

5th Annual North Springs Music Festival Held

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The North Springs Music Festival celebrated its fifth year this past weekend, October 10-12, featuring 27 performers over a 3-day span. Hundreds of music lovers traveled to Jackson County from 25 different states and 2 countries to be a part of this music festival, organized by Dustin Kennedy.

The festival began on Thursday with the official kickoff party at the Bull and Thistle Pub. Over 100 out-of-state and local ticket holders visited and shopped at Gainesboro's local businesses before the show.

On Friday and Saturday, the festival moved to Kennedy Farms in North Springs, where the hayfield was filled

with RVs, campers, food and shopping vendors, and music enthusiasts eager to see performances by Ward Davis, Them Dirty Roses, Whey Jennings, and Taylor Hunnicut. Kennedy noted an increase in attendance this year, attributing it to word-of-mouth buzz from last year's event. He remarked, "People and musicians alike appreciate coming here because it is a beautiful area, and the people are just friendly and easygoing folks who welcome them and show them so much love when they are in town. I always tell musicians, if you take a chance on this festival in the middle of nowhere, these people will be the most loyal fans you'll ever have. So far, that's been the case."

The North Springs Music Festival aims to be an affordable and laid-back event, offering 2-day passes for under \$100, with the option to bring your own chair and camp on-site. Pets are allowed, and children 12 and under enter free.

Kennedy expressed his commitment to keeping the festival accessible, saying, "The goal is to grow the festival each year without overcharging people, especially when so many are already struggling." He mentioned that last year, attendees came from 15 states, while this year saw visitors from 25 states. Many of the festival-goers had never heard of Jackson County or North Springs before, but they attended, spent

money locally, and are already asking about 2025. "That's a win for everyone," Kennedy

added.

As for 2025, plans for the sixth annual North Springs Music

Festival are already in motion, with dates to be announced in the coming months.



A NIGHT OF MELODIES – Attendees settle in for an evening of live performances at the North Springs Music Festival, set against the backdrop of scenic hills. Under a crisp autumn sky, festival-goers gather with chairs and blankets, enjoying the vibrant atmosphere and the sounds of local musicians. Illuminated by stage lights and glowing tents, the festival celebrates music, community, and the beauty of the outdoors in this intimate setting.

THC Announces Grant Funds

The Tennessee Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, has awarded 21 matching grants totaling over \$800,000 from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund to non-profits, municipalities, universities, and civic organizations across the state to support the preservation of historic and archaeological resources.

"The Federal Historic Preservation Fund grant program allows the Tennessee Historical Commission to assist communities with projects that document and preserve our state's significant historic properties. These projects are developed with care, supported locally through the required match, and show a true commitment to preservation," said Patrick McIntyre, State Historic Preservation Officer and Executive Director. The Federal Historic Preservation Fund reimburses 60 percent of the project costs with a 40 percent match of project funds from the grantee.

This year's grant awards include a wide variety of historic and architectural projects. Several projects this year continue previous efforts, such as the successful cemetery survey program in Nashville. Other grants will assist in funding preservation planners in seven of the state's development districts, while additional grants support projects like posters highlighting

the state's archaeology and the restoration of historic buildings.

One of the agency's grant priorities is for projects that are in Certified Local Governments, a program that allows the 50 enrolled communities to participate closely in the federal program of historic preservation. Certified Local Government communities are highly encouraged to apply, and for this round, each CLG community that applied was funded. Notable CLG grants include the development of downtown urban design guidelines for Clarksville/Montgomery County, the restoration of windows in the Lee School in Paris, and ongoing restoration of the Powell Law Office in Rogersville.

Additional priorities include projects that meet the goals and objectives of the Tennessee Historical Commission's plan for historic preservation. Properties using grant funds for restoration projects must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Applications for the next round of Federal Historic Preservation Fund grants will open in December 2024.

The Upper Cumberland Development District received \$35,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position.

For more information about the Tennessee Historical Commission and its programs, visit www.tn.gov/historicalcommission.

Gainesboro's Fall Festival Unites Community With Free Fun

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The town of Gainesboro was bustling this past Saturday, October 5, with the first annual Fall Festival. There was something for everyone to enjoy.

There were many things that made this a success and something amazing for the town. For most families, a festival or any sort of outing with the kids can be financially overwhelming and sometimes impossible, leading them to miss out. Thanks to three dedicated women, this festival was organized for the entire community to enjoy. No one had to miss out because they couldn't afford it, which is a rare and heartwarming occurrence. Tara at Gib-Flo Farms, Cheryl at Southern Mix, and Sheila at Roaring River Distillery coordinated many free activities for everyone. There was a Kids Zone with free games, a cake walk, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and even a scavenger hunt for adults, not to mention the wonderful live music. Additionally, a local rock artist held a free painted rock hunt with 50 rocks hidden around town and prizes for participants. For those who love to shop, many vendors lined the

sidewalks of the square. There were quite a few vendors because, once again, thanks to the efforts of these three women, there was no cost for set up.

As guests walked the streets, taking in the festivities, there was evident joy on both the children's and parents' faces. Instead of constantly having to say no due to financial constraints, families were able to say yes and enjoy many activities together, which can be uplifting for both heart and soul. Town residents spent time with one another, catching up on news and enjoying each other's company. The actors in period clothing were a wonderful reminder of the town's rich historical heritage.

The Jackson County Central Fire Department held its annual car show and fundraiser. They had a food truck (with awesome burgers) and a raffle. The festival helped draw more attention to their yearly fundraiser, although more support and funds are always welcome. There was also a free medical clinic set up, something much needed in the area.

Overall, there were many activities happening in this small town that brought people to-



FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL IN GAINESBORO FALL FEST – Sheila Hunt of Roaring River Distillery, Cheryl Forbes of Southern Mix, and Tara Baskin of Gib-Flo Farms hosted a lively Fall Fest for the community of Gainesboro, offering free pumpkins, games, face painting, and vendor setups. Timed alongside the Fire Department's Car Show, the event drew a large crowd, with plenty of smiles and laughter throughout the day. "It was a joy seeing everyone having so much fun," said Hunt. The Town of Gainesboro extends a heartfelt thanks to these local business owners for their efforts in making the event a great success.

gether in a joyous way. This event could become a much-welcomed tradition for years to come, hopefully becoming a permanent fixture on the town square.

With all the free activities, more people were able to join in the

fun, which also brought more visitors to local businesses. It was not only great for the local economy but also for the spirit of the community. Here's to hoping for an even more successful festival next year.



FIRST-EVER SPOOKTACULAR DECORATING CONTEST
What residence or business in the Jackson County community has the most Halloween spirit? This is our first-ever Spooktacular Decorating Contest, which will give bragging rights to the house or business with the best Halloween decorations. To be included in the contest,

submit a photo, address, your name and phone number via email to jcsentineloffice@twlakes.net by Oct. 15. Photos of decorated homes and businesses will be accepted through Oct. 15. After that date, follow the Jackson County Sentinel on Facebook for a photo album containing all of the spooktacularly-decorated locations in the county where community mem-

bers will cast their votes for their favorites. Voting will be open to the public through Oct. 25. The one with the most "love" on social media will be featured on the front page of the Oct. 29 edition of the JCS. Along the way, we will ask readers and followers to visit the submitted locations to judge firsthand for this friendly competition. Have fun decorating!



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Court & Crime



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Jackson County General Sessions Court Criminal Court Docket 10/10/2024 Judge Tiffany Gentry-Gipson Presiding

Aaron B. Key Sr. - Aggravated assault, false imprisonment, vandalism - >\$1,000-<\$2,500, reckless endangerment - discharge firearm into occupied habitat, accessory after the fact and disorderly conduct.
 Ryan Parsons - Disorderly conduct.
 Abigale Marie Bathke - Probation violation - booked - drug related.
 Jimmy Travis Buell - Domestic assault.

James Allen Cravens - Worthless checks - up to \$1,000.

Jordan M. Hewitt - Driving without license.

Jonathan T. Hewitt - Driving while license revoked due to conviction of DUI, open container and display of registration plates.

Candy Mullins - Driving while license suspended and display of registration plates.

Andrew Redman - Probation violation - booked.

Ricky Trisdale - Aggravated assault - domestic and child abuse/neglect/endangerment.

Aaron B. Key Jr. - Vandalism - >\$1,000 - <\$2,500, disorderly conduct and violation of order of protection/restraining order.

Elijah Meek - First degree murder - attempt, first degree murder - attempt - conspiracy, eight counts of reckless endangerment - discharge firearm into occupied habitat, contributing to delin-

Real Estate

Daniel Eli Smith and Lacy Smith to Michael Joseph Smit, Michael Jay Smith and Rose Smith, 12th District.

Scotty J. Vanderpool and Nichole Vanderpool to Shawn Bradley Chosewood and Shelby Chosewood, 12th District.

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Edward Borysiewicz and Gail Borysiewicz to Kelly Borysiewicz

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James Robert Devisee Montgomery, Frank Martin Devisee Montgomery and Meadows Montgomery AKA

Robert Mea to Keenan Douglas Kmiec

John Schmidt Mar-

tha Schmidt to Jason C. Cantrell, Jill C. Moore and The Jerry D. Cantrell, Irrevocable Trust, 11th District.

Robert Hall and Bambi A. Hall to James Bradshaw and Teresa Bradshaw, 10th District.

Nathaniel L. McCurdy, Managing Member to Samuel B. Sudhoff

Samuel B. Sudhoff to Jonathon D. Brown and Kyra D. M. Harvin

Roberto J. Fleites and Jeana L. Fleites to William L. Meyer

Tennessee Limited Liability Company to Paeton Cravens, 10th District.

Carolyn J. Olson to Mark A. Pullum and Cynthia S. Pullum, 9th District.

quency of a child and eight counts of aggravated assault.

John Sutton - DUI: second offense and implied consent - en-

hancement only.

Erika Waller - Aggravated assault and resist, stop, arrest, search (no weapon).

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Jackson County General Sessions Court Civil Court Docket 10/10/2024

Judge Tiffany Gentry-Gipson Presiding

Linda Emmanuella Proce VS Edmund Wayne Price - Divorce without minor children - No service.

Lisa C. Hall VS Roy O'Neil Hall - Order of Protection.

Editors Note: The Jackson County Sheriff's report is obtained from the Jackson County Sheriff's De-

partment and is a matter of public record. The Jackson County 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 Oct. 3, Aaron Brenton Key Sr. was arrested on warrants for false imprisonment, disorderly conduct, vandalism, reckless endangerment by discharge firearm, aggravated assault and criminal responsibility.

On Oct. 3, Aaron Key Jr. was arrested on warrants for vandalism, disorderly conduct and two counts of violation of order of protection (domestic).

On Oct. 5, Jason Robert Maynard was arrested on warrants for two counts of attachment for contempt nonsupport.

Tips To Take Care Of Your Skin

As the body's largest organ, skin is of the utmost importance to overall health. The skin protects against germs, regulates body temperature and enables tactile sensations, says the

Cleveland Clinic. Despite those vital functions, skin is easily overlooked in health care regimens.

Even though the skin is susceptible to aging just like every other part

of the body, there are steps everyone can take to maintain healthy skin throughout their lifetimes. Dermatologists, including those from the American Academy of Dermatology, share

tips on how to care for and protect the skin so it looks beautiful and functions properly.

- Use sun protection. One of the keyways to protect the skin is to protect it from the sun. Over time, sun exposure can cause age spots, wrinkles and elevate the risk for skin cancer. Always use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply generously and be sure to re-apply every two hours or more if you will be swimming or perspiring.

- Stay away from tanning beds. People mistakenly think that using tanning beds is safer than sitting out in the sun. However, tanning beds emit harmful UV radiation that can cause skin cancer just like the sun. The AAD says one indoor tanning session can increase the risk of developing melanoma by 20 percent. Use self-tanning products instead for a golden glow.
- Quit smoking or never begin. Smok-

ing makes the skin look older and contributes to wrinkles. Smoking narrows the tiny blood vessels in the outermost layers of the skin, decreasing blood flow to the skin and making the skin more pale, says the Mayo Clinic. Smoking also depletes oxygen in the skin and can damage collagen and elastin, the fibers that give skin its elasticity and strength.

- Avoid an overload of products. Many dermatologists suggest their patients stick to the basics daily, which includes a mild cleanser, moisturizer and sunscreen. Drinking plenty of water also helps the skin. Exfoliating the skin once a week can help remove dead skin cells, but don't overdo it, which can lead to excess oil production and breakouts.
- Select the right products for your skin type. Choose products that pertain to your skin type, which may be sensitive, normal, dry, oily, or a combination thereof.

- Don't forget the lips. Many people treat their entire faces but then do not address the skin on their lips. Skin cancer can form on the lips, so use a lip balm that has an SPF of 30 or higher. Petroleum jelly can add moisture to the lips if they feel dry.
- Visit a dermatologist. A dermatologist is an expert in many conditions of the skin, hair and nails. He or she can perform an annual examination to look at the entire body and determine the health of skin and identify any moles or spots that may be of concern.
- Check your own skin. People are advised to pay attention to their skin and look regularly for new spots; spots that are different from other spots on the body; moles that itch, bleed or change color; and any other things that seem not quite right.

Taking care of the skin throughout the years can help a person look and feel his or her best.

If you want to keep spooky spirits away, salt should do the trick

If you've watched any supernatural shows, you might notice that some characters use salt as a way to protect themselves against frightening spirits — and there's a pretty good reason why. Some say that salt acts as a "protective shield against evil spirits and malevolent entities" and has been a practice dating back to ancient times. Even if you're not a true believer, it can't hurt to sprinkle a bit on your doorstep should any unwelcome visitors stop by on Halloween night.

Jason Vorhees from Friday the 13th really did drown in the lake ... kind of

The villainous serial killer from the infamous Friday the 13th franchise remains at the bottom of a Minnesota lake in statue form. Diver Doug Klein constructed a Jason Vorhees statue, mask and all, made of plywood, bubble wrap and foam and had it placed 120 feet down in a water-filled mine pit known as Louise near Crosby, Minnesota. It's only able to be seen by the most advanced divers.

There's a city in South Carolina that renamed itself "Halloween"

According to The State, a newspaper published in Columbia, South Carolina, back in 2022 a city in Horry County called Conway announced that

for the month of October they would be renamed the "city of Halloween," in an effort to "boost tourism and economic development during the fall season." Since 2022, they have continued to do so every October, with each yearly celebration getting more and more festive by increasing the seasonal events, decor and activities all month long.

One in five adults usually pretend not to be home on Halloween

A 2021 YouGov poll found that about one in five adults (or 21% of participants) keep the porch lights off and pretend not to be home when the trick-or-treaters come knocking — a number that radio station WBIW alleges has increased since, with the number more accurately being reported as 25% percent in 2023.

"Trick or treat" was not necessarily the original phrase children would shout out to receive candy

Instead, kids would allegedly yell, "Belsnickel!". According to the Library of Congress, historians argue that the modern call originated from "belsnickeling," a German-American Christmas tradition where kids dressed in costumes and went around to their neighbors to see if they could guess the identity of those dressed up. In some versions, if the adults couldn't accurately guess, the children were rewarded with treats and goodies.

IF I HAD THREE (OR MORE) WISHES

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The political season is upon us. Two parties who want to shape the future of America, but each in their own way, have ramped up the rhetoric. Then, sadly a man attempted to assassinate the former president July 13. Since then, the nation has been abuzz! Everyone is talking. Social media has exploded. Everyone is sharing their opinions. Some are angry. Some are re-energized. Some wish the assassin had a better aim, while others seek retaliation.

Because I have very little interest in politics, maybe it helps to keep me from the fray. But as I stood from a distance this past week, I had these thoughts.

I wish more Christians would be as vocal about their Christianity as their politics.

I wish Christians who have the zeal to go door-to-door, campaigning for their political party, would have the zeal to go door-to-door, telling people about Jesus.

I wish more Christians would be willing to defend the doctrine of Christ like they defend their political platform and candidate.

I wish more Christians were as committed to going to worship as they are going to vote.

I wish more Christians would show more interest in heaven than they do in their nation.

I wish more Christians would realize their heavenly citizenship is far more important than their citizenship in the United States.

I wish more Christians would be more upset by someone committing sin than they are with someone who didn't vote.

In a congregation not far from where I preach, a brother in Christ dismissed the congregation where he worshiped with a prayer and closed the prayer by asking his favorite politician to "save us." Brethren, to ask for a politician to "save us" while speaking to the God of this universe is a demonstration of how some Christians have been blinded by politics!

Let's keep our heads (2 Timothy 4:5). Let's mind our manners (Matthew 7:12). Let's remember where our citizenship is (Philippians 3:20). Let's pray for our leaders to the end that we may be able to live a quiet and peaceful life (1 Timothy 2:1-2). And remember, we can't serve two masters (Matthew 6:24).

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Obituaries



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Marlene Sue McCarthy, 85
November 16, 1938 – October 3

Marlene Sue Jenkins McCarthy passed away on Thursday, October 3, at the age

of 85. She was born in Baltimore, Md., to Jacob W. Jenkins and Eleanor Pletzer Jenkins. She was a homemaker and attended Agape Worship Center.

She was preceded

in death by her parents, daughter Donna Cox, and sisters Betty Alfred and Patricia Jenkins.

She is survived by her sons, Tom (Stacy) McCarthy of Gaines-

boro and Paul (Chris) McCarthy of Merritt Island, Fla.; grandchildren Ryan, John, Allison, and Taylor; and seven great-grandchildren, along with other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 6, at 2 p.m. at Agape Worship Center, located at 882 County House Road in Livingston. Memorials may be made

to the Colon Cancer Research Foundation by contacting the funeral home. Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Lee Flatt, 86
May 14, 1938 – October 7

Anna Lee Flatt passed away on Monday, October 7, at the age of 86. She was born in Gainesboro to Jonah Smallwood and A.V.

Stafford Smallwood. She was a member of the Center Grove Church of Christ. On May 15, 1967, she married Roy Flatt, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage.

She was preceded

in death by her parents, brother James Smallwood, and sisters Joy Ann Smallwood, Jerline Stafford, Mary Nell Flatt, Nell "Fowler" Haney, and Juanita Smallwood.

She is survived by

her husband, Roy Flatt of Gainesboro; brother, Roy (Betty) Smallwood of Gainesboro; sister, Linda (Royce) Jenkins of Gainesboro; sister-in-law, Lorene Haney; and other family and friends.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, October 9, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and continue on Thursday, October 10, from 10 a.m. until the service. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 10,

in the chapel of Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Jimmy Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in Young Cemetery. Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ETHRA Announces Participation

The East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA) has announced that it will continue its participation in the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for the 2024-2025 school year. Through this program, ETHRA will provide nutritious meals to eligible children and adults at no charge. The program ensures that no individual is discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, following USDA guidelines.

Participating Schools in Jackson County.
The following sites in Jackson County will offer free or reduced-price meals:

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- Jackson County Middle – 190 Blue Devil Lane, Gainesboro, TN 38562
- Jackson County High – 170 Blue Devil Lane, Gainesboro, TN 38562

Meals are available to children without charge and will be provided in compliance with all USDA non-discrimination policies.

Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Households must meet the following income guidelines to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Income limits are based on the household size and total annual income.

Free Meals (130% Income Level)

- Household of 1: Annual income up to \$19,578, Monthly income up to \$1,632, Weekly income up to \$377.
- Household of 2: Annual income up to \$26,752, Monthly income up to \$2,215, Weekly income up to \$511.
- Household of 3: Annual income up to \$33,566, Monthly income up to \$2,798, Weekly income up to \$646.
- Household of 4: Annual income up to \$40,560, Monthly income up to \$3,380, Weekly income up to \$780.
- Household of 5: Annual income up to \$47,554, Monthly income up to \$3,963, Weekly income up to \$915.
- Household of 6: Annual income up to \$54,548, Monthly income up to \$4,546, Weekly income up to \$1,049.
- Household of 7: Annual income up to \$61,542, Monthly income up to \$5,129, Weekly income up to \$1,184.
- Household of 8: Annual income up to \$68,536, Monthly income up to \$5,712, Weekly income up to \$1,318.
- For each additional family member: Add \$6,994 to the annual income, \$583 to the monthly income, and \$135 to the weekly income.

Reduced-Price Meals (185% Income Level)

- Household of 1: Annual income up to \$27,861, Monthly income up to \$2,322, Weekly income up to \$536.
- Household of 2: Annual income up to \$37,814, Monthly income up to \$3,152, Weekly income up to \$728.

- Household of 3: Annual income up to \$47,177, Monthly income up to \$3,991, Weekly income up to \$919.
- Household of 4: Annual income up to \$57,720, Monthly income up to \$4,810, Weekly income up to \$1,110.
- Household of 5: Annual income up to \$67,673, Monthly income up to \$5,640, Weekly income up to \$1,302.
- Household of 6: Annual income up to \$77,626, Monthly income up to \$6,469, Weekly income up to \$1,493.
- Household of 7: Annual income up to \$87,579, Monthly income up to \$7,299, Weekly income up to \$1,685.
- Household of 8: Annual income up to \$97,532, Monthly income up to \$8,128, Weekly income up to \$1,876.
- For each additional family member: Add \$9,953 to the annual income, \$830 to the monthly income, and \$192 to the weekly income.

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Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Thank you, Fox Florist, for the beautiful flowers. You always do. Thank you, Jackson County Ambulance and Jackson County Sheriff Dept., for all the times you have come and picked Jimmy up and treated him with so much kindness. Thanks to my sister Linda and Summer Dennis for coming and doing it the times he would not let me call the Ambulance. Thanks to his wonderful Caregivers Randall Anderson and Tracy Terry. Thank you to my First Freedom Bank Family for all your kindness and understanding. Thanks to all the friends and neighbors for all the food, cards, flowers, donations and Prayers. Thanks to New Salem Church of Christ

for your Prayers, donations and feeding everyone. Thanks to Sycamore Church of Christ for all the flowers and food. Thanks to Jimmy Family for treated me like a sister. Thanks so much to Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home for your help and kindness, and for not running when the storm almost took down the tent just staying and getting soaked with the rest of us. Thanks, Daniel Garrison, for cutting the tree blocking the road to the church we were going to eat. Thank you, Earl Brazle Jr. for the Service. Please keep our family in your Prayers.

Anna Jean Ellis, Tracy, Tanna, Terry, Joey Ellis, Lucretia and Aspen

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3rd Saturday In October



Daniel Richardson, Publisher Richardson Media Group

On Saturday, Oct. 19, more than 100,000 fans will pile up on top of each other in Neyland Stadium to (hopefully) watch the Tennessee Vols get their sixth win of the season. The visiting team? The Crimson Tide.

Growing up in the '90s, I always wondered at my father's (and grandfather's) anticipation and anxiety over the game. From the time I turned six (in 1995), I

watched the Vols pummel the Tide seven years in a row, and they were never close games. So from my young frame of reference, I didn't see what the big deal was.

Then, in 2002, they came and beat us in Knoxville 34-14. I was in shock. They did it again in 2005, this time in Tuscaloosa. Then came the end of Phil Fulmer's coaching career and a decade-long drought for the Vols. The era of Kiffin, Doolley, Chaney Jones, and Pruitt. The Crimson Tide would eventually win 15 straight games over the Vols before our

home win 2 years ago.

Last year, we fell at Tuscaloosa 34-20 but now we're back on our turf. Last week's narrow win over Florida was not pretty, but at least it was a win. And dropping the game at Arkansas... we won't even go there. But at least it wasn't Vanderbilt. Alabama has a good program and they've still got some great athletes but I don't think they're better than Tennessee, and the home-field advantage that Neyland offers is second to none.

I'm very happy that after so many failed experiments with prom-

ising coaches, I think we've got a good one now. Josh Heupel, after 26 games, has already won more games than Jeremy Pruitt did in 35 games. Perhaps more important are the specific games he has won. He's the first UT coach since Phil Fulmer to beat Florida twice, and the first since Fulmer to beat Alabama at all.

So now, like my father and grandfather did, I eagerly await the third Saturday in October every year. My hope is that in a few years my son Ben (now 2 years old), wonder what the fuss is all about.

Reaching Out



by Freddy Groves

The holidays will be here soon, and not all of us will do well with getting through that time of the year. Whether it's the pressures of the social aspects of the season or financial worries or we're just not feeling it, sometimes it's all just a bit much. But we're not alone.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a website loaded with resources to help with all kinds of concerns. Go to www.va.gov/REACH challenges and scroll down to view the categories, such as life transitions, health challenges, feelings of depression and many more. Select up to three statements that describe what you're going through (examples are "I don't care about the things I used to care about" and "I don't have anyone I can ask for help"), then click the "All Done" button at the bottom.

What you get is a page of resources tailor-made for you. Start working your way through all of them. The

bottom line is that if you need support, the help is there. You're not alone. Sometimes the VA does things perfectly, and this website of resources is one of those.

On the flip side of the coin, perhaps you're doing extremely well and want to connect with fellow veterans who might need a bit of help. Buddy Check is a program that connects veterans. You'll take some short peer-to-peer training (a 34-minute video) and then pledge to reach out to 10 veterans. Although there is an official Buddy Check Week, there is no reason you can't reach out at other times of the year -- especially now with the holidays coming up.

Check out Together We Served, a.k.a. the Buddy Finder (www.togetherweserved.com), to hunt for veterans you served with, and reconnect with them. At this writing, the site has over 2 million veterans who've registered their profiles to make contact with other veterans. Together We Served also has a Facebook page, as well as an app on Google Play and the App Store.

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Rockin In Gainesboro

Juanita Ruiz, Contributing Writer

People of Jackson County may have noticed the appearance of painted rocks being left for anyone to find. These are called Kindness Rocks, they are meant to bring joy and or peace and comfort to the person that finds one.

I first heard about painted rocks 2 and a half years ago while I was dealing with colon cancer. I am a crafter and love to do many types of crafts and I love to draw and paint. While being sick and healing from major surgery I was not able to do much as far as my crafts but then I tried painting rocks and really enjoyed it. Many people across the U.S. paint rocks and leave them for people to find so I started leaving mine around

I will never forget the day I actually got to witness one of my rocks being found. I had left a rock outside Walmart in Cookeville. I noticed a family with 3 kids about to walk by the rock so my parents and I watched from the car to see if they would notice the rock. The boy who was about 7 yrs old was the first to see it. He picked it up and when

he saw what it was he got really excited. He showed it to his older sisters who joined in the excitement, they passed it around between each other and their parents. There was no bickering about only one of them finding it, that one rock alone was enough to bring that whole family some joy that day. Being a witness to that warmed my heart and brought so much joy to myself. Since I have started doing the rocks and leaving them for people to find I have heard quite a few touching stories where finding a rock helped someone get thru a tough day. One story someone had told me is how they had lost their adult daughter 3 years ago and she has really bad days where missing her daughter gets overwhelming. She was having a bad day and was out to pick up a few things from the store when she came up on one of the painted rocks. Finding the rock at that moment was like receiving a message from her daughter and it helped her to feel some peace that day. There are also people who have painted rocks gardens or who have recently started

one and they enjoy finding the rocks everywhere and they take them home and add them to their rock garden.

I have also started painting rocks to match the cover of books and leaving the matching rock and book sets in the little free library boxes at the park and in front of Headstart. I got this idea from a Facebook rock page I'm a member of. The purpose of the book and rock sets is to not only help get a child interested in reading but to also help spark and interest in art. Speaking of which, at this year's Keep or Treat I will be handing out book and rock sets along with candy. There will be books for all ages, young, preteen, young adult and adult.

I've told you some of how these painted rocks help other people now I want to tell you how it helps me. I have PTSD and a fragile emotional mind that can be real tough to live with on some days. Craft supplies can tend to be difficult to afford but I found rock painting easier to afford. My mom was a crafter and she also loved to paint. I lost her 2 years ago and when I'm

painting rocks I can feel her right there with me. Plus I have her ashes sitting on my art table so that helps too. Being able to give away the art I make and to witness some of the joy it brings to people has helped me find peace in my mind on rough days. Bringing joy and comfort to people with my art gives me a sense of self worth. It helps me to feel like I'm contributing something to our county when I financially or physically am not able to do much.

No one knows how such a simple gesture could help someone having a bad day. Something as simple as a smile or a kind word or even finding a painted rock laying on a bench or sidewalk could mean the absolute world to someone on that day, or maybe even just that moment. The smallest of kindness could change a person's world even stronger than we could think possible. So please think about spreading kindness as you go about your day. The smallest of kindness may not only help someone else but it just may warm your heart and help you.

To everyone, have a kind day and happy rock hunting.

Americanisms



"In October, a maple tree before your window lights up your room like a great lamp."

— John Burroughs

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Dear Editor...

To Tennessee Governor Bill Lee

Money for Tennessee
Tennessee's "Winner Take All" for our 17 Electoral College Votes, has and is costing Tennessee millions of dollars. To win the Presidential Election you only have to win the 6 "swing states". This November there will, most likely, be over a billion dollars spent in those "swing states", mostly on advertisements. Tennessee will receive little to none of that money. Why would the Democrats advertise in Tennessee, they would get nothing. Why would the Republicans advertise in Tennessee, they already have what they want.

If you went to the RNC in Wisconsin you clearly could see that Nashville is a better place for such a convention. Wisconsin is a "Swing State" Tennessee is not.

If Tennessee divided

its 17 electoral votes according to who got what percent of the popular vote, Tennessee would be a "Swing State" with all the money "Swing States" get.

Our "Winner takes all" policy needs to end. It would benefit

our economy, our people and our Democracy.

My wife, of 60 years, and I are both retired Fentress County educators, both in our mid 80's. Barbara Nell & Randy Dayhuff,

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DEVOTIONAL

WANDERING EYES AND DISTRACTION

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. — Proverbs 4:25-26

Just recently, my family was in a store, and we went in different directions. My son was with me, and he was looking at all the interesting things that the store had on the shelves to distract him. As we continued to walk, he lingered behind as I rounded a corner.

As I turned the corner, I realized that he wasn't with me. I turned around and went back to where we were. That's where I found him. Completely distracted by something that made noise on the shelf. He never realized that I had continued to walk away. As I approached, he saw me out of the corner of his eye and realized he was almost left behind.

There are moments in life when we all become distracted. The world has a way of putting shiny things in front of us. Things that cause us to lose focus and perhaps lose sight of our walk with God. These verses in Proverbs are a reminder about our eyes wandering and being distracted by the world.

While we can be distracted, it becomes much more difficult when our eyes are fixed on God. When our focus is on Him, and we are committed to walking with Him, we can ignore the things the world puts in front of us.

What has your eyes wandering today, causing you distraction? Are the noisy distractions of the world catching your attention and causing you to lose your closeness to God? Today is a great day to regain your focus, reaffirm your path, and ask God to help you manage the distractions.

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

700 LEFTIES!

ALTHOUGH MODERN BASEBALL HAS PRODUCED SOME AMAZING LEFT HANDED PITCHERS WHO THREW WITH EXTREME ACCURACY, SUCH AS LEFTY GROVE, WHITEY FORD, CARL HUBBEL, JOHNNY VANDER MEER, SANDY KOUFAX, IT CAN'T MATCH THE BIBLE'S SEVEN HUNDRED "LEFTY" SLING SHOOTERS!

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NEXT WEEK: MONEY IN THE MOUTH OF A FISH?!

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

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Lifestyles

The Goblin In The Rose Garden

By Renae Callahan & Zoral B. Stephens
Chapter 12

It's the middle of the night but I find myself just lying in bed staring up into the darkness with my mind racing and my thoughts all over the place. I have whispers of memories from both Dylan and Phillip, both just distant echoes as if trying to tell me something, but I can't seem to understand what they are saying. Then there is the photo of a man lying in an ally with a rose in his mouth. I can't seem to get it out of my mind. The coroner believes it was an overdose, but why was the rose in his mouth. Once again, a coincidence? I don't think so. In all my years working crimes, only in these past few weeks have I seen roses left like calling cards. The Goblin killed that man, I'm sure of it. But why?



Did he just find the next available target because he needed someone to give the rose to since he hadn't been able to leave it with me? Am I the reason for another innocent life being taken so cruelly?

Sleeping in a strange bed isn't helping. I miss my bed. I guess I'm just a homebody at heart, I want my own things around me, my comfortable bed and pillow, and the peace of knowing I am home and safe. Will I ever have that feeling again? So many questions, and as usual no answers.

As I reach over to turn on the bedside lamp I hear a soft noise outside my window. Leaving the light off, I slide softly down to the side of the bed, straining my ears for any other sounds. When I don't hear anything, I slowly scoot my way over to the window and carefully open the edge of the curtain just enough to peek out, and there on the windowsill is a red rose. I jump up, grab my weapon and run to Mason's room, bang once on the door and then head straight to the kitchen to head out the back door but my common sense finally kicks in before I open it.

I stop and wait for Mason who I hear running down the hall. "He was here," I tell him quietly. "He was outside my window just a few minutes ago."

Mason quickly makes a call and then says, "You know we can't just run out there without knowing if he has set a trap for us, remember the cabin." He tells me softly. "Backup is coming, and we'll figure out what's going on."

I can only nod in agreement. He had

wired the cabin, what if he wired the back door? What if he is sitting out there waiting to pick us off if we run out of the house? I slowly sink down to the floor in front of the cabinets out of sight of the windows and Mason comes and sits down beside me.

"What happened?" He asks.

"I couldn't sleep and was just about to turn on the light and start looking at files when I heard a noise outside my window. So, instead of turning on the light I crawled off the bed and scooted to the window and peeked out the edge of the curtain, and there on the windowsill was a red rose." I explain quickly. "I didn't see anyone, no shadows, no running figures, nothing. But I know he was here."

Mason shook his head, "How could he know which room you are in Samantha? You didn't even know which room you would be in until you arrived."

His words hit me like a ton of bricks. He had to have a tracker on me, somewhere in the things I carry daily, there was no other explanation. I look over at Mason and the realization seems to have hit us both at the same time. I look down at my hands, I don't have rings on, all I have is my watch I wear all the time, and it is on the bedside table in the bedroom I was sleeping in. The only other thing I carry with me all the time is my phone, I don't even carry a purse most of the time because it just gets in the way.

Mason's cell phone rings and an officer gives him the "all clear". Just then there's a knock at the front door and we both head to answer it. A

detective comes in with a clear plastic evidence bag with just the red rose inside, there is no note, nothing else. After discussing the nights events with the detective, we both went to my room and looked at my watch. Mason carefully removed the back and there inside is what looks like a film barrier, without removing it, Mason carefully puts the back on the watch again and we sit it back on the table and leave the room.

"Okay, so how did he get access to your watch?" Mason says quietly. "When do you take it off?"

"I only take it off when I shower and when I go to bed", I answer trying to think of any other time it is out of my sight. "Every once in a while, if I am going out on a case at night and leave from the office, I will leave it in my desk because I don't want the light reflecting off of it to give my position away." I finish.

But you always lock your office, right?" Mason asks me.

"Of course," I respond. "There is no way anyone would break into the office and plant something in my watch," I exclaim. "That would be crazy!" But then again, so is the idea that someone could come into my room with me sleeping and put a tracker in my phone or do so with me in my bathroom shower. Nothing makes sense to me anymore.

The Goblin, feeling absolutely smug, walks quietly down the street, cloaked in the serene anonymity of night.

"Time is on my side," he sings, thinking of how he'd tracked Sam

down. "She thinks she can escape me. The fool! I can follow you little girl. I have followed you and you've never been the wiser... not until I revealed myself to you."

The Goblin pulls his phone out of his pocket. His finger hovers over the glowing screen, tapping his photo gallery. At the top of the gallery are three photos of an unassuming red rose lying on an even more unassuming windowsill. "I wonder when she'll find her little gift. I wish I could have left a note, but you'll know who it's from, won't you, Sam? You may not know my face, but you know my signature, don't you?" He sighs, and scrolls to the next photos, these photos, 4 in total, are of the man in the alley with the rose in his mouth. "Um, I don't know what I was thinking when I took these photos. You're getting sloppy. Tokens are one thing, but digital evidence...nope." The Goblin deletes all the photos on this phone. He opens the back of his phone, removes the SIM card and drops it into sewer grate. "All gone, all clean, all washed away."

The Goblin continues on and arrives at his sanctuary. He slips into the comfort of his rose garden. His looks at all the pictures on his walls and his notebooks that are filled with details of lives and deaths, delicious details that bring him joy and remind him of the power he possesses. He's devoured many to garner this power and he's taken on the role as caretaker of their lives, the scattered pieces of the lives they left behind. It is a role that he relishes.

"You're a part of me," he smiles and turns the light out.

Calendar of Events

October 2024

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Holidays

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

Disability Mentoring Day 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Location: TRC Smyrna, 460 Ninth Avenue, Smyrna, TN 37167

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual, via Microsoft Teams Meeting
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How to Register:

Go to <https://shorturl.at/PshDj> to register.

For more information, contact Tanika M. Arms via email at Tanika.M.Arms@tn.gov.

Note: This event is designed to empower individuals with disabilities as they embark on their employment journey

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Oct. 22 – Lego Club – 3p.m.
Chess Club – 4p.m.
Oct. 24 – Story Hour 3p.m. – 4p.m.
Oct. 29 – Lego Club – 3p.m.
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* On Oct. 22, 1797, the first parachute jump of note was made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin from a hydrogen balloon 3,200 feet above Paris.

* On Oct. 23, 1998, Dr. Barnett Slepian was shot to death inside his home in Amherst, New York, by anti-abortion radical James Charles Kopp. His killing marked the fifth straight year that an abortion-providing doctor in upstate New York and Canada became

the victim of a sniper attack. Kopp, whose defense argued that he only intended to wound Slepian, was convicted of second-degree murder in 2003.

* On Oct. 24, 1969, movie star Richard Burton dazzled his wife, actress Elizabeth Taylor, with a 69-carat Cartier diamond ring costing a cool \$1.5 million after she responded to his allegation that her hands were large and ugly by

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4A
Ms. Natalie Class
 All A's
 Anthony Kangiser and Gabriel Shelby
 All A's and B's
 Andrew Crisp and Aryanna Handy

4B
Mrs. Janet Allen Class
 All A's
 Aniyah Withers, Ember Betsworth, Grayson Brown and Trinity Wilson
 All A's and B's
 Linda Demicais, Brayden Ballentine, Isabella DeCotes and Anson Kenyon

4C
Hope Sabin Class
 All A's
 John Gartung, Clella Marshall and Logan Reynolds
 All A's and B's
 Journey Balles, Garrett Dukes, Jordyn Locke and Emma McGarvey
 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Garrett Dukes, Samira Goolsby, Clella Marshall, Ariel Nicholson, Jamie Pippin, Zeldia Strong and Weston Taylor

4D
Tracy Terry Class
 All A's
 Talon Kerley, Janiya Smith and Marissa Stone
 All A's and B's
 Myla Brannon, Cameron Buck, Abigail Bynum, Elijah Clowers, Aubreigh Hall, M.J. Richardson and Jori Willingham

Perfect Attendance for Year
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5th Grade
5A
S. Bowman Class
 All A's
 Emmalyn Young, Hunter MaHaney and James Jones
 All A's and B's
 Charles Thaxton, Wyatt Smith, Arianna Smallwood, Kaylin Pigg, Emma McWhirter, Alana Goolsby, Ariella Dowis and Nikki Aquilar
 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Wyatt Smith, Alana Goolsby, Ariella Dowis, Cheyanne Fox and James Jones

5B
Michelle Leonard Class
 All A's
 Allison Baker, Avery Birdwell, Ryder Crabtree and Jaycie Lynn
 All A's and B's
 Mia Burton, Maddox Donovan, Braden Lambert, Ava Thomas, Hudson Smith and Molly Reece
 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Allison Baker, Amara Barlow, Avery Birdwell, Hudson Smith and Ava Thomas

5C
Mrs. Kelsey Wilkerson Class
 All A's and B's
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 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Brieyaunna Chaffin - Houghtaling, Phillip Frady, Hunter Hughes, Madelyn Martin and Marcel Workings

5D
Mrs. Amie Halfacre Class
 All A's
 Lily Bartholomew
 All A's and B's
 Katie Foster, Izzy MacFarquhar, Jocelyn Pippin, Clay Price, Katie Rea, Harley Tool-ey and Emilie West
 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Lily Bartholomew, Clay Price and Katie Rea

6th Grade
6A
Pam Meadows Class
 All A's
 Cecilia Chaffin, Dean Reece and Madison Spivey
 All A's and B's
 Shaiann Macken and Xander Roysden

6B
Cason Allen
 All A's
 Elena Brown, Nadya Macklin, Joleigh Miller, Paxton Sarell and Isabella Stojadinov
 All A's and B's
 Briella Hix and Madlyn Scantland

6C
Katie Nolan Class
 All A's
 Don Korgan and Chloe Leigh
 All A's and B's
 Kaitlynn Sosbe
 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Brayden Kelly, Dannie Locke, Connor Sappington and Marley Sircy

6D
Jessica Eaton Class
 All A's
 Waylon Adams
 All A's and B's
 Eli Ford, Millie Meadows and Maylee Scantland

Perfect Attendance for Year
 Sadie Korgan, Daren Highland, Eli Ford and Waylon Adams

7th Grade
Lindsey McGarvey Class
7A
 All A's and B's
 Liam Babb, Colton Bull-ock, Sandra Demicais and Tatymn Netherton
 All A's and B's
 Trinity Buck, Bailey Collins, Zayden Crum, Kayden Elkins, Ella Harp, Kierra Kennedy, Izaiah Rowe, Bailey Stafford and Kayley Watso
 Perfect Attendance of Year
 Trinity Buck, Ella Harp and Bailey Stafford

7B
Kevin Reynolds Class
 All A's
 Reice Woodin, Acelynn Shockley, Krelee Letterman, Benton Fields, Hollyn Clowers and Karragan Stafford
 All A's and B's
 Liam Wilkinson, Paisleigh Ward, Angel Spivey, Jax Shanks, Matthew Martin, Isabella Flowrney and Trinity Dyer

7C
Randy Barlow Class
 All A's
 Preslee Anderson, Willow Clinard, Alena Kennedy, Evie Mae Sams, Clara Womack and Winter Young
 All A's and B's
 Bailey Mikel, Jake Rice, JaNa Watts and Bentley Wilkerson

7D
Mrs. Reynolds Class
 All A's
 Piper Leigh, MaKenzie Lynn, Pippa Pope, Waylon

Price and Natasha Shelby
 All A's and B's
 Shelby Eldridge, Karleigh Goolsby, Jaxson Head, Chloe Stafford, Lyza Thomas and Rylan Watson
 Perfect Attendance for Year
 Karleigh Goolsby, Rylan Watson, MaKenzie Lynn and Pippa Pope

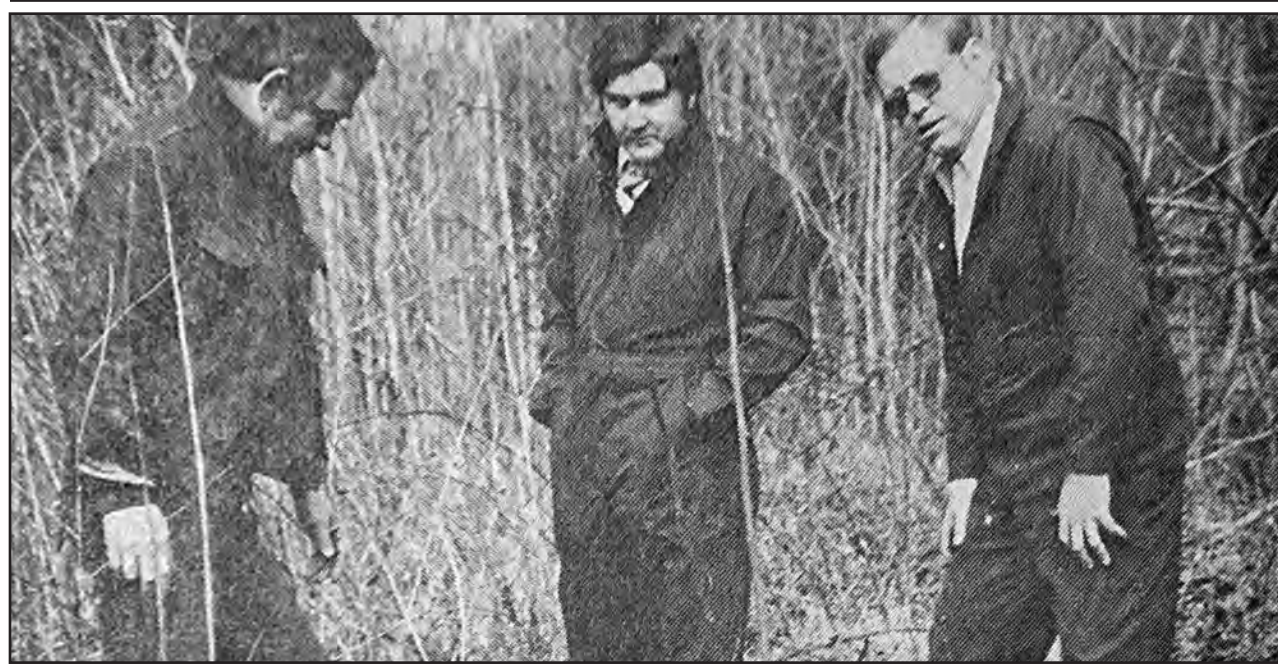
8th Grade
William Mayfield Class
8A
 All A's
 Hyde Myers and Amellia Trew Highland
 All A's and B's
 Alyssa Hamm, Marli Woodin, Adison Ledford, Brayden Jones and Colin Gartung

8B
Amanda Harris Class
 All A's
 Lorelei Hassell and Adalynn Hamlet
 All A's and B's
 Tori Price, Issac Pelayo, Kaylee Haney, Scarlet Gilliam, Arlyn Colyer and Jayden Elkins

8C
Mrs. Pittman Class
 All A's
 Rose Crawford
 All A's and B's
 Addyson Stacy, Ariana Williams and Sarahi Paralta

8D
Toni Bowman Class
 All A's
 Trajan Brown, Ruby Crawford and Connor Half-acre
 All A's and B's
 Sadie Brown, Colton Halfacre, Noen Kutrich and Lizzy Russell

A Week In Jackson County History



BANK ROBBERY LOOT - TBI Agents Tom Moore, Donn Clark and Larry O'Rear stand around the army duffle bag containing the reported \$7,800 stolen from the Granville bank last Friday. The bag is shown where it was found Monday and where it had apparently lain since shortly after the robbery. The bag, with some identification on it, also contained guns of a similar description to those used in the holdup. The bag was found near the Martin's Creek Road which the bandits are believed to have used as they fled the robbery scene. The bandits apparently either threw the bag into the tall grass and brush as they passed or stopped deliberately to place the bag where it was found while intending to return to pick it up, officers said.

Police Find Granville Bank Money in Woods
 The money from the Granville bank robbery along with guns and other items believed used in the robbery were found Dec. 16 near a rural road believed used by the bandits in their getaway in rural Jackson County. Tennessee Bureau of Identification Agents Tom Moore, Larry O'Rear, Donn Clark and David Blackwell called a press conference Dec. 19 to announce that they had found the items and have turned them over to the FBI for testing. The agents said the money was found about 18-feet off the Martin's Creek Road in an army

duffle bag along with guns similar to those described by Granville bank employees as having been used in the holdup. The agents said that the bag did have some identification on it and appears to be a clue in the case in which they have developed some suspects. Reports indicate that the duffle bag was not used inside the bank. Agent O'Rear said the money and guns were found about six miles from the place where the car used in the robbery was abandoned at Trinity Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The agents declined

to say how much money was found in the bag but said it was a similar amount to the amount taken from the bank. Earlier in the week, a source placed the total taken at \$7,808. O'Rear said the bag, guns and other items were not covered with brush or buried but were in a concealed area. He said the items could have been thrown there or hastily placed there. The items are thought to have been placed there the day of the robbery. Moore attributed the find "to real good police work." Moore said the FBI is leading in the investiga-

tion and they are hoping to make some arrests in the case any day. The Granville branch of the Jackson County bank was robbed by two masked men armed with automatic weapons. Bank employees were ordered to lie on the floor as the bandits emptied cash drawers into money bags and fled. As they were leaving the scene, the bandits fired an automatic weapon into a grocery store next to the bank, knocking out the front door glass but without hitting anyone without bullets. The same bank was robbed of about \$10,000 in April of 1973. The case has not been solved.



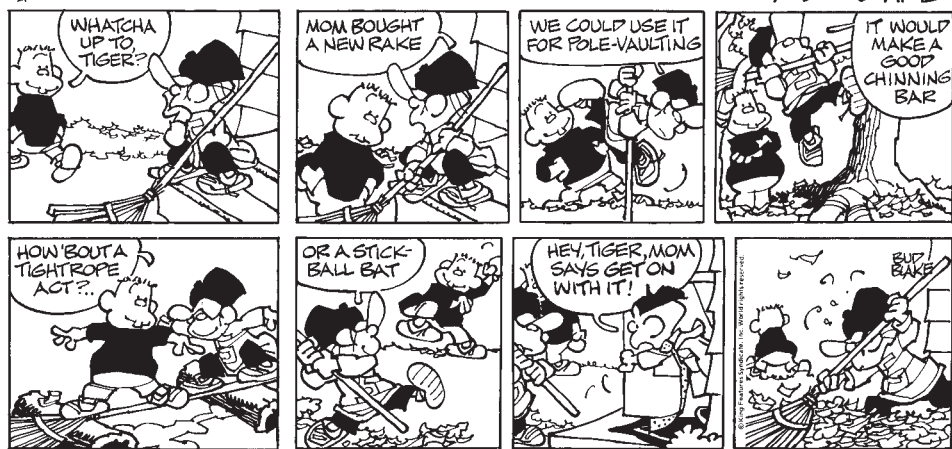
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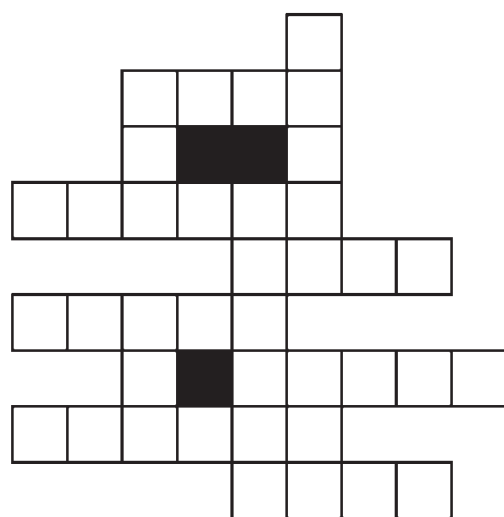


FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- PLI
- AFRACE
- ♥ LENIA
- ♥ TAMO
- XIRPEE
- ARO
- NYEV
- LEXMY
- PTE
- OFRAME
- ARPOE
- APLO



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

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King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12			13				14			
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38	39	40			41			42	43	44
45				46				47		
48				49				50		
51				52				53		

- ACROSS**
- "Kapow!"
 - Makes a choice
 - Release money
 - Actress Merkel
 - Boyfriend
 - Celestial bear
 - MSNBC rival
 - Lawman Wyatt
 - Some HDTVs
 - James Caan's role in "The Godfather"
 - Shoe width
 - Aachen article
 - Tire pattern
 - LBJ's successor
 - Faux —
 - Shower bar?
 - Chart format
 - Cauldron
 - Hit show letters
 - Symbol of freshness
 - HBO rival
 - Serena, to Venus
 - Grammy-winning Shawn Colvin song
 - Exotic berry
 - Eventful periods
 - Actor Harrison
 - Brisk pace
 - Vogue rival
 - Microwave
 - Curly cabbage
 - Ken or Barbie
 - Oklahoma tribe
 - Heeded
 - Quiet partner?
 - Tropical tuber
 - Paramount
 - President Martin Van —
 - Not pizzicato
 - "This — outrage!"
 - Zap with a beam
 - Tide variety
 - Author Yutang
 - Recipe abbr.
 - Kanga's kid
 - Have dinner
 - Carnival city
 - Luau dish
 - Gore and Pacino
 - Farm pen
 - "Continue!"
 - Prepare potatoes
 - Bashful
 - Truck fuel
 - Marsh bird
 - Lowercase
 - Bag
 - Pac-12 team
 - Hammer target
 - Woody's son
 - Rice-shaped pasta
 - Vegan's no-no
 - Big fair, for short

Sticklers

There are 10 names of U.S. presidents hidden in the figure below — vertically, horizontally and diagonally. Can you find them?

D	D	J	A	P	L	T	R
L	R	E	V	O	O	H	N
E	O	C	E	L	I	C	O
I	F	E	H	K	A	W	S
F	M	O	N	R	O	E	K
R	N	O	T	N	I	L	C
A	A	E	T	A	P	T	A
G	R	E	A	G	A	N	J

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Acute HARPS

Mince GATER

Hinder MISTEY

Growl LUMBER

TODAY'S WORD

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CRYPTOQUIP

I have a snazzy new grizzly-shaped area rug, but I keep avoiding it. It's a bear to walk on.

answer

Sticklers Answer

9	6	12	7
5	10	8	11
4	3	13	14
16	15	1	2

Even Exchange

- Patch, Patch
- Lofly, Lofly
- Later, Lager
- Blanch, Branch
- Mitten, Kitten
- Walter, Halter
- Scour, Scout
- Thread, Threat
- Carbon, Carton
- Adapt, Adopt

SCRAMBLERS

1. Elegant; 2. France; 3. Year; 4. Fittle

Today's Word

TRYING

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

1. Depart	___ _ _ V _ _	Rental agreement	___ _ _ S _ _
2. Perry Mason's job	L _ _ _ _ _	Twain character	S _ _ _ _ _
3. Lure	___ _ _ C _ _	All-inclusive	___ _ _ R _ _
4. Lead the way	___ _ _ D _ _	Pretext	___ _ _ S _ _
5. Carpeting option	___ E ___ _ _	Men's hair stylist	___ A ___ _ _
6. Afternoon tea cake	___ O ___ _ _	Play division	___ _ _ E ___ _
7. Not asleep	___ _ _ K _ _	Conscious of	___ _ _ R ___ _
8. Prom dress	___ _ _ _ _ L	Configure	___ _ _ _ _ T
9. Rah! Rah! Rah!	C _ _ _ _ _	Gossamer	S _ _ _ _ _
10. Chef's garment	_ _ P _ _ _ _	Ohio city	_ _ K _ _ _ _

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	8	6			9			3
	2		6		7			
4				5				9
2			3	6				5
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					7	3		
		5			1	2		
	3		4					6
1				7				9

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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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals L

HGDV QFRBDQ MFJD RO HPLG
F KMGDJD LT CQPJCQFJ GPK
MTJDWX OFBLVDB, PL HFK F
CTTQ-GFBWX OQFV.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAYS CALORIES ARE JUST A MADE-UP NUMBER ON PACKAGING.

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"Well, are you going to ask him for directions or not?"

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Sports

Blue Devils Fall To Smith County, Eyes Set on Playoffs

Matthew Stafford
Staff Writer

On Friday, October 11, the Jackson County Blue Devils were defeated by Smith County in a critical Class 2A, Region 4 matchup. The Owls secured a 35-14 victory, dealing Jackson County their second region loss of the season. With this defeat, the Blue Devils' record stands at 5-3 overall and 1-2 in region play as they look to finish the season strong and make a push for the playoffs.

Jackson County's starting quarterback, Skyler Stacy, a junior, has been a key component of the team's offense throughout the season. In the game against Smith County, Stacy displayed his dual-threat ability but faced relentless pressure from the Owls' defense. The Blue Devils struggled to establish momentum, although Stacy had some bright moments both in the air and on the ground. Despite Stacy's efforts, Smith County's offense overpowered the Blue Devils, scoring

35 points and dominating the second half.

Throughout the season, Stacy has accumulated 304 passing yards and 295 rushing yards, showcasing his versatility. He has thrown for 4 touchdowns and rushed for 7 touchdowns over six games. His leadership on the field has helped the team secure several key victories earlier in the season, including a 42-0 win over Pickett County on October 4, in which he passed for 72 yards and scored a touchdown.

Skyler Stacy (Jr., QB) – Stacy has emerged as a dual-threat quarterback, passing for 304 yards and rushing for 295 yards this season. His 11 total touchdowns (4 passing, 7 rushing) have been crucial in leading the Blue Devils to their 5-3 record.

Brady Smith (Sr., WR) – A senior wide receiver, Smith has been one of Stacy's top targets, consistently helping move the chains.

Joseph Roland (Sr., DL) – Roland has been a defensive leader, play-

ing a key role in anchoring the Blue Devils' defense.

Region 4 Standings

Westmoreland (3-0)
East Robertson (2-1)
Jackson County (1-2)

Smith County (1-2)
Monterey (0-3).
Looking Ahead

The Blue Devils will have their bye-week on Friday, October 18, then the Blue Devils will have two games remaining in the regular season, including a critical matchup against Monterey on October 25. A

win could bolster their region standing and improve their chances of securing a playoff spot. As they prepare for the final stretch, Skyler Stacy and the rest of the team will look to bounce back from the loss to Smith County and finish the season on a high note.

Jackson County has shown resilience throughout the year, and their dynamic offense, led by Stacy, will need to continue performing if they hope to make a deep postseason run.

Vols Take Down Gators In Overtime, 23-17

Dylan Sampson ran for three touchdowns, including the decisive blow in overtime, as No. 8/9 Tennessee overcame a double-digit third-quarter deficit to stave off Florida, 23-17, on Saturday evening in front of a sold-out Checker Neyland crowd of 101,915.

The Vols (5-1, 2-1 SEC) trailed 10-0 midway through the third quarter before scoring 17 unanswered points to seize the lead with just under 10 minutes remaining in the contest. Florida (3-3, 1-2 SEC) evened it up at 17 with 29 seconds left and came up empty on its first possession in overtime, setting the stage for UT's first walk-off victory since defeating No. 3/1 Alabama, 52-49, in regulation here on Oct. 15, 2022.

On the game-winning drive, quarterback Nico Iamaleava found tight end Holden Staes for three yards, Sampson carried for eight yards, Iamaleava connected with receiver Dont'e Thornton Jr. for 11 yards and Sampson carried for two yards before plowing up the middle for one more to ignite a raucous celebration as well as

the orange-hued fireworks launched into the night sky.

Sampson finished the night with 112 yards on a career-high 27 carries. It marked the fifth time in six appearances this year that the junior running back had scored multiple touchdowns on the ground, including the third time he has posted at least three rushing scores.

Defensively, Tennessee came up with big plays at opportune times to prevent the Gators from adding to their lead. Contributing to that effort were a pair of turnovers forced and fourth-down stops, 12 tackles for losses (by 12 players) and three sacks. Safety Christian Charles, LEO Joshua Josephs, STAR Boo Carter and LEO James Pearce Jr. all recorded seven tackles each, with Carter posting a sack and 1.5 TFLs; Joseph 1.5 TFLs and a pass break-up; Pearce a half sack, TFL, forced fumble and fumble recovery; and Charles a TFL. Defensive tackle Omarr Norman-Lott also was credited with 1.5 sacks along with two tackles.

After forcing Tennessee to punt on its second

drive of the game, the Gators took possession at their own 49 and drew first blood. They took 10 plays to move to the UT 24 before Vol defensive tackles Omari Thomas and Bryson Eason stuffed running back Jadan Baugh for a four-yard loss on a third-and-one carry. Trey Smack came on and boot-ed a 42-yard field goal with 3:15 remaining to provide Florida a 3-0 lead it would carry into the locker room at the half.

The Vol defense made several crucial plays in the second quarter to end UF drives and keep their team within striking distance. Cornerback Rickey Gibson III dropped receiver Eugene Wilson III on a fourth-and-one jet sweep to end a drive with 8:16 to go at the UT 18. Pearce later wrestled the ball loose from UF quarterback Graham Mertz and recovered to extinguish a threat at the UT one. Then, just before the half, Norman-Lott and Carter sacked Mertz for a 10-yard loss. Due to a penalty-induced runoff, time expired before the Gators were able to salvage a field goal.

Florida padded its

lead with 7:18 remaining in the third frame, with Mertz hitting tight end Arlis Boardingham for a 13-yard touchdown reception. Smack's PAT made the score 10-0 Gators.

The Vols delivered a much-needed offensive response on the next series. Facing a fourth-and one at the Florida six, Sampson burst through the line and spun his way into the end zone to cap an 11-play, 75-yard drive and get the Big Orange on the board. Max Gilbert's extra point trimmed the deficit to 10-7 with 2:57 to go in the third.

On Florida's ensuing possession, reserve quarterback DJ Lagway attempted a pass on the first play from scrimmage. UT linebacker Arion Carter was in position to haul in

his first career interception, returning it 15 yards to the Gator 20. After the Vols' drive stalled, Gilbert came on to drill a 35-yard field goal and even the score at 10 with 1:37 to go in the third period.

After the Big Orange defense yet again stymied the Gators, Tennessee got great field possession at the Florida 29 following a 17-yard Jermod McCoy return of a Florida punt out of its own end zone. Two plays later, Sampson scampered 23 yards off right tackle into the check-erboard and gave the Vols their first lead of the night. Gilbert's PAT made it 17-10 with 9:42 to go.

Facing third and 19, Florida countered with 29 seconds remaining in the game, as Lagway found receiver Chimere Dike

open across the middle for a 27-yard touchdown pass. Smack's PAT evened the score at 17, and that's the way regulation play ended.

Florida got the ball first in overtime and came up empty on its possession, as Smack's 47-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right. The Vols, however, made their opportunity count, as Sampson punctuated a five-play drive with a one-yard plunge to send the Tennessee fans home happy.

Tennessee is back at home next weekend on the 19th of the month, as #7/7 Alabama comes to Rocky Top for the traditional "third Saturday in October" showdown. The game is slated to kick at 3:30 p.m. and will be televised on ABC.

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Court House, P.O. Box 342, Gainesboro, TN 38562 within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

This the 26th of September, 2024.

David Wayne Luck, Personal Representative
 Sherrie Pippin-Loftis, Clerk and Master
 Lee G. Richardson, Attorney for Estate
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 County, Tennessee, Defendants
 Case No. 2024-DTC

It appearing from the bill in this case, which is shown to, that Millard Kenneth Brown, Reva Elliott, Phillip Gentry, Myrtie Gentry, Donald Gentry, Terry Gorham, Roy Hale, Dorothy Harper, George Harrell, Steve Hickey, Adam Hill, William Jackson, Lana Jo Jackson, Edna Jones, Bobby Jones, Robert Kennedy, Karl Kraft, Gerald Mallare, Audrey Matthews, Christin Meadows, Jordan Morgan, Joey Morgan, Jansen Morgan, Richard Moyer, Joan Moyer, Hershel Pippin, Dora Pippin, Ida Posey, Janice Power, Sandra Scott, Donald Stafford, Betty Stafford, Johnny Wilmouth, John Wilmouth, Kena Young and Heirs and unknown heirs of any of the above listed that are deceased either reside out of the State or reside in state and a residence is unknown and that service of process by direct mail, return receipt requested, was attempted or that personal service by Private Processor was attempted but that service of process could not be had on this list of Delinquent Taxpayers by either method.

It is ordered that publication be made for four consecutive weeks in the Jackson County Sentinel, a newspaper published at Gainesboro, TN in Jackson County Tennessee requiring the said Defendants to answer to said Lee G. Richardson, P.O. Box 593, Gainesboro, TN 38562 and the Chancery Court on or before November 25th, 2024 at the Jackson County Courthouse, P.O. Box 342, Gainesboro, TN 38562 and make defense to the bill filed in the above cause, which seeks sale of real property because of nonpayment or delinquent taxes otherwise said bill will be taken for confessed and the cause proceeded with ex parted.

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Lifestyles



Get The Most Out Of Your Pumpkin

by Melinda Myers
It's pumpkin season and time to select and decorate pumpkins for your fall display. Keep pumpkins and Jack-o'-lanterns looking their best longer with proper selection and care.

Harvest or purchase pumpkins free of holes, cuts, and soft spots for decorating. Damaged fruit tends to rot faster, ruining your fall display. And always carry the fruit cradled in your arms, not by the stem. Once the stem breaks away from the fruit, the pumpkin is more susceptible to rot and its beauty fades.

Store carving pumpkins in a cool location until you are ready to start cutting. Extend the beauty of carved pumpkins by washing them with warm water and letting them dry before making the first

cut. Try leaving the top intact and scooping the insides out through a hole in the back. This limits water entering the carved cavity and helps extend the life of your Jack-o'-lantern.

Coat the cuts with petroleum jelly or vegetable oil to seal in the moisture and prolong your display. Take it one step further and use a commercial preservative or peppermint oil to keep your Jack-o'-lantern looking its best for as long as possible.

Don't give up when your Jack-o'-lantern begins shriveling. Instead, give it a cold bath to freshen up its appearance.

Or put away the knives and break out the paint, beads, decorations, crayons, and your imagination to further extend your pumpkin's beauty.

Turn your pumpkin into a creature, movie character, pet, or fun object. You'll find lots of creative inspiration in magazines and on-line.

Don't worry if you have limited artistic ability. Create a multi-colored crayon-dripped pumpkin. Wipe the pumpkin's surface clean and allow it to dry before you start decorating. Remove the labels from the crayons and break them in half if needed.

Glue the crayons to the top of the pumpkin to prevent them from rolling off while you work. Place one end of the crayon against the stem and the other end pointed away from the center of the pumpkin.

Cover your work surface and use your hair dryer to melt the crayons so they drip



Extend the life of pumpkins by creating crayon-dripped pumpkins rather than carving. photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

down the sides of the pumpkin, creating a colorful waxy covering. A high heat setting will speed up the process but may make a bigger mess by splashing the melted wax all over the table.

To further dress up your landscape con-

sider converting a few pumpkins into fall planters. Remove the top. Cut a hole large enough to accommodate the pot you'll be inserting. Remove the seeds and flesh, cut a few drainage holes in the bottom, and then set a pot of pansies, asters,

mums, or ornamental peppers inside.

Or plant the flowers directly in the pumpkin planter filled with potting soil. When your pumpkins start to rot, move them, plants and all, to the compost pile. They will break down into a wonderful soil amendment for next year's garden.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



Hot Dog Mummies

Ingredients
One 8-ounce tube crescent dough
8 bun-length hot dogs
1 slice white American cheese
Ketchup and/or mustard

Directions
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone mat.

Open the crescent dough tube and unroll the dough onto a work surface. Pinch together the seams to create a rectan-

gle. Cut the dough lengthwise into 8 long strips.

Take 1 hot dog and 1 strip of the dough and wind the dough around the hot dog while pulling gently to stretch the dough. Crisscross the dough every so often so it looks like mummy wrappings. Near the end of the hot dog, leave a narrow strip of hot dog exposed so you can add eyes after baking. Place the wrapped dog on the prepared baking sheet and repeat with remaining dough and hot dogs. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

While hot dogs bake, use the narrow end of a wide piping tip to punch out 16 small rounds of cheese for the mummies' eyes.

Remove the hot dogs from oven. Using a toothpick, smear some ketchup on one side of each cheese round and "glue" it to the open area of the hot dog to create 2 eyes. Using the same toothpick, put a dab of ketchup or mustard in the center of each eye to create a pupil.

Halloween Oreo Roll

Ingredients
1 (15-ounce) package double creme filled chocolate sandwich cookies, such as Oreo Double Stuff
8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
2 tablespoons whole milk
1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room

temperature
2 cups confectioners' sugar

Kosher salt
6 ounces marshmallows (about 24)
Orange gel food coloring

Directions
Scrape the creme filling from the cookies into a small bowl and set aside. Transfer the cookies to a food processor and pulse until finely ground, about 20 times. Pulse in the cream cheese, scraping down the sides to evenly mix as needed, until a dough forms, about 15 times. Add 1 tablespoon of the milk if the mixture is too thick (it should be the consistency of a soft sugar cookie dough).

Transfer the dough to a large sheet of plastic wrap on a work surface. Cover with another large sheet of plastic wrap and roll out with a rolling pin to a 9-by-12-inch rectangle. Set aside.

Combine the butter with the reserved creme filling in the same food processor and process until smooth, about 30 seconds. Add 1 cup of the confectioners' sugar and process until smooth. Add the remaining 1 cup confectioners' sugar and a pinch of salt and process until smooth. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon milk and process until the buttercream is light and fluffy, about 30 seconds.

Position the rectangle of dough with a shorter side facing you. Remove the plastic wrap on top and evenly spread the buttercream all the way to the edges on three sides of the rectangle, leaving a 1/2-inch border on the short side opposite you.

Roll the dough away from you into a log using the plastic wrap to help and place it seam-side down. Tightly wrap with the excess plastic wrap and tie the two ends to

tighten the roll. Refrigerate until firm, at least 4 hours, up to overnight.

When ready to serve, unwrap the roll and transfer to a serving platter.

Combine the marshmallows with 12 drops of orange gel food coloring in a large microwave-safe bowl and microwave until the marshmallows lose their shape, about 1 minute. Stir well until deflated and evenly colored, then let cool slightly, about 1 minute. Dip fingers (wear disposable gloves for easy cleanup) into the marshmallow mixture and stretch in between your hands until thin and weblike. Stretch and wrap the marshmallow around the roll until the web effect covers it entirely. While the web is still sticky, decorate it with candy gummy spiders. Let stand until firm, about 10 minutes.

Slice and serve immediately.

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