always done: focus on a complicated topic, present the facts about it to the American people, leave us all better informed than we were before, and possibly have an impact on how government operates. It’s not hard to come up with a list of high-profile congressional hearings that have had this kind of effect, from the 1954 Army-McCarthy hearings to the Watergate hearings in 1973 to the 1987 Iran-Contra hearings and the 2019 hearings on special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation into Russian interference in the 2016

elections. But I would argue that even low-profile committee work—hearings aimed at checking in on the operations of the executive branch or how well policy initiatives have performed—have held similar value for our democracy.

I’ve always believed that part of the job of a politician is to educate the public—about the facts and about their meaning for the US and for public policy. It is incredibly difficult these days for voters to sort out information—we’re all bombarded with facts, opinion, information and misinformation and even disinformation. But if, as a country, we’re to build consensus based on the real world, then you have to start with the facts. Ultimately, a democratic society depends on the ability of citizens to form good judgments based on the realities facing us; if they don’t, the country suffers.

The same, of course, goes for policy-makers. In that case, the country depends not just on their ability to ground their work in the facts, but to explore an issue and then deliberate on what to do about it. The deliberative process—which in Congress was once rooted in the work of committees—produces better

law: It forces members of Congress to understand an issue, accommodate different interests, and ultimately knock out bad ideas and bad proposals in favor of initiatives that can command a consensus. Overall, as congressional power has consolidated in the hands of a few strong leaders, committees have lost that kind of influence; Congress generally holds far fewer hearings than it did a few decades ago.

So I take the Jan. 6 committee’s innovations as a good sign. It has updated the mechanics of the process to create a compelling lesson in the value of thorough research and leveling plainly with the American people about what the facts show. In short, it has demonstrated what Congress is capable of achieving. Here’s hoping other committees are taking note.

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America’s Minimum Wage Crisis

GLENN MOLLETTE
special to the *Sentinel*

One problem with all Americans making a minimum of \$15 an hour is that some business owners don’t make \$15 an hour.

Hundreds of thousands of small business owners struggle every day to keep the lights on and the doors of their business open. The only way they can afford help is with people who are willing to work for a low wage. This is tough for all. In most cases the business owner would like to pay more and the employee needs to make more.

You can’t economically survive on \$290 a week. Apartment rent can easily be \$500 to \$3000 a month depending on where you live. Add utilities, cell phone, transportation and you

can forget eating much if any. The reality is that minimum wage workers can barely survive. They end up applying for public assistance, standing in food bank lines and eventually face deteriorating health and often homelessness. You cannot care for yourself on \$7.25 an hour. Living out of your car or in a tent is not the American dream.

It is time for a federal minimum wage increase. Eleven to \$12 an hour would be a push for many small business owners, but we all need to push and try to get there together. Eventually everything goes up in price but it’s some relief for millions of Americans in the short-term. Even \$12 an hour is only \$480 a week, but if you are surviving on \$290 per week it would have to seem like winning the lottery. However,

consider the impact this will have on a mom-and-pop business that has five employees and suddenly the payroll has just jumped by almost \$1000 more per month. It will be tough. A \$15 minimum wage means \$600 a week or more than doubling everyone’s pay. How many businesses in America can just flip the switch and double everyone’s pay?

If you are the employee, you are desperate for higher wages. If you are the employer, you worry about how you will pay the higher wage.

The Congressional budget office reported the higher \$15 minimum wage would lift 900,000 out of poverty. On the other hand, the same CBO reported 1.4 million would lose their jobs by 2025.

The only place in America who currently has a \$15 minimum

wage is Washington, D.C. If you have ever gone out to eat in D.C. then you know \$15 an hour is not enough in that town. Washington state is \$13.69. California is \$14. New York is \$12.50. West Virginia is \$8.75. Kentucky is \$7.25. Indiana is \$7.25. Texas is \$7.25. Florida will be \$10 soon. Utah is 7.25.

The bottom line for us all is do not settle for any minimum wage forever. Work hard for a promotion or move to a better paying job. Minimum means a starting job rate. It doesn’t have to mean your maximum pay rate forever.

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Veterans Service Organizations



by Freddy Groves

If you’re a veteran, are you in a veteran’s service organization? There are four groups, and while they differ in their origins, they all have the same goal: to help veterans.

The largest organization is the American Legion. Across the country are more than 12,000 posts and approximately 2 million members. The Legion is to be thanked for the GI Bill of Rights, which has helped many veterans get a college or trade education and a home with a low mortgage rate. But the Legion has done much more: The organization has also donated \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and sponsored a study on the effects of Agent Orange. If you want to explore the Legion, read more online at www.legion.org.

Like the name says, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) steps up to help disabled veterans with nearly anything they need. Just last year, for example, they provided 163,000 rides for veterans to reach their medical appointments and helped file over 150,000 claims. They have 26 transition service

offices, helping veterans make the change to civilian life by providing benefits counseling. For more information on the DAV, start with www.dav.org.

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) changes lives. They push for better access to air travel, help veterans find employment and pay for adaptive housing and vehicles. So far, they’ve invested over a half million dollars into spinal cord research. In one year alone, they helped veterans receive over \$78 million in benefits. Learn more at pva.org.

Started in 1899 by a few veterans during the Spanish-American War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has worked since then to get the rights and benefits that veterans deserve. They’ve assisted veterans with collecting \$10 billion in disability compensation and pension benefits with the help of over 2,000 accredited VFW reps. Today membership stands at 1.5 million. To learn more about the VFW, check www.vfw.org.

To be considered: Many of the veterans’ groups are losing membership due to the age of their members. Your interest will be most welcomed.

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Adoption Gives Dogs A New ‘Leash’ On Life

“Adopt don’t shop” is a mantra utilized by many organizations devoted to finding loving homes for shelter animals. With thousands of dogs, cats and other companion animals residing in shelters or being fostered until they can find their forever homes, rescue organizations urge the pet-loving public to adopt rather than purchase dogs from private breeders.

Individuals who choose to adopt a dog from a private rescue, humane society, animal shelter, or another welfare group would be wise to follow some guidelines that can help individuals and families find the best matches with their new pets.

“It’s important to be honest with the rescue group regarding, not only what you’re looking for in a dog, such as disposition, energy level, age, and size, but to describe the overall household dynamic,” advises Toni Diamond, founder of Diamond Dogs Rescue, Inc. a foster-based rescue with resources in New Jersey and Massachusetts. “This way the rescue can match your needs with the dogs they have available to ensure the best opportunity the placed pet will remain in your home.”

Here are some other tips to consider if you’re thinking of adopting a pet.

Think About Fostering First

If you’re on the fence

about whether to take in a dog right now, fostering offers a way to gauge how life can change with a dog in the household. Fostering a dog can free up resources and enable rescues to help other dogs. Many “foster fails” are dogs that foster families adopted themselves because they couldn’t bear to give the dogs up.

Expect To Be Vetted

Rescue groups generally do some type of adopter check, which includes an application questionnaire, and may want to visit your home to be sure that it is safe and comfortable for the dog. Expect an adoption fee, as this helps defray the cost of sheltering animals.

Don’t Feel Limited By Geography

Rescues handle dogs from across the country. Some may even be will-

ing to facilitate travel from one area to another. If you see a dog online that seems to be a perfect fit but is a good distance away, contact the rescue to see what can be done.


Be Patient And Open-Minded

Rescued animals often have been jostled around a bit, moving from place to place. Expect a transition period

for the shell-shocked animal to settle down before judging his or her true personality. It’s possible for rescued dogs to have accidents in a home, act out or be hesitant around people while they learn to trust their new owners.

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Agriculture



Johnson Recognized For Service By Governor

Governor Bill Lee has recognized Jill Johnson, D.V.M. of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) with the Governor’s Excellence in Service Award for exceptional service to the state and her fellow Tennesseans.

Dr. Johnson is an Animal Health Veterinary Medical Officer serving 13 Middle Tennessee counties. She joined TDA as a field staff veterinarian in 2003. Before that, Dr. Johnson was the first female veterinarian in Coffee County, working in a private practice for 16 years in Manchester, Tenn.

“Dr. Johnson’s years of experience, coupled with her willingness to help with any issue related to animal agriculture, make her invaluable to our department and to the citizens she serves,” Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. “Her instincts are strong, and she’s made significant contributions to TDA’s Animal Health mission.”

“The Animal Health Division staff and I trust Dr. Johnson’s counsel and perspective,” State Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beaty said. “Her knowledge of the industry is far-reaching. Whether she’s working with a backyard poultry owner, a livestock producer, an Agricultural Crime Unit

special agent, or an Extension agent, she has the expertise to suit the situation.”

Dr. Johnson is highly skilled in working with disease testing and surveillance and she’s filled a critical need during foreign animal disease investigations in the state. Last year in Memphis, Dr. Johnson oversaw the initial epidemiological investigation and follow-up testing of race horses diagnosed with piroplasmosis and equine infectious anemia. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Johnson assisted the Tennessee Department of Health with performing epidemiological follow-ups with persons who tested positive for the disease.

While she’s performing routine Veterinary Medical Officer tasks, Dr. Johnson is often training fellow state and federal veterinary services colleagues. Sharing her knowledge and experience expands the resources available to livestock producers. Additionally, she connects law enforcement with animal resources to help care for and house animals seized during animal welfare investigations.

“Work associated with protecting animal health is continually changing and that keeps it interesting,” Dr. Johnson said. “Having the opportunity to collaborate with many people in

the ag industry is fulfilling. I strive to be an asset to the TDA Animal Health division team and beyond.”

Dr. Johnson earned her associate of science degree in pre-veterinary studies from Motlow State Community College and received her Doctorate

in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Dr. Johnson raises Polled Hereford cattle in Coffee County. Her farm is recognized as a Tennessee Century Farm and has been in Dr. Johnson’s family for five generations.



Award Winning – Dr. Jill Johnson (center) is congratulated by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee (right) and First Lady Maria Lee (left) after being awarded the Governor’s Excellence in Service Award for her service to the state through her work with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture.

Grant To Analyze And Develop Price Risk Management Tools

Beef cattle producers are all too familiar with economic losses stemming from uncontrollable events such as drought and disease; however, losses due to rapid price declines have historically been the primary source of economic losses for U.S. cattle producers.

While studies have shown price risk management tools can be effective in reducing price-decline losses, these tools are seldom used, especially by producers with small- and medium-sized operations. In an effort to improve the economic sustainability of these producers, a University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture research team has been awarded a \$650,000 grant to explore innovative price risk management tools and ultimately help producers make informed and effective risk management decisions.

The researchers will conduct a national survey of beef cattle producers to identify barriers to adopting price risk management tools, assess perceptions of tool effectiveness, and learn how these tools could be changed to be more usable — the first known study to ascertain this vital information. Beef producers will also be asked how hypothetical changes to risk management tools would affect subsequent adoption.

Survey results will inform the data-driven development of a free mobile application containing information needed for making informed and effective risk management decisions. The long-term goal of this project is to improve U.S. beef cattle producers’ economic sustainability through research on and education of price risk management, especially for producers with small- and medium-sized operations.

“We are thankful for the opportunity to ask U.S. beef cattle producers about ways to help them reduce losses from sudden price declines,” said Chris Boyer, associate professor and lead researcher in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. “This survey is simply about gathering information to better serve U.S. beef producers through education, policy design, and making information easily available through a mobile application.”

In addition to Boyer, team members include Karen DeLong, Andrew Griffith and Charley Martinez, all from the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

The three-year grant is funded by USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture, which provides leadership and funding for programs that advance agriculture-related sciences. Hongwei Xin, dean of UT AgResearch, praised the researchers for focusing their efforts on tools that will help small- and medium-sized operations. “These ranchers are the backbone of the U.S. beef economy,” he said. “Anything we can do to help their profitability helps all U.S. producers and consumers.”

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.



Risk Management - Researchers from the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture have received a USDA NIFA grant to analyze and develop price risk management tools, in an effort to improve the economic sustainability of U.S. beef producers. Photo by T. Johnson, courtesy UTIA.

Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary

Nashville, TN

For Week Ending:

Receipts: 4,020

Last Week: 6,250

Last Year: 5,503

USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

Monday, August 15, 2022

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Compared to last week, feeder steers were mostly 2.00-5.00 higher and feeder heifers mostly 3.00-6.00 higher with very good demand for feeder classes. Slaughter cows were 3.00-5.00 higher and slaughter bulls mostly 2.00-4.00 higher with good demand for slaughter classes.

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STATE AVERAGES	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	192.99	185.23	165.59
350-400 lbs	193.12	188.98	165.63
400-450 lbs	187.07	182.31	161.24
450-500 lbs	181.16	179.74	158.06
500-550 lbs	174.82	170.67	151.81
550-600 lbs	173.66	166.59	153.47
600-650 lbs	168.77	165.70	145.94
650-700 lbs	162.19	162.55	141.89
700-750 lbs	156.38	151.84	134.81
750-800 lbs	155.06	154.40	128.95
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	163.44	161.83	140.00
350-400 lbs	162.02	162.40	139.44
400-450 lbs	161.94	158.76	140.76
450-500 lbs	156.49	155.97	139.31
500-550 lbs	153.75	149.21	135.41
550-600 lbs	148.65	146.77	130.92
600-650 lbs	144.21	142.97	128.95
650-700 lbs	138.83	138.21	126.11
700-750 lbs	130.42	131.05	119.62
750-800 lbs	127.59	128.27	114.47

WEELY COW SUMMARY

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	72.00-99.50	88.00-109.00	73.00-76.00
Boners	65.00-99.00	85.00-110.50	65.00-79.00
Lean	55.00-87.00	72.00-91.00	46.00-65.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1's	95.00-129.00	110.00-135.00	90.00-95.00

August 9, 2022

Columbia, TN

GOATS: 444

KIDS-Selection 1 40-47 lbs 315.00-320.00; 60 lbs 290.00; 75 lbs 265.00.

Selection 2 45-49 lbs 255.00-257.50; 60-63 lbs 250.00-255.00; 84 lbs 255.00.

Selection 2-3 110 lbs 240.00. Selection 3 47 lbs 240.00; 52 lbs 250.00; 65-68 lbs

LAMBS: 431

Wooled & Shorn-Choice and Prime 2-3 55 lbs 250.00. Hair Breeds-Choice and Prime 2-3 40 lbs 250.00; 50-55 lbs 220.00-260.00; 64-66 lbs 235.00-247.50; 72-76 lbs 240.00-257.50; 89 lbs 245.00; 90-95 lbs 210.00-220.00

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GRAINS

	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Corn	6.19-7.15	6.02-6.85	5.69-6.27
Soybeans	14.32-15.99	14.05-15.63	13.20-14.27
New Crop Wheat	7.20-8.11	7.04-7.88	6.71-7.34

WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER STEER M&L 1-2

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE (\$/CWT)

WEEKLY 400-600 LB FEEDER HEIFER M&L 1-2

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STATE OF TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY AT GAINESBORO NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: Don Meredith

Notice is hereby given that on the 81h day of August, 2022, Letter of Testamentary, in respect to the estate of Don Meredith deceased, who died 17th day of July 2022 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 the 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 8th day of August, 2022
Cory James Meredith, Personal Representative
Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master
Lee G. Richardson, Attorney for Estate
8-16, 8-23, 2TP

STATE OF TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY AT GAINESBORO NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: Janet Marie Kauffmann

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Lee G. Richardson, Attorney for Estate
8-16, 8-23, 2TP

STATE OF TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY AT GAINESBORO NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: James Allen Wilkinson

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of August, 2022, Letter of Administration, in respect to the estate of James Allen Wilkinson, deceased, who died April 23, 2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Jackson County, Tennessee.

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This 16th day of August, 2022.
Cameron Wilkinson, Personal Representative
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Matthew A. Jared, Attorney for Estate
8-23, 8-30 2TP

STATE OF TENNESSEE PROBATE COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY AT GAINESBORO NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF: Robert Mabry Meadows

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of August, 2022, Letter of Testamentary,

in respect to the estate of Robert Mabry Meadows, deceased, who died July 30, 2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Jackson County, Tennessee.

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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, October 18**, 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.

Joey Denson,
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- Assists customers with billing inquiries and service questions.
- Receives and processes incoming customer payments.
- Prepares corporate reports as needed.
- Assists with mass service orders when necessary.
- Provides office support for Customer Services as needed.
- Prepares mail-outs, as necessary.

The successful candidate will possess an understanding and knowledge of customer service with the ability to multitask and problem solve. The candidate must be a team player within the organization, with a commitment to excellence, integrity, and driven by results.

Qualifications:

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

Job Location:

Gainesboro TN

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

Applications for this position must be submitted on the Twin Lakes website at: <https://twinlakes.workable.com>. Questions can be directed to careers@twinlakes.net.

Online applications and resumes will be accepted until **September 2, 2022.**

Twin Lakes is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Blue Devils Lose In Dogfight



Give Me Room – Carter Collier looks for a lane to return the ball against the Bulldogs defense on Friday night Aug. 26.



I've Got It, No I've Got It – A Host of Blue Devils and Bulldogs fight for a fumble on Friday night in a game the Bulldogs beat the Blue Devils 40 to 0.



Here You Go – Bulldogs Quarterback Keaton Arms looks for a open player to pass the ball to.



I'll Get It – Briley Goolsby and Hyden Stacy both try to get the ball after a miss handled snap.



Stopped – A host of Blue Devils tackle a Clay County Player.



I'll Get Him – Eli Holloway tries to catch Joseph Marcom.

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PHARRIS CEMETERY DECORATION

McCoinsville Community Sunday, September 4
Board Members will be in attendance to answer any questions and to accept donations for the upkeep of the Cemetery.
If you can not attend please mail your donation to:
Bill Trisdale
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Homecoming Decoration at Pleasant Hill Cemetery Sun. Aug. 28, 2022

Gospel Meeting
Pleasant Hill Church of Christ
Aug. 28-31 (2022)
Sun. Morning: 10:15am Bible Study
11am Worship
Sunday night thru Wed. night (7pm each night)
Speaker: Bro. Kenneth Anderson
Song Leader: Joey Phillips
"Dinner on the Ground" at Noon at Pleasant Hill Church of Christ
Bring a covered dish and lawn chair , and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and good food.
Everyone Welcome!

THANK YOU

I want to give a **Big THANK YOU** to everyone who supported and voted for me in the Register of Deeds race. It was greatly appreciated.
Thank you very much,
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UPPER CUMBERLAND ELECTRIC

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84th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Fish Fry, Prizes, Music!
Saturday, September 10, 2022
Smith County Agricultural Center, 159 Ag. Center Ln. South Carthage, TN.
Registration - 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

Our tradition is back!

Music, food and door prizes will follow the business meeting.
Covered outdoor registration and dining areas will be provided.
We'll see you there!

Notice of the 84th Annual Meeting of the Members

Pursuant to Article III, Section 3.01 of the Bylaws of the Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation the Annual Meeting of the Members will be held **Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Smith County Agricultural Building, 159 Ag. Center Lane, South Carthage, TN.** This notice is given pursuant to Article III, Section 3.03 of the Cooperative's Bylaws. All members are urged to attend their annual meeting.

Alan Pippin, Secretary

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