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### BRIEFLY

## Falling Oil Prices Could Bring Relief

The Tennessee gas price average declined for the second week in a row, falling two cents over last week. The Tennessee Gas Price average is now \$3.11 which is 4 cents cheaper than one month ago and \$1.25 more than one year ago. However, gas prices during the Thanksgiving travel period are on pace to be the highest since 2013. But, that won't stop the more than 48.3 million Americans planning to hit the roads this holiday.

"The price of crude oil accounts for about 50%-60% of what consumers pay at the pump, so a lower oil price should translate into better gasoline prices for drivers," said Stephanie Milani, AAA - The Auto Club Group spokeswoman. "But until global oil production ramps back up to pre-pandemic levels, this recent dip in the price of crude may only be temporary."

After stubbornly staying above \$80 a barrel since Labor Day, the price of crude oil tumbled this week into the mid-\$70s. Fears of slowing economic activity in the U.S. and Europe due to a resurgence of COVID-19, along with reports that the Biden Administration is calling for a simultaneous release of stockpiled oil by large oil-consuming nations, including the U.S., China, Japan and South Korea, is putting downward pressure on crude prices. The national average price for a gallon of gas is \$3.40, down a penny since last week.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 700,000 bbl to 212 million bbl last week. Gasoline demand also dropped slightly from 9.26 million b/d to 9.24 million b/d.

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## Self-Care Key To Fighting Depression

BRIAN WILMOTH editor

Although the holidays can be a festive time surrounded by loved ones, they can also be a time filled with stress and anxiety.

Tennessee saw over 1,200 suicides last year, an 11-percent increase over the last five years. It is the leading cause of death for people between 10-14-years-old in the state.

"The holidays are very joyous," said Director of Plateau Mental Health Anne Stamps, "and we enjoy being with our family and our friends, but sometimes it can be very

stressful."

Stamps said there are a number of things you can do to fight depression over the holidays.

"Think about yourself and what your needs are," Stamps said. "Because we all need to take care of ourselves."

Although it can seem that practicing self-care can be off-putting to some people, Stamps said your own mental health is a positive not just to you, but it can help others, as well.

"Self-care is not selfish," Stamps said. "Self-care is to help us be prepared to so we can help other people and meet

their needs, as well."

Stamps said it is not worth stressing yourself out by trying to do too much, which can possibly lead to being overwhelmed.

"Manage your time and don't try to over-do," Stamps said. "Sometimes when the holidays come around, we feel like we need to do this, that, and the other, and make 1900 different kinds of cookies and things like that. Don't do that. Just set some limits and set some boundaries for yourself."

According to Stamps, maintaining a healthy lifestyle can help fight off seasonal depression.

"Remember, a healthy diet and exercise is important every day of the week, not just around the holidays," Stamps said. "And, of course, avoid alcohol and drugs."

Stamps said when you start to feel overwhelmed, take yourself out of the situation and focus on you.

"Set some time out for yourself to just kind of regroup if needed," Stamps said. "Practice some relaxation and be sure to get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation is a bad thing. It makes a lot of us grumpy."

One thing you can do, Stamps said, is find ways

to serve others during the holidays.

"Volunteering is a wonderful thing to do," Stamps said. "Especially around the holidays because you're able to help other people, and that can make you feel good, as well."

There are multiple crisis options available in the Upper Cumberland. The crisis service number for adults is 800-704-2651. The number for children and youth is 866-704-2651. In addition, Plateau Mental Health also has a Crisis Stabilization Unit located at 1200 S. Willow Ave., in Cookeville.



## Overton Schools Applying for JROTC Program

BRIAN WILMOTH editor

The Overton County School Board has voted to apply for a JROTC program.

If approved, the program would become the first such program in the county's history.

According to board chairman Mike Hayes, 10-percent of students would need to participate. He said around 130 current students have expressed interest, which meets that benchmark.

"Once we get approved, we have to maintain the 100 students or 10 percent year-after-year or the program would be pulled," Hayes said. "If it is approved, the district would be put on a waiting list. There could be openings right now. There could be 50-school waiting list. We don't know that until we do an application."

To gauge the interest in the JROTC program, Overton County Schools surveyed students from 7th to 12th grade. The system had a total of 436 students that responded to the survey, with around 30-percent approving of the program.

"Dr. Donnie Holman had Leslie Riddle to kind of lead this up," Hayes said. "She did a great job. I think Brent Thrasher helped out with the survey. They surveyed everybody from 7th grade to 12th grade. That way it kind of gives us the upcoming kids that are going to be in high school in the next couple of years."

Hayes said the program requires the school system to hire a retired officer and a retired non-commission officer. Hayes said financially, the district would only be responsible for half of the two position's salaries.

In addition, Hayes said classroom space would need to be considered, as well.

## Unemployment Down

New data revealed the employment situation continued to improve for a majority of Tennessee's counties in Oct. 2021, according to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Unemployment rates decreased in 65 counties during the month, while they remained the same in 20 counties, and increased in ten counties.

Ninety-three counties reported October jobless numbers lower than 5% and two counties had unemployment rates slightly higher than 5%.

Williamson County's unemployment rate was the lowest of all the counties for the month. At 2.2%, its October

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## Happy Holidays!



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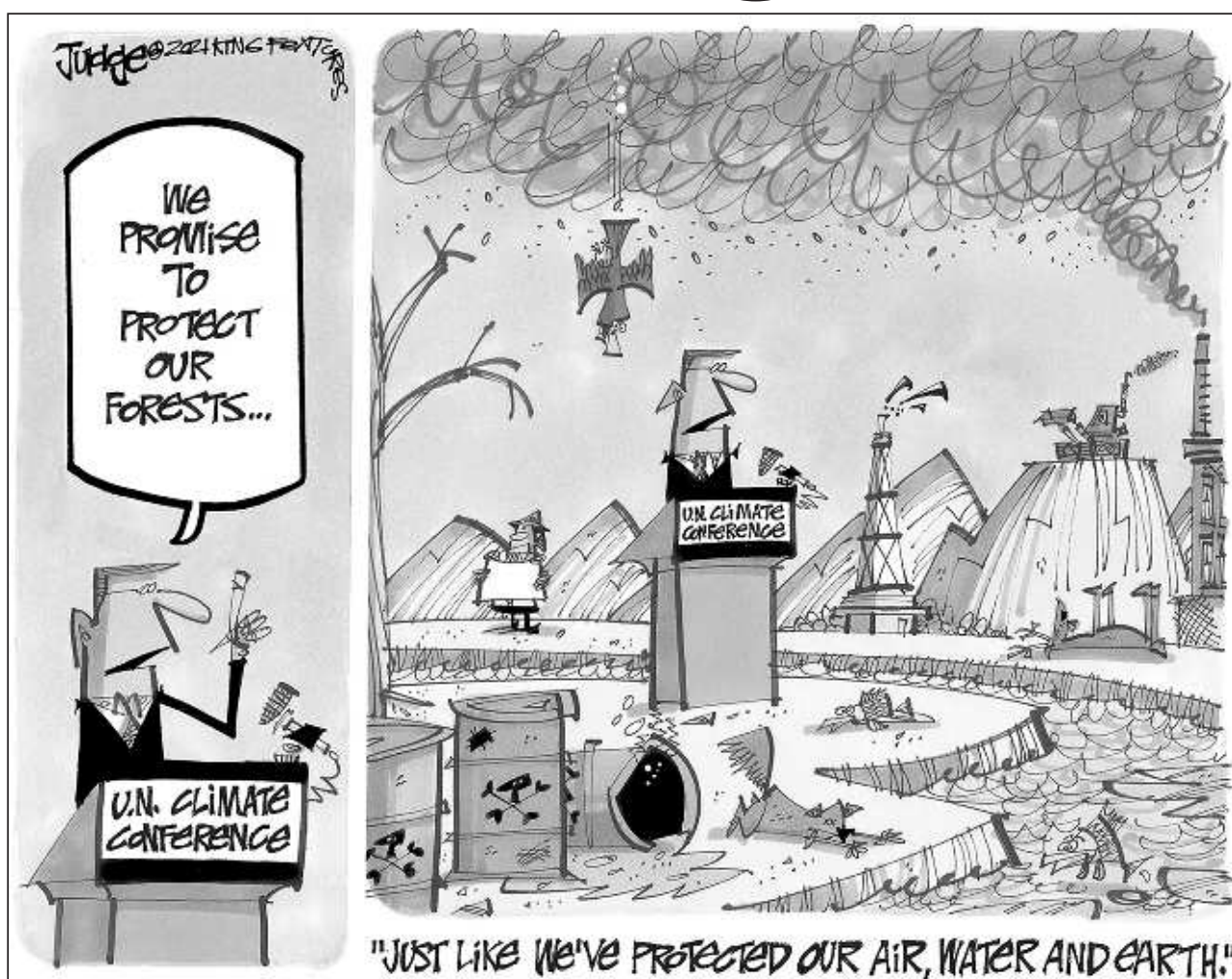
**Christmas Time** – Christmas in the Country got underway Friday night with the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the square in Livingston. Holiday activities will continue this Friday with a 20-horse carousel and on Dec. 10 with a mini Ferris Wheel. In addition, Christmas in the County will conclude over the last weekend before Christmas, Dec. 17-19 with an eco-friendly synthetic ice skating rink at Livingston's Central Park.

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## For mRNA Vaccines, Thank Animals

MATTHEW R. BAILEY  
special to the Enterprise

To the delight of high school biology teachers everywhere, messenger RNA is having a moment.

It's the technology behind Moderna's and Pfizer-BioNTech's vaccines against COVID-19, the safest and most effective yet developed.

These vaccines are the first successful biomedical application of mRNA technology. But they won't be the last. Moderna, BioNTech, and other firms are working on mRNA therapies that could prevent or cure everything from HIV and cancer to malaria and the flu. They're also harnessing mRNA technology to develop vaccines against the most dangerous COVID-19 variants.

All this progress is the product of animal research. When the next generation of vaccines and therapeutics fueled by mRNA technology arrives, we'll have animal research to thank.

The tale of mRNA vaccines begins in the 1990s. Inspired by University of Wisconsin researchers who successfully injected mRNA encoding luciferase -- the enzyme that makes fireflies bioluminescent -- in laboratory mice, scientists at the University of Pennsylvania recognized the potential for mRNA to carry genetic information to cells



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for therapeutic purposes. They discovered mRNA-based vaccines could compel cells to develop disease-fighting proteins.

It wasn't until 2005 that mRNA's scientific pioneers developed a method that would allow the vaccines to do their work without triggering an inflammatory response in mammals including humans.

The next challenge was to figure out how to deliver mRNA without having it degrade immediately upon injection. It took decades of research with animal models and then human patients to develop the lipid nanoparticles that serve as the escorts for the mRNA molecules with their immunization instructions.

And yet, time has a way of racing forward when success is at hand. According to Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, the all-hands-on-deck push for

the COVID-19 vaccine generated a decade's worth of work into one year.

Potential mRNA vaccines for other respiratory viruses, autoimmune disorders, cancer, and congenital genetic disorders are already showing promising results with animals. Moderna announced it would begin human trials for two mRNA-based vaccines against HIV.

BioNTech is using mRNA to combat a form of multiple sclerosis in mice. The experimental treatment stopped muscle deterioration and restored some lost motor functions without impairing the entire immune system. Future research with nonhuman primates could lead to a vaccine against this debilitating disease for use in humans.

Another promising application of mRNA technology is in prenatal gene repair. Researchers at Children's Hospital of Phila-

delphia and the University of Pennsylvania injected mouse fetuses with RNA that instructed the cells to produce certain proteins necessary for health after birth. This experiment could be among the first steps toward developing preventative treatments for genetic diseases.

Animals are the closest living systems for predicting how a potential therapy -- mRNA or otherwise -- might perform in a human. Rhesus macaques share about 93% of their DNA with humans.

In order to keep advancing mRNA science so that vaccines and therapeutics can deliver on their potential, scientists must rely on laboratory animals before attempting new therapies in humans.

Like so many medical advancements before, if mRNA lives up to its potential, we'll have animal research to thank.

*Matthew R. Bailey is president of the Foundation for Biomedical Research (www.fbrresearch.org). This piece originally ran in the Boston Herald.*

## VA Expands Assistance To Homeless Veterans



by Freddy Groves

With prices soaring all around us, imagine how bad it must be in places that already had high costs when it came to rental housing.

In an effort to help homeless veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its grant program to raise assistance caps in housing and subsidies.

Specifically, in certain areas, the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) rent grant will increase from 35% to 50% of reasonable rent, without a need for recertification for two years.

That has to be a huge aid to eligible veterans with families who are seeking stability.

Additionally, the length of time a veteran and the family can stay in emergency housing has increased 15 days to a maximum of 60 days. This will be especially helpful in places with few rental vacancies.

The SSVF program is a series of grants to private non-profit organizations that provide support ser-

VICES to very-low-income veterans and their families. The role of these non-profits is to get them into permanent housing that includes a lease, either annual or month-to-month, or even home ownership.

They determine eligibility for assistance in part by considering whether the veteran is at risk of becoming homeless without the grant, or is at risk of becoming homeless within 90 days

If you're a homeless vet with a family or are in danger of becoming homeless, hook up with Supportive Services for Veterans Families as soon as possible. There are several eligibility conditions, and you might qualify for Rapid Rehousing.

Call them 24/7 at 1-877-424-3838.

You also can call the nearest VA medical center and ask for the Homeless Coordinator.

The VA is behind this change so much that it finalized the rule without even waiting for the typical public comment period after publication in the Federal Register.

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# Obituaries

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**Matthew David Hargis**

Matthew David Hargis, 46, of Livingston, passed away Nov. 23 at the Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Nov. 26 from the chapel of Hall Funeral Home of Livingston. Interment followed in the Overton Co. Memorial Gardens.

He was born May 23, 1975 in Cookeville. He was a brick mason. He was baptized in First Christian Church. He

loved working on trucks, fixing things, he loved the rivers and the woods.

He was preceded in death by: grandparents, Herbert and Elizabeth H. Qualls and Rheubin Clinton and Juanita Bowman Hargis.

Surviving relatives include: mother and step father, Clara and Ronnie Smith; father, David Hargis; children, Mikala Hargis Gray, Jayce Gray, Taylor Strong, Lily Hargis, Caleb Hargis and Quaid Hargis; grandchildren, Millie Gray and Hudson Womack; brothers, Brian Smith and wife, Katie, Adam Smith and wife, Eysha; sister, Kristi Hargis King; special friend, Tonya Cote; and a host of family and friends.

**Hall Funeral Home of Livingston** was in charge of arrangements.

**Mary Ruth Taylor Thrasher**

Mary Ruth Taylor Thrasher, 81, of the Heard Ridge community, passed away Nov. 23 from the comfort of her home. Graveside services were held Nov. 24 from the St. John Cemetery with Bro. Kevin Strong officiating.

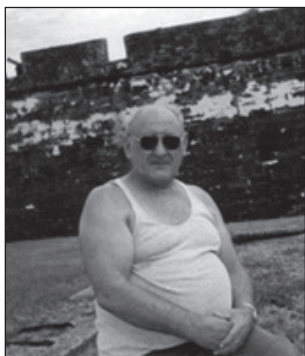
She was born Sept. 3, 1940 in Pickett County. She worked for many years as a seamstress, she enjoyed sewing, working in her many orchards and going to church.

She was preceded in death by: parents, William and Ezell Taylor; husband,

Tommie Thrasher; and brothers, Tommy Taylor and Eddie Dean Taylor.

Surviving relatives include: son, Joe Lee Thrasher and wife, Lesia of Monroe; grandsons, Brad Thrasher of Algood and Brent Thrasher and wife, Kirstie of Monroe; granddaughter, Stefanie Thrasher of Cookeville; great grandchildren, Olivia Thrasher and Logan Thrasher; brother, Willie Taylor and wife, Linda of Monroe; and sister, Patsy Waddell of Livingston.

**Speck Funeral Home** was in charge of arrangements.



**Max E. Bilbrey**

Max E. Bilbrey, 82, of Dalton, Ga. and formerly of Rickman, passed away Nov. 20 at the Pruitt Healthcare in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at the Hall Funeral Home of Livingston. Interment followed in the Harris Chapel Cemetery in Overton County.

He was born June 6, 1939 in Rickman. He worked as a auto mechanic for many years and was Baptist in faith.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Cecil Floyd and Lonnie Estell (Walker) Bilbrey; wife, Carol Bilbrey; daughter, Cheryl Bilbrey; and brother, Glenn Bilbrey.

Surviving relatives include: sons, Dale Bilbrey, Sr., Craig Bilbrey and Keith Bilbrey; and a host of family and friends.

Pallbearers were Dale Bilbrey, Sr., Dale Bilbrey, Jr., Bobby Bilbrey, Bailey Bilbrey and Curt Long.

**Hall Funeral Home of Livingston** was in charge of arrangements.

**David J. Pennington**

David J. Pennington, 62, pf the Greenwood Ridge community, passed away Nov. 25 from his residence. Graveside services were held Nov. 28 from McDonald Cemetery on Baptist Ridge with Bro. Roger Bybee officiating.

He was born April 11, 1959 in Overton County. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his motorcycle and working. He loved his little dog Murphy.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Joe Anderson and Maudie Phillips Pennington.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Rhonda Pennington of the Greenwood Ridge community; and brother, Roy Geesling of Hilham.

**Livingston Funeral Home** was in charge of arrangements.



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The family of Jimmy and Jeanetta Reagan wish to thank everyone who sent condolences, prayers, flowers and the kind words of encouragement during our time of loss.

A special thank you to Hall's Funeral Home for the respect and dignity shown to our family members. To the Liv-

ingston Flower Basket for the beautiful flower sprays.

A special thank you to Jerry Buck, Joann and Buddy Reed for the heartfelt messages brought to us. Thank you all so much.

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# The Clayton Catechism

**Pecunia Non Olet**  
Adam Johnson, Publisher

One of the most unpleasant but necessary parts of being an employer or manager is firing people. Because of the unpleasantness of firing people, an employer or manager can be slow to pull the trigger. It may mean an awkward or even pugnacious encounter, and it may be disruptive in the immediate term, and it may create an understaffing problem, which can be stressful on or annoying to everyone else. So when is the best time to fire someone?

I graduated in 2002 from the University of Tennessee, and Jim Clayton, founder and largest shareholder of his eponymous mobile home business, had entered into an agreement with investor Warren Buffett to sell Clayton Homes to Berkshire Hathaway, Buffett's investment vehicle. The 2003 Berkshire Hathaway Annual Report recaps the story of a group of University of Tennessee students who brought Clayton Homes to Buffett's attention. There

were about a dozen of us enrolled for credit or otherwise participating in Professor Al Auxier's TVA Investment Challenge group representing the University of Tennessee, and though I would like to take credit for it, the idea of giving Jim Clayton's recently-written autobiography to Warren Buffett belongs to my friend Michael Daniels. The TVA Investment Challenge was a real-money investing competition using money freed up from decommissioned TVA power plants' operating budgets in which universities in TVA's domain would compete and gain experience in investing. While most universities followed textbook "investing" dictates – still popular at the time was the Efficient Markets Hypothesis – Auxier's team followed value-investing principles, which diverge in flavor but essentially mean buying assets at discounts to those assets' intrinsic values. The result was that our Investment Challenge team dominated the competition in the years I was on the team. But I digress...

Indoctrinated with Warren Buffett-style value investing principles, Michael Daniels suggested that we present Buffett with a copy of Jim Clayton's autobiography



First a Dream on our next trip to visit Buffett in his Omaha, Nebraska headquarters. So in the place of the Pat Summitt-signed Lady Vols basketball or the Phillip Fulmer-signed Vols football we ordinarily might have brought as a memento to Buffett, we took a signed copy of Clayton's book. Michael told Buffett, "This is your kind of people," as he handed him the book, and Buffett read the book over the weekend and then called Clayton on Monday, offering to acquire Clayton Homes.

The acquisition of Clayton Homes by Berkshire Hathaway, despite a sometimes-rocky proxy process, eventually was

approved by Clayton Homes shareholders for \$1.7 billion, of which some \$600 million+ in cash went to Jim Clayton, Clayton Homes's largest shareholder. With the newfound need of managing his family's cash, Jim Clayton interviewed the three top graduates from the University of Tennessee and selected me from that group to manage a \$25 million investment portfolio, carved from his "Buffett cash." (In a shameless moment of self-promotion, I confide that I worked 3 1/2 years for Clayton and his family foundation and his banking organization and generated market-beating returns in several invest-

ment portfolios.) Real-world investing experience aside, I learned a few things from Jim. Billionaires are a quirky lot, and they often offer lessons that others are too timid to impart or find indecorous to say. Here, we return to the original purpose of this article after a background detour and a near-20-year trip down Memory Lane. Michael and I are now 41, Jim Clayton is 87, and Warren Buffett is 91. I know that Clayton and Buffett still are sharp, I need to call Michael because I haven't talked to him in a few months, and I have reached what traditionally is considered middle aged and am ques-

tioning all the decisions I have made over the last half of my life. But I teased out more than just misty-eyed memories for this article, and I now get back to the point of it all.

So when is the best time to fire someone? Jim Clayton had immense success, and he contributed a few gems to my treasure chest of experience, and the most vivid one of those gems is the answer to this question. The answer is so simple that it naturally is equally non-obvious, and Jim phrased it as part of a business catechism of sorts:

Q: "When is the best time to fire someone?"

A: "The first time you think about it."

investing, the above concept is simple, but it isn't easy. Whenever I have violated the Clayton Catechism, I have regretted it, and procrastination is not the way to approach dealing with personnel decisions. Like breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend when the love has faded or ending a failed marriage, it seems the Clayton Catechism, when implemented faithfully, will contribute greatly to your success. Business doesn't magically get better when you kick the can down the road; it starts to become manageable once you pull off the Band-Aid.

## Labor Dept. Urges Employers To Avoid Compliance Issues

With the National Retail Federation expecting retailers to hire more than 500,000 seasonal workers and employers hopeful for a busy holiday season, the U.S. Department of Labor reminds them not to overlook their worker's rights to a safe and healthy workplace and to be paid all of their legally earned wages. With many businesses open for in-person shopping in 2021, employers must also take steps to control and prevent coronavirus spread.

The department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration urges employers to ensure it properly trains all workers – especially new and seasonal workers – to recognize and prevent workplace hazards. OSHA offers resources on holiday workplace safety for warehousing, delivery and retail workers. Guidance is also available for protecting retail workers, including those in high customer-volume environments, stockrooms and loading docks, and package delivery from coronavirus exposure.

OSHA offers additional information on workers' rights and protections, the protection of temporary and seasonal workers, as well as safety for young workers.

"The holiday season is typically a very busy time for businesses, and just as consumer demands increase, so must an employer's awareness of keeping their employees safe," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Safety and

Health Doug Parker. "All workers – from those starting their first job to those making some extra money as a seasonal worker to those year-round employees – are entitled to a workplace free from hazards and to be trained in a language they understand to recognize and prevent hazards."

The department also encourages employers, especially those unfamiliar with seasonal and part-time hiring, to familiarize themselves with federal wage rules to make sure they pay temporary and seasonal workers all of the wages they earned, and as the law requires. The Wage and Hour Division finds failing to pay salespeople and cashiers for time spent prepping or closing out registers, requiring stock room and warehouse personnel to work through breaks without pay, and not paying workers overtime pay when required are among the most common violations cited in holiday employment investigations.

"This holiday sea-

son, and all year round, workers deserve dignity and respect from their employers," said Acting Wage and Hour Administrator Jessica Looman. "Employers should ensure their payroll practices comply with all minimum wage, overtime and child labor requirements so those who depend on their wages to care for themselves and their families are able to benefit from their hard work."



## Business Today

### Minimum Wage Rising For Contract Workers

The U.S. Department of Labor today announced a final rule that implements Executive Order 14026 to increase the hourly minimum wage for employees on federal contracts beginning Jan. 30. President Biden signed the order on April 27.

The rule applies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and specified U.S. territories, and does the following:

- Increases the hourly minimum wage for workers performing work on or in connection with covered federal contracts to \$15 beginning Jan. 30, 2022.
- Continues to index the federal contract minimum wage in future years to inflation.
- Eliminates the tipped minimum wage for federal contract employees

by 2024. Ensures a \$15 minimum wage for workers with disabilities performing work on or in connection with covered contracts. Restores minimum wage protections to outfitters and guides operating on federal lands.

improves the economic security of these workers and their families, many of whom are women and people of color."

Executive Order 14026 applies to new contracts, and renewals and extensions of existing contracts, beginning Jan. 30.

"In addition to promoting efficiency in federal contracting, the implementation of Executive Order 14026 has other benefits," said Wage and Hour Division Acting Administrator Jessica Looman. "The final rule adds value for taxpayers by boosting worker productivity and reducing employee turnover and absenteeism. It also allows federal contractors to retain top talent, and reduce recruiting and training costs."

## Market Recap



## New Items Added To The Library

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**Juvenile - Non-Fiction**

Why Seasons Change by Marie Rogers

**Juvenile Graphic Novel**

Hocus Focus by James Sturm

Tim Burton's the Nightmare Before Christmas by Alessandro Ferrari

**Children's Fiction**

Santiago Stays by Angela N. Dominguez

Goodbye Autumn, Hello winter by Kenard

We Came to America by Faith Ringgold

**Young Adult Graphic Novel**

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## Walden Selected to Lead CTAS

The UT Institute for Public Service (IPS) has named Jon Walden as executive director of the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS). Walden has served for a year as interim director of the agency following the retirement of Robin Roberts.



**Jon Walden**

“Jon has been a dedicated public servant since joining CTAS in 1993. He’s widely respected by staff and customers, and we’re fortunate to have him in this executive director position.” said IPS Vice President Dr. Herb

Byrd III. “He’s done an outstanding job serving as the interim director. I know he’ll continue to

use his vision, institutional knowledge and relationships to lead CTAS in the years to come.”

Walden joined CTAS in 1993 as administrator of information technology before being promoted to manager of information technology in 2002. He has a bachelor’s degree in computer science from Tennessee State University and earned his master’s in leadership and public service from Lipscomb University.

He will begin his new role on December 1.

## Governor Awards Rural Workforce Grants

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has announced projects receiving funding through the second round of the Governor’s Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) program which prioritizes learning opportunities in rural counties and enhances career and technical education statewide. Tennessee has made notable progress in rural workforce development in recent years which has resulted in securing over 24,000 new jobs and nearly \$13 billion in capital investment in rural counties since 2019.

Since creating GIVE, Gov. Lee’s first legislative priority, he has invested \$50 million in the program to support rural workforce development through technical education. The first round of GIVE funding in 2019

served an estimated 8,000 students, and this second round will serve an estimated 7,500 students.

“We are especially proud to announce these well-deserved grants during National Workforce Development Week,” said Gov. Lee. “Rural workforce development

has been one of my top priorities since day one, and I’m glad to see the remarkable progress we’re making. By developing a highly skilled workforce, Tennesseans’ lives are transformed, and companies are choosing to invest and expand in our state at record rates.”

## Graduation Rate Data Released

This week, the Tennessee Department of Education released the graduation rate for the 2020-21 school year.

Of the 2020-21 cohort, 88.7% of students graduated on time this year compared to 89.6% last year, 37 districts improved their graduation rates, and 37 districts graduated 95% or more of their cohorts.

As the COVID-19 pandemic spanned the entirety of the 2020-21 academic year, the department offered several interventions to mitigate learning loss and provide necessary student supports to ensure they were prepared for graduation and postsecondary success, such as summer programming, free ACT prep workshops, and AP Access for All.

“Our state remains committed to swift and urgent action to mitigate the negative effects of COVID-19 on our students,” said Commissioner Penny Schwinn. “The department was prepared for the negative impacts of the pandemic on our statewide graduation rate, but we are confident that with the right investment and the partnership and dedication of our districts and schools, we can resume the upward trajectory in graduation rate and ensure we are preparing Tennessee students for success.”

While several districts saw gains in their graduation rate, Tennessee’s statewide graduation rate declined compared to last



year. For the 2020-21 school year, the most notable takeaways in the state are:

Jackson County, Lewis County, and Tennessee School for the Deaf improved their graduation rate by 5 percentage points or more

37 districts graduated 95% or more of their cohorts

37 districts improved their graduation rates from 2020 to 2021

34 districts improved the Students with Disabilities subgroup by 5 percentage points or more

88.7% of the 2021 graduation cohort graduated on time with a regular diploma, which is lower than last year

1,231 fewer students graduated in the 2021 cohort compared to last year, for a total of 63,283

“It is essential we are utilizing all of our resources to ensure our students are graduating on-time and prepared for any post-secondary opportunity they are pursuing,” said Dr. Jonathan Kee, Director

of Schools, Huntingdon Special School District. “Our staff have worked tirelessly to truly know who our students are, what they dream of being, and exhausting all efforts to equip them to be ready once they graduate.”

“Across the schools in our district, our educators and staff are dedicated to ensuring that our students are prepared for graduation and postsecondary success, whatever path they choose once they leave our classrooms,” said Tim Haney, Director of Schools, Trenton Special School District. “This is exemplified by the proven history of high graduation rates over the past 38 years and counting that our district continues to see and we are dedicated to providing our students with the needed supports to graduate and succeed in the future.”

For more information on graduation rates for individual districts and schools, please visit the department’s Data Downloads webpage.



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rate dropped by 0.1 of a percentage point when compared to September.

Moore County had the second-lowest rate at 2.3%, which was unchanged from the previous month.

While Perry County once again had Tennessee’s highest unemployment rate in October, the county’s jobless number showed significant improvement for the month. The latest statistics show its rate dropped 3.1 percentage points, from 8.4% to 5.3%. Shelby County had the second-highest

rate, but it also showed month-to-month improvement, as it decreased from 5.3% to 5%.

Statewide unemployment in Tennessee was lower for the fifth consecutive month. The new seasonally adjusted rate of 4.2% was 0.2 of a percentage point less than September’s revised rate of 4.4%.

The employment situation also improved nationally. The United States unemployment rate for October was 4.6%, down 0.2 of a percentage point from the previous month.

The state and national unemployment

rates are seasonally adjusted to factor in seasonal economic influences such as school breaks and severe weather conditions, while county unemployment rates are not.

The state has compiled all of October’s county unemployment data into a report which is available here.

Job seekers can find online and in-person assistance by visiting [www.TNWorkReady.com](http://www.TNWorkReady.com).

The state of Tennessee will release the unemployment rate for November 2021 on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 1:30 p.m.

# 12 DAYS of Giving

## Beginning Black Friday

Enter the Twin Lakes 2021 Christmas Giveaway from 11/26-12/13 at [twinlakes.net](http://twinlakes.net)! We will start announcing winners on 12/4. Follow us on Facebook - more than 75 gifts will be given away!

**Christmas Bonus!** Upgrade to any faster broadband speed up to 1 GIG and pay the same price for 6 months!

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Some restrictions apply.

## The Stranger

Looking  
Backward  
By Phoebe Jane

(Emily Sells)

This story was shared with me several years ago. It reads as follows:

A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from

then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing

each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home... not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush.

My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embar-

rassing.

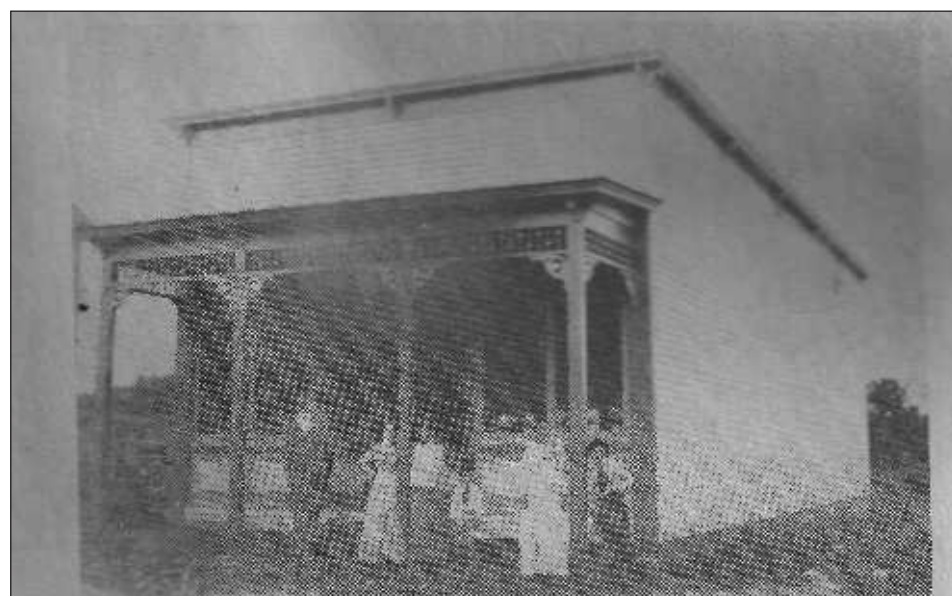
I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name?....

We just call him, "TV."

He has a younger sister now. We call her "Computer."

## Pictures From The Past



The Dr. Burks family pictured in front of Dr. Burk's Drug Store on northeast corner of square where Morgan's Dry Goods was located for years.

Women's Club Annual  
Luncheon Dec. 2

The Upper Cumberland Women's Club (UCWC) is holding their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Grey Gables Inn, located at 2487 Rugby Parkway, Rugby, Tenn., on Thursday, Dec. 2 at Noon. Lunch will be prepared by Proprietor Linda Brooks Jones who is known throughout the region for her cooking and has authored several cookbooks.

"When Linda and I first started the Upper Cumberland Women's Club, our goals were to inspire, motivate and educate women in the region to help each other and give back to their communities," said Andrea Burkhard, co-founder of UCWC. "This year we have experienced a surge in growth and are excited to see more women joining the group and bringing their ideas, contacts,

and enthusiasm to bear for the good of the Upper Cumberland."

Gift baskets will be collected prior to and at the event to bless the women they serve in the Upper Cumberland. During the luncheon, Grey Gables Inn will surprise one lucky attendee with a one-night stay at the bed & breakfast. Andrea Burkhard will also be hosting tours of Rugby from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

"I am so pleased to host the Christmas Luncheon at the Inn this year," said Linda Brooks Jones, co-founder of UCWC. "Historic Rugby is one of the best kept secrets of the Upper Cumberland. It is a living Victorian village, originally founded in 1880 as the Rugby colony by British author Thomas Hughes. Many interesting stories

can be told about the people and the promise of this utopian society in the Upper Cumberland. Historic Rugby Inc. was established in 1966 to preserve, protect, and interpret the man-made and natural historic resources and heritage of the British Isles and of Appalachia."

The Upper Cumberland Women's Club is the fastest growing networking and service organization for professional and retired women in the Upper Cumberland. Serving five counties - Cumberland, Putnam, Overton, Pickett and White - the organization prides itself on giving back to charities who best serve the women in our communities. This year, the organization supported Hope Pregnancy Center and the Stephens Center in Cookeville.

## Good Housekeeping

## Salt-Baked Fish

Baking a whole fish in a crust of kosher salt seals in the juices and guarantees exquisitely moist - and surprisingly unsalty - fish.

- 4 cups kosher salt
- 1 whole (1½ to 2 pounds) red snapper, striped bass or porgy, cleaned and scaled
- 1 lemon
- 3 sprigs rosemary or thyme
- 1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Line 13-inch-by-9-inch baking pan with foil; spread 2 cups salt in bottom of pan.

2. Rinse snapper inside and out with cold running water; pat dry with paper towels. From lemon, cut 3 slices. Cut remaining lemon into wedges. Place lemon slices and rosemary in cavity of fish. Place fish on bed of salt; cover with remaining 2 cups salt. Bake until fish is just opaque throughout when knife is inserted at backbone, about 30 minutes.

3. To serve, tap salt crust to release from top of fish and discard. Slide cake server under front section of top fillet and lift off fillet; transfer to platter. Slide server under backbone and lift it away from bottom fillet; discard. Slide cake server between bottom fillet and skin and transfer fillet to platter. Serve with reserved lemon wedges.

Makes 2 main-dish servings.

• Each serving: About 188 calories, 3g total fat (1g saturated), 66mg cholesterol, 800mg sodium, 6g total carbohydrate, 37g protein.

## Snow Pea, Radish and Celery Sauté

Serve this light, lemony vegetable sauté with roast chicken or a light fish dish.

- 2 large green onions
- 2 large celery stalks
- 1 bunch radishes
- ½ pound Chinese pea pods (snow peas)
- 1 tablespoon salad oil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 large lemon

1. Cut green onions into 1-inch pieces. Slice celery diagonally into thin slices. Cut each radish in half. Remove stem and strings along both edges of each pea pod.

2. In nonstick 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat, in hot salad oil, cook green onions, celery, radishes, pea pods and salt until vegetables are lightly browned and tender-crisp.

3. Cut lemon in half. Squeeze juice from half of lemon over vegetables. Spoon vegetables onto platter. Slice remaining lemon into thin slices. Garnish vegetables with lemon slices.

• Each serving: About 65 calories, 4g total fat, 0mg cholesterol, 300mg sodium.

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MELINDA MYERS  
special to the Enterprise

Add a small-scale living evergreen to your holiday celebrations. Consider one that is suitable for growing indoors so you can enjoy it throughout the year.

The Lemon Cypress makes a great miniature holiday tree, centerpiece, or gift for a friend. The fragrant chartreuse foliage of this dwarf evergreen continues to brighten your winter décor long after the holidays are over. You can find them as topiaries or in their more natural pyramidal form.

Grow them in a sunny window and turn the plants occasionally to ensure all parts receive equal sunlight and grow evenly. You'll have the best results if you keep your plant in a cool location free of cold and hot air drafts.

Water your mini holiday tree whenever the top few inches of soil are dry. Wait until spring when plants begin to actively grow and need a nutrient boost before applying fertilizer.

The Norfolk Island pine has long been a favorite of indoor gardeners. Its pine-like appear-

Three Indoor Trees for  
the Holidays

Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

**Indoor Trees** - Norfolk Island pine makes a great indoor holiday tree especially when combined with holiday plants or decorated with garland and small ornaments.

ance makes it a great holiday tree. Add a bit of garland and a few small ornaments for a festive effect.

Grow this plant in a cool, well-lit location free of drafts of hot and cold air. Avoid dry air and soil to keep the needles and branches green, flexible, and healthy. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is just slightly moist. Boost the humidity around this and other plants with a gravel tray. Place pebbles and water in the saucer. Set the pot

on the pebbles above the water. As the water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant.

Switch out the ornaments when celebrating other holidays. Use hearts for Valentine's Day, eggs for Easter and orange lights for Halloween.

Rosemary wreath and tree topiaries are festive as well as fragrant and edible. Give the leaves a pet to enjoy the fragrance and lift your spirits. Or pluck a sprig to add welcome flavor to your winter meals and beverages.

Rosemary was as popular a Christmas plant as mistletoe and holly until the 20th Century. It's not clear why this plant fell out of favor, but it is growing in popularity as a holiday plant. You can find it in many garden centers and florists this time of year.

Rosemary represents love and remembrance, a great sentiment to share during the holidays. Growing Rosemary indoors can be challenging. Don't let past failures stop you from trying. Just keep experimenting until you find the location and maintenance routine that keeps your Rosemary thriving. If the plant turns brown, move it out of sight to the back of your indoor garden. It still smells good when you give it a pet and no one, but you will know.

Change things up this season with the addition of one or more of these indoor evergreen trees. They are sure to brighten your spirits and holiday décor.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*.

# Bring New Life To Holiday Traditions

(StatePoint) Bringing new life to classic holiday traditions starts with understanding the origins of how these traditions came to be.

The Olesen family of O&H Danish Bakery knows how important it is to share such stories. The family-owned and operated bakery is offering fun facts and inspiration for celebrating classic Christmas traditions. And because some of these particular traditions are Danish, you'll also be embracing "hygge." Pronounced "hoo-ga," this Nordic concept is all about creating a cozy atmosphere and enjoying the good things in life.

## Something Sweet

Forty-four percent of people in a survey commissioned by O&H Danish Bakery and conducted by SWNS Media Group and OnePoll say the holiday spirit wouldn't be the same if they didn't have their traditional holiday dessert. For many families, that dessert is Kringle. Approximately 43% of respondents in the same survey enjoy this treat -- which is made of 36 layers of butter and pastry -- on Christmas Day. While Kringle is a traditional Danish delicacy, it's actually savored worldwide. O&H Kringle has been shipped to more than 100 countries and has made landfall in all seven continents -- including Antarctica!

"The holiday season is the most magical time of year for our family. It's such a privilege to spread cheer and be a part of family traditions across the



country. As a family-owned business started by my great-grandfather, an immigrant from Denmark, traditions rooted in our heritage mean so much to us, and we pass down their origin stories to each generation," says Eric Olesen, the third-generation co-owner of the Racine, Wisconsin-based bakery.

When it comes to traditions, the bakery remains steadfast in unveiling a new holiday flavor every December, its busiest season, making more than 7,000 Kringle every day. This year's "Christmas Fudge Kringle" is a riff on the traditional pastry. Featuring scratch-made premium dark chocolate filling, frosted

in chocolate icing and garnished with Christmas nonpareils, it was inspired by O&H customers' favorite holiday cake, "Ohhhh Fudge! Layer Cake," the name of which comes from the movie, "A Christmas Story." To place your Kringle order for the holidays, visit [ohdanishbakery.com](http://ohdanishbakery.com).

## Decorating the Tree

As you select your tree and decorate it with treasured ornaments, consider this tradition's long and storied history. Did you know that bringing trees into one's home during winter is a centuries-old tradition? The custom's exact origins are debatable -- with some histori-

ans believing the ancient Egyptians first adopted the practice and others attributing its invention to pagan Europeans. However, the modern Christmas tree, much like we know it today, became a widespread practice throughout Europe beginning in the 16th century.

## Fun Food Traditions

As a family-owned food business, it's no surprise that the Olesen family has a few of their own delicious holiday traditions. After dinner on Christmas Eve, they serve Risalamande, a Danish rice pudding dessert typically containing a whole almond. Serving as a fun Christmas-lottery, the one who finds the almond wins a small present. The bakers at O&H even created a Kringle, called A Very Danish Christmas Kringle, in honor of this dessert! Christmas morning, the family prepares Aebleskiver, which are Danish pancake balls commonly served with such toppings as lingonberries, powdered sugar and fruit preserves. O&H offers the pre-made mix and even the specialty pans for this purpose to those who want to try this at home. Visit their site for more information.

This holiday season, embrace holiday traditions. At the same time, don't be afraid to put new twists on these classics -- whether it's livening up family recipes or buying new ornaments for your tree.

## 'Craft Day at the Museum' Dec. 11

The Tennessee State Museum and Tennessee Craft invite the public to "Craft Day at the Museum," a family-day holiday celebration and demonstration with some of Tennessee's best craft artists, on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participating craft artists, all of whom have worked in the Best of Tennessee 2021 Biennial exhibition currently on view at the Museum, include keynote speaker JoEl Levy LoGiudice, along with Chris Armstrong, Richard Dwyer, Monya Nikahd, Ashley Seay, and Betty Ziemer. Visitors will get to meet the artists, see them demonstrate their craft and how they approach their work, learn what inspires them, and discover why they work in their mediums.

To inspire Tennessee's future craft artists, the Tennessee State Museum's Children's Gallery will host a day of kids' crafts and activities, including the creation of holiday ornaments and decorations. Adults are also invited to guided tours of the Best of Tennessee Craft 2021 Biennial. The lunch time keynote in the Museum's Digital Learning Center by LoGiudice will include an audience Q & A.

Admission to the Tennessee State Museum and Craft Day activities is free.

### Schedule of Events (Subject to Change)

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Artist Demonstrations in the Grand Hall

10:30 a.m. – Kids' Story Time in the Children's Gallery: Curious About Curious George (Kids Craft: Snowflake Art)

11 a.m. – Kids' Craft Hour: Make Holiday Cards (based on Carrie Anne Parks's work in the exhibition)

11 a.m. – Best of Tennessee Craft 2021 Biennial Highlights Tour

12 – 1 p.m. – Keynote Address by JoEl Levy LoGiudice and Q & A with Craft Artists

1 – 3 p.m. – Artist Demonstrations in the Grand Hall

1 p.m. – Kids' Craft Hour: Paper and Ornament Weaving

2 p.m. – Best of Tennessee Craft 2021 Biennial Highlights Tour

2 p.m. – Kids' Craft Hour in the Children's Gallery: Holiday Art

### Artist Biographies:

As a practicing weaver/designer/jewelry maker and bead maker, Keynote Speaker JoEl Levy LoGiudice is a prolific artist. She is also an in-demand workshop leader at numerous craft schools nationally, sharing her technical and creative skills in various medium manipulation and in design. JoEl is also a seasoned arts administrator who served as a Vanderbilt University art force for over 30 years. Within this realm, JoEl is well known and respected amongst her higher education peers, artists, and members of the community within Tennessee and beyond. She joined the Tennessee Craft Board in 2021 after a long history with the organization.

Chris Armstrong learned to needle felt wool into small sculptures from a teacher at his daughter's school in 2003. It was fun and people liked what he made. Ten years later, with some time on his hands, he took it up again with dedication. It was still fun, and he now sells his pieces at a few craft shows a year. Usually he makes animals, dressed up like people, in unlikely situations. His goal is to make people smile and to tell just enough of a story to let folks imagine their own.

Richard Dwyer spent the beginning of his adult life on college campuses earning degrees and teaching at Rutgers University and the State University of New York in New York City. Throughout his busy career he maintained a fascination and passion for working with wood in his free time. In retirement Dwyer moved to the beautiful mountains of northeast



Tennessee, enabling him to fulfill a life-long wish to add a lathe to his collection. He then became addicted to the art form that produces piles of wood shavings. Dwyer has been involved in the Best of Tennessee Craft Art show for several years, winning second place in 2018's juried contest. His work is part of the permanent collection of the Tennessee State Museum, the Reece Museum on the campus of ETSU, and in several private collections.

Monya Nikahd is an Iranian-American handweaver and emerging artist from Nashville, Tennessee. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fibers from Tennessee Tech University in 2020. She has received awards such as the 2021 Windgate Lamar Fellowship from the Center for Craft, Best Emerging Maker from the Tennessee Craft Fair. Other accomplishments to date include work displayed at Appalachian Center for Craft, Number Magazine, Techspressionism, the Tennessee State Museum, and the Praxis Fiber Workshop Digital Weaving Residency in Cleveland, Ohio. Her goal as a handweaver is to push the boundaries of a medium typically perceived as 'soft' and domestic into our digital era. Her approach to weaving is experimental and relies on trial-and-error because of her unconventional use of materials and methods.

Ashley Seay is the owner of SuperNatural Relief, a printmaking studio that offers original art with a focus in woodblock printing, custom logo woodblocks, wood sculpture and design, pattern design, and fabric

printing. She has over 10 years of experience in the printmaking medium. Woodblock printing is done by reversing an image, carving it on a piece of wood by leaving the image's outline on the wood, and then the block is inked and printed on a substance like paper or fabric. A printing press is used to reproduce prints with even pressure. Her artwork is inspired by history, nature, Ancestors, Universe, and family and friends.

As a child, Becky Ziemer had many different interests and enjoyed all forms of artistic expression, but none of them captured her attention like clay. After getting a BFA in graphic design from the University of Mississippi and spending 15 years in that profession, she realized that her heart kept going back to ceramics. That, along with rising Etsy sales and a wholesale inquiry from a nationally known gift catalog, convinced her to drop graphic design and take the leap to become a full-time ceramics artist in 2015. Becky Zee loves to make whimsical creatures, or "critters," of all shapes, sizes, and colors.

Tennessee Craft, formerly The Tennessee Association of Craft Artists (TACA), works to continue and create Tennessee's fine craft tradition. With more than 500 members throughout the state, Tennessee Craft serves as the premier connecting point for local, independent makers and their audiences through craft fairs, exhibitions, professional development, networking, mentorship and other educational programs. Visit [tennesseecraft.org](http://tennesseecraft.org) to learn more.

The Tennessee State Museum, on the corner of Rosa L Parks Blvd. and Jefferson Street at Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, is home to 13,000 years of Tennessee art and history. Through six permanent exhibitions titled Natural History, First Peoples, Forging a Nation, The Civil War and Reconstruction, Change and Challenge and Tennessee Transforms, the Museum takes visitors on a journey -- through artifacts, films, interactive displays, events and educational and digital programming -- from the state's geological beginnings to the present day. Additional temporary exhibitions explore significant periods and individuals in history, along with art and cultural movements. The Museum is free and open to the public Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. For more information on exhibitions and events, please visit [tnmuseum.org](http://tnmuseum.org).

## Governor Announces Christmas Events

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and First Lady Maria Lee announced the state's holiday events, including Christmas at the Capitol and "A Storybook Christmas" tour of the Tennessee Residence.

"This Christmas is especially meaningful as we reflect on 225 years of Tennessee statehood," said Gov. Lee. "Maria and I are grateful to gather with Tennesseans as we look toward the season of peace and hope, while celebrating all of our Tennessee traditions."

The annual Christmas at the Capitol celebration will take place on Monday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

The event will include

a tree lighting ceremony, refreshments and musical performances from the 129th Army Band jazz ensemble and the Belmont University BSA gospel choir. Christmas at the Capitol is open to the public.

The Christmas tree, a Norway spruce, will be donated by Thomas and Patricia Washer of Murfreesboro.

Holiday tours at the Tennessee Residence will be available December 10-12 and December 16-19. All tours are self-guided, free to the public and require a reservation. Guests are also invited to bring donations for non-profits across the state.

## Cookeville Depot Holding Open House

A long-time Cookeville Christmas tradition will have plenty of "Elfin' Around at the Depot."

"This event has been going on for so long -- over 30 years now!" Beth Thompson, Cookeville Museums manager, said of the Cookeville Depot Museum's annual Christmas Open House, which is set for Dec. 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 116 W. Broad St.

"Many of our visitors attended this event as children and now bring their own children to take photos with Santa and soak up some warm holiday spirit."

In addition to warm feelings of nostalgia in a

historic setting -- the depot was built in 1909 and is on the National Register of Historic Places -- this free event features holiday games, treats, train displays by the Central Tennessee Model Railroaders, caroling with Cookeville's Barbershop Harmony Society, a special mailbox to drop off wish-list letters and visits with Santa.

And of course -- lots of elves.

Santa will be available in the double doorway on the west patio from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. A line will form outdoors, and a limited number of visitors will be allowed inside the depot at a time.

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|  <p><b>Sazerac Rye</b><br/>750 ml<br/><b>\$30<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> | <p><b>BACK IN STOCK!</b><br/><b>Broken Shed</b><br/>1.75L Vodka<br/><b>\$31<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Black Heart</b><br/>Spiced Rum - 1.75L<br/><b>\$17<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Espolon</b><br/>Tequila Blanco - 1.75L<br/><b>\$44<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |
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|  <p><b>Jim Beam</b><br/>Black/Devil's Cut - 1.75L<br/><b>\$33<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Grey Goose</b><br/>Vodka - 1.75L<br/><b>\$42<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Paul Masson</b><br/>Brandy - 3 Yr - 1.75L<br/><b>\$23<sup>49</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Dunhill XO</b><br/>Brandy - 750 ml<br/><b>\$22<sup>49</sup></b> EACH</p> |
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|  <p><b>Triple Crown</b><br/>Canadian Whiskey - 1.75L<br/><b>\$27<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>New Amsterdam</b><br/>80 PF Vodka - 1.75L<br/><b>\$17<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Dewar's</b><br/>Scotch - White Label - 750 ml<br/><b>\$18<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Slane</b><br/>Irish Whiskey - 750 ml<br/><b>\$21<sup>69</sup></b> EACH Triple Cask</p> |
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|  <p><b>Canadian Club</b><br/>Whiskey - 1.75L<br/><b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Pearl</b><br/>Vodka - 1.75L<br/><b>\$13<sup>49</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Famous Grouse</b><br/>Smoke Black - 1.75L<br/><b>\$38<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Sexton</b><br/>Irish Whiskey - 750 ml<br/><b>\$26<sup>49</sup></b> EACH</p> |
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|  <p><b>Jack Daniel's</b><br/>Winter Jack - 750 ml<br/><b>\$18<sup>99</sup></b> EACH Seasonal</p> |  <p><b>Evan Williams</b> Seasonal Egg Nog<br/>1.75L 750 ml<br/><b>\$21<sup>99</sup></b> EACH <b>\$10<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Bailey's Irish Cream</b><br/>1.75L 1L<br/><b>\$44<sup>99</sup></b> EACH <b>\$31<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |
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|  <p><b>Round Pond</b><br/>Rutherford Cab Sauv - 750ml<br/><b>\$51<sup>99</sup></b> EACH Save \$8.00</p> | <p>WHILE SUPPLY LASTS<br/><b>Silver Oak</b><br/>All Varieties - 750 ml<br/><b>10% OFF</b></p> |  <p><b>Anno Domini</b> 750ml<br/>Pinot Grigio Organic Grape<br/><b>\$12<sup>49</sup></b> EACH</p> |
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|  <p><b>B.R. Cohn</b><br/>N. Coast Cab Sauv - 750ml<br/>Silver Label <b>\$9<sup>99</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Bogle</b> 750ml<br/>Chardonnay, Merlot, Cab Sauv<br/><b>\$9<sup>89</sup></b> EACH</p> |  <p><b>Conundrum</b><br/>750 ml<br/>Red Blend <b>\$19<sup>99</sup></b> White <b>\$12<sup>49</sup></b></p> |  <p><b>La Marca</b><br/>Prosecco - 750ml<br/><b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b> EACH Case Special \$12.99 each</p> |
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## High School Basketball

## Livingston Academy Girls

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| Livingston Academy | 54 |
| CAK                | 38 |

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| Livingston Academy         | 63 |
| Knoxville West High School | 16 |

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| Farragut High School | 50 |
| Livingston Academy   | 46 |

## Livingston Academy Boys

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Blackman High School | 48 |
| Livingston Academy   | 43 |

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| Livingston Academy   | 60 |
| Rockvale High School | 58 |

## High School Football

## Region 4 Class 4A

Livingston Academy  
Stone Memorial  
Cumberland County  
DeKalb County  
Macon County  
Upperman

Last Week's Scores  
Class 4-A State Tournament  
Quarterfinals

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| Upperman High School | 42 |
| Redbank High School  | 28 |

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| Elizabethton High School | 13 |
| Greenville High School   | 7  |

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| Tullahoma High School  | 21 |
| Pearl Cohn High School | 7  |

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| Haywood High School      | 35 |
| South Gibson High School | 28 |

This Week's Games  
Class 4-A State Tournament  
Semifinals

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Elizabethton High School | 23 |
| Upperman High School     | 6  |

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| Tullahoma High School | 44 |
| Haywood High School   | 19 |

Next Week's Game  
Class 4-A Final

Elizabethton High School vs  
Tullahoma High School

Young Sportsman  
Squirrel Hunt Set For  
Dec. 18

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will hold a Young Sportsman Squirrel Hunt at Buffalo Ridge Refuge in Humphreys County on Saturday, Dec. 18. There is no cost to participate in the hunt for youth ages 6-16. This hunt will replace the hunt that was held in February at the refuge.

The hunt will be limited to 30 participants. Breakfast and lunch will also be furnished. The day will begin with breakfast and mandatory safety talk at 6 a.m. The hunt starts at 7 a.m. and lunch will be avail-



able at noon.

Interested hunters may register through the TWRA website at: <http://license.gooutdoorstennessee.com/Event/ViewEvent.aspx?id=43056>

For more information, contact Donald Hosse, TWRA Wildlife Education Program Coordinator at [don.hosse@tn.gov](mailto:don.hosse@tn.gov)

## Golden Eagles Push Vols

MIKE LEHMAN  
TTU Sports Information

An incredible defensive effort and resilience like you read about would be the best description for the Tennessee Tech men's basketball team Friday afternoon, as the Golden Eagles left it all on the court in an 80-69 loss at No. 15 Tennessee at Thompson-Boling Arena.

In front of a crowd of 16,909 roaring Vols fans, the purple and gold controlled the first half of the contest, using a relentless defensive showing to hold a Tennessee squad averaging more than 80 points per game to just 34 at the break. With just over a second to play in the opening 20 minutes, junior guard Jr. Clay hit a triple, pushing the Golden Eagles out front, 35-34, heading into the locker room.

"The one thing that we're starting to develop as an identity is that we're going to get great effort and good toughness," Tech head coach John Pelphrey said. "We're not going to check out and we're going to stay with it. I thought we just kind of stayed with it there in the first half. They turned it over a couple of times and that helped us. We got a steal or two, but if you asked what I thought we did the best tonight, I think we just stayed together and stayed with it."

In the second half, the Vols came out firing, hitting an immediate shot from deep to take back over the lead. Without flinching, sophomore guard Keishawn Davidson answered with his own make from beyond



TTU Photo / Thomas Corhern

**Passing Lane** – Tennessee Tech's Jr. Clay makes a pass during TTU's game against the Tennessee Vols Friday. Clay had 19 points as Tech fell 80-69 at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville.

the arc. Both sides traded jump shots before UT's leading scorer, Santiago Vescovi, buried his second trey of the half.

Again, the Golden Eagles had a response, with Clay burying a 25-footer to put the Cookeville crew back on top. He followed with a layup to make it a three-point lead for Tech, its largest of the game.

Tennessee kept working the ball inside the paint, chipping away and eventually pushing out front for good at the 13:11 mark of the second half. The Vol defense also forced 19 Tech turnovers in the contest, providing more possession and eight more shots from the field.

"It's just a recognition that there are two halves of basketball," Pelphrey explained. "I don't fault our guys' effort. We just have to continue to grow and learn to play basketball better. Certainly, 19

turnovers is not clean. It wasn't so much of them doing a whole lot defensively that we haven't seen, I just thought they were very, very aggressive.

"We were just not able to consistently handle getting the ball popped out of our hands, reaching for it with one hand, grabbing a rebound with one hand, or trying to finish a play with one hand. The problem with that stuff, is those are situations that immediately lead to baskets that you can't defend."

Clay led the Golden Eagles in the contest with a season-high 19 points, including 12 in the second half alone. He added three assists and a pair of steals while shooting 50 percent from 3-point range. Davidson also finished in double figures, contributing 10 points and a team-high four dimes.

Sophomore forward Daniel Ramsey deliv-

ered 12 points on 5-for-8 shooting. Junior big man Amadou Sylla was a beast on the glass, hauling in a game-high nine rebounds while chipping in eight points to the mix as well.

"At the end of the day, Tennessee is a very good team. They're physical, well-coached, they win a bunch of basketball games. We love Coach [Rick] Barnes and appreciate the opportunity to come up here and play."

The Golden Eagles return to Cookeville for a rematch with in-state rival Chattanooga on Tuesday, Nov. 30 in the Hooper Eblen Center. Tip for the contest is set for 6:00 p.m. with the game set to be streamed on ESPN+. Season tickets for Tennessee Tech basketball are on sale now. Call (931) 372-3940, visit the Hooper Eblen Center ticket office, or log on to [TTUSports.com](http://TTUSports.com) to order yours today.

CWD Deer Found In  
Two More Counties

Gibson and McNairy County are now positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) after confirmation through multiple tests from hunter harvested deer.

These results change the CWD status of both counties from high-risk to positive and makes Carroll County high-risk because of the proximity to the new positive deer. As a result, carcass transport, feeding, and mineral placement regulations are immediately enacted. For more information visit [CWDinTennessee.com](http://CWDinTennessee.com).

"We want hunters to know that it is imperative to move only approved deer parts out of a county that is positive or high-risk for CWD," said Stephanie Durno Karns, assistant chief of game species. "These two positive deer found enact changes to the transport laws and wildlife feeding laws in these counties and we need everyone to follow those to slow the spread of CWD. With deer season in full swing, it is the most popular time for hunting. There are no changes to hunting regulations in Gibson, McNairy, or Carroll counties at this time."

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission instituted deer carcass exportation and wildlife feeding

restrictions to positive and high-risk counties to best manage CWD in the state. Only approved parts, including de-boned meat, cleaned (free of meat and tissues) skulls/skull plates & teeth, hides & tanned products, taxidermy, and antlers- including those attached to clean skull plates may be transported out of positive and high-risk counties.

Supplemental feeding of wildlife is banned in high-risk and positive counties. Therefore, placement of grains, salt products, and other consumable products for wildlife is prohibited.

The ban does not apply to feed placed within 100 feet of a residence, feed placed in a manner not accessible to deer, or feed and minerals as the result of normal agricultural practices.

Food plots are still legal in affected counties.

More information about CWD is available at [CWDinTennessee.com](http://CWDinTennessee.com).

Golden Eagles Rally  
But Fall To NMSU

THOMAS CORHERN  
TTU Sports Information

The Tennessee Tech women's basketball team made a valiant comeback on Saturday against New Mexico State, but the Aggies' 20-point lead in the third quarter was too much to overcome as the Golden Eagles close out the San Juan Shootout with a 66-54 loss.

Tech (2-4) return to action on Wednesday as the Golden Eagles head to Knoxville to take on the Tennessee Lady Vols for a 5:30 p.m. contest.

The Golden Eagles had three players score in double-figures, led by Mackenzie Coleman and Anna Jones each with 13 points, while Jada Guinn had 12 points. Jones had seven of her points at the free-throw line as she went 7-for-12 after drawing 10 fouls in the contest.

Tech spent a lot of time at the charity stripe as the Golden Eagles drew 24 fouls and went 18-for-30 at the line. In addition to Jones' seven points, Guinn was 6-for-8 on free throws.

Guinn and Coleman each had a team-best seven rebounds, while Coleman and Jones led Tech in assists as well.

New Mexico State (3-2) emptied the bench, getting 14 players in action in the contest as the Aggies scored 31 of their 66 points from the substitutes. Deja Terrell played

18:36 in relief and went on to become NMSU's top scorer in the game, tabbing in 11 points as she was 4-for-6 from the field and 3-for-3 at the free-throw line.

A trio of Aggie starters – Bigue Sarr, Melanie Isbell and Jade Bradley – had nine points. Sarr was 3-for-5 from the field and 3-for-4 from the line, while Isbell was 3-for-5, hitting all three of her 3-point tries and had a team-best four assists. Bradley was 3-for-7, 1-for-1 from three and 2-for-3 at the line.

After trailing by three at the end of the first quarter, the Aggies outscored Tech 13-7 in the second to take a 26-17 advantage at the half. The Golden Eagles went 3-for-14 during the 10-minute span, including 0-for-6 from 3-point range. It was a recurring theme for Tech in the game, going 2-for-16 from long range with Megan Clark and Maa-liya Owens knocking down the two successful shots in the game.

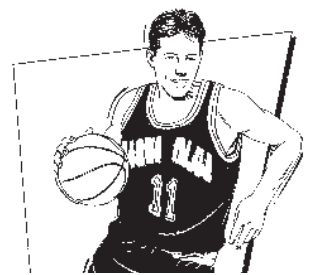
The Golden Eagles fared better in the third quarter, bolstered by a 7-for-14 effort at the free-throw line as Tech shot 3-for-10. However, the Aggies extended their advantage using a 10-0 run, outscoring Tech 24-13 as NMSU was 8-for-14 from the field and 6-for-9 from the line.

# Team Hunter Karate



**Karate Championships** - The grandfather-and-grandson tandem of Mike Baker (left) and Michael Baker (right) were successful at the 47th Tri-State karate championships in Dalton, Ga. on Nov.6. Mike Baker won 1st place for sparring in the adult men green belt division, while Michael Baker finished in 3rd place for sparring and 2nd in forms in the 16 yr blue belt division.

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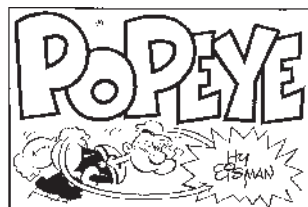
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# HOROSCOPES

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. Take that to heart and try to see the silver lining when an obstacle gets in your way.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
It's one thing to stand by your views, Taurus. It's another to stubbornly refuse to listen to others when they make good points. Be open-minded this week.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/June 21  
You may be juggling too much at one time, Gemini. If you're finding it difficult to manage your time, reach out to a friend or colleague for help. They're ready and willing.

**CANCER**  
June 22/July 22  
Cancer, lately you have been a person of few words, and others may be wondering what is going on. Confide in someone close to you if the need arises.

**LEO**  
July 23/Aug 23  
Leo, if you are up for an adventure, look to those around you for inspiration. Maybe you'll overhear a coworker talking about a dream getaway.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, you may start to rethink a decision you made a while ago when an unexpected hiccup occurs. Reevaluate your decision-making process.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Good times are ahead, Libra. Focus on the fun that is coming your way and make an effort to include more good times in the weeks ahead.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, a situation at work will require the utmost patience and perseverance. The outcome will be in your favor if you take a measured approach.

**SAGITTARIUS**

Nov 23/Dec 21  
You could use a night out with friends, Sagittarius. Make a concerted effort to get together and invite the people whose company you most enjoy.

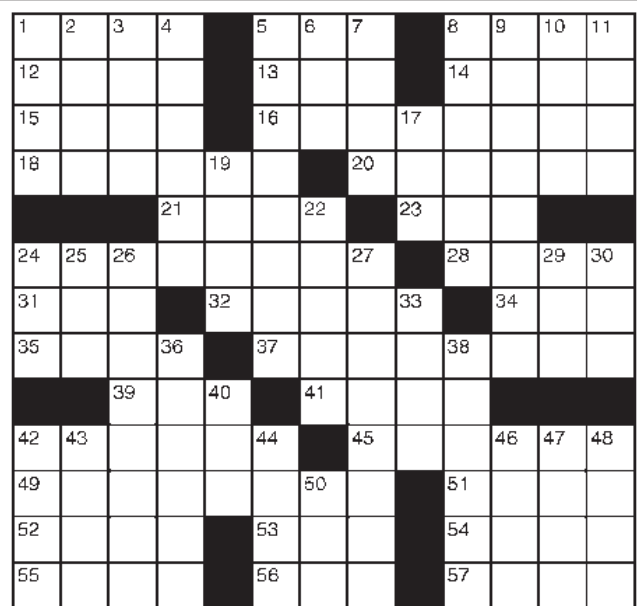
**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, you may have to reexamine your priorities. Don't let something pull you in one direction when a friend or family member may need you more.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you're not much of a fan of waiting games, but you will have to stick things out a little longer until your plan can come to fruition. Patience will pay off.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
Avoid overzealous spending in the weeks ahead, Pisces. Find ways to be generous with your time rather than with your wallet.

# CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Creche trio
  - The whole enchilada
  - Outlet letters
  - Teensy bit
  - Irish actor Stephen
  - Vivacity, in music
  - At the summit of
  - Her bed was too soft
  - Jungle trek
  - Make happy
  - Swindles
  - Workout site
  - Spaghetti topper
  - Whirled
  - Hosp. area
  - Small stream
  - "As I see it," to a texter
  - Lavish affection (on)
  - Lunar light
  - Family card game
  - Greek letters
  - Regard highly
  - Morals
  - Legume used in Asian cuisine
  - Acknowledge
  - Wax-coated cheese
  - Baton Rouge sch.
  - Country's McEntire
  - Actress Ward



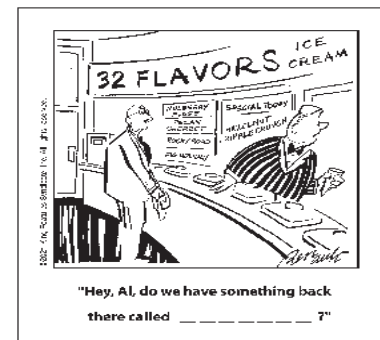
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  - "-- girl!"
  - Blunder
  - Influence
  - How lovers may stroll
  - Meadow
  - Genie's home
  - Monasteries
  - Slapstick missile
  - "Buenos --!"
  - Apple center
  - H.S. math
  - Eldest Stark child on "Game of Thrones"
  - Sailing vessel
  - Central
  - Green prefix
  - Fall-related
  - Relax
  - Actress Thurman
  - de plume
  - Make a scarf
  - Puzzle
  - It's equivalent to C, in some scores
  - Sphere
  - Iowa city
  - Ranch visitor
  - Slithery
  - Currier's partner
  - Corn castoffs
  - Smack a baseball
  - "-- was saying ..."

## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

There are six states bordering South Dakota. Starting with North Dakota to the north and going clockwise, can you name the other five states?

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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!

Dainty  
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Dream  
**RANEY**

Unkind  
**DINES**

Sniff  
**HEALIN**

**TODAY'S WORD**

"Hey, Al, do we have something back there called \_\_\_\_\_?"

## Even Exchange

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 MISTIER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 3. Counterfeiter     | ___ G ___ | Previous        | ___ M ___ |
| 4. Fencer's weapon   | ___ D     | Took an oath    | ___ E     |
| 5. Pleat             | C ___     | Lard            | G ___     |
| 6. \$1000            | ___ R ___ | Pituitary, e.g. | ___ L ___ |
| 7. Advertiser's tune | ___ N     | Wobble          | ___ G     |
| 8. Dog lead          | ___ H     | Smallest amount | ___ T     |
| 9. Red gem           | ___ T     | Gather together | ___ R     |
| 10. H2O              | T         | Las Vegas bet   | G         |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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

ANSWER

Weekly SUDOKU

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

## 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 M

ZRJB JOCUCGM QVBBQD MCGYHM  
OVWRB LCG RDJU EUCO KDCKQD  
ZRC JUD YDMBQVYW TCOEVQL?  
TGHHQD TJQQM.

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**Even Exchange**

ANSWERS

1. Tiger; Lion
2. Follow; Follow
3. Money; Money
4. Drive; Drive
5. Hammer; Hammer
6. Gallop; Gallop
7. Wilbur; Wilbur
8. South; South
9. Hammer; Hammer
10. Place; Place

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1. Tender; 2. Neary;  
3. Snide; 4. Inhale

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**CryptoQuip**

My car is dreadfully overdue for maintenance. I'll ask the mechanic to check it at his earliest convenience.

# Agriculture

## UT Launches Farm-to-Table Beef Program

High-quality, locally sourced 'UT Beef' is now being served on the University of Tennessee Knoxville campus.

Produced at UT's Northeast Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Greeneville, and being prepared and served through an agreement with UT Dining Services managed by Aramark, the farm-to-table effort supports sustainable agricultural production by utilizing locally grown beef as a reliable food source while maximizing supply chain resiliency.

"This partnership is another way we bring to life the mission of a land-grant university," says UT Knoxville Chancellor Donde Plowman. "Beef production is a huge part of our agriculture industry in this state and across the nation, and this new program is providing sustainable solutions that will benefit our students as well as people and communities across Tennessee."

"I hope that this UT Institute of Agriculture pilot program will be a

model across the state and for other institutions to adopt and provide alternatives for locally sourced, high-quality, humanely produced protein products," says Justin McKinney, director of the UT Northeast Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center.

The beef cattle in this program are raised primarily on a pasture-based system utilizing forage consisting of cool-season perennials—tall fescue and orchardgrass—interseeded with red and white clover. The sustainable, intense grazing system can support a variety of livestock operations across the state while minimizing environmental impact.

"This model should serve producers and consumers across Appalachia as well as those in other regions with the same ability to grow their own forages capable of supporting a complete livestock enterprise," says McKinney. The Northeast Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center sits in Greene County, which is among the state's top

beef-producing counties. Approximately 70,000 cattle roam its hills and valleys.

Hongwei Xin, dean of UT AgResearch, asked McKinney to join UT AgResearch two years ago after a national search and charged him with developing a robust beef backgrounding operation to handle a small finishing number of steers to maximize the center's direct marketing capability. The program also had to support UTIA's ongoing and future research projects in plant and animal sciences and veterinary medicine. David White, a food scientist and associate dean of UT AgResearch, challenged McKinney to go a step further and design a system as a model for sustainable protein production focused on local sales. After months of working out the business details in partnership with Aramark and with the support of UT Knoxville administrators, UT Beef hamburgers, casseroles and other tasty dishes are now being prepared and served across campus.

Linda C. Martin, interim senior vice chancellor and senior vice president of the UT Institute of Agriculture says, "It is exciting to see the meaningful and impactful work at our AgResearch centers practically applied in the form of sustainably produced nutrition for our students and others."

McKinney, who is also a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Plant Sciences, is pleased to help UT lead the charge for locally sustainable beef. "I desire to develop programs that support long-term solutions to complex challenges facing agriculture throughout the southeastern U.S. As a UT student and employee, I have a vested interest in the success of current and future programs that address sustainability for Tennessee agriculture."

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](http://utia.tennessee.edu).

## Tennessee Farm Bureau's President Recognized

The Tennessee Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the International Honor Society of Agriculture, has honored Tennessee Farm Bureau President Jeff Aiken with its 2021 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

A lifelong resident of Telford, Tennessee, in Washington County, Aiken is a third-generation farmer and the eighth president in the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation's history. Including its insurance arm, the organization currently serves more than 680,000 members.

Along with his two brothers, Aiken and his wife, Carol, manage more than 900 acres where they raise tobacco, beef cattle and hay. Aiken first became involved with Farm Bureau through the Young Farmer and Rancher's organization. He served as the YF&R state chair in 1992, and in 1993 he and Carol were named the Tennessee Young Farmers of the Year. He is also the first state YF&R chairman to go on to serve as the Farm Bureau state president.

Aiken first began serv-

ing on the state Board of Directors in 1998 when he was elected a director-at-large by the Farm Bureau's county leadership statewide. He continued to serve in that position until 2013 when he was elected to serve as the organization's vice president. During his tenure on the state board he headed-up numerous committees including chairing the State Resolution's Committee from 2013-2015. He served on the Washington County Farm Bureau board from 1982 until 2015 and during the period from 1995-2008 he served as county president.

Aiken currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau, the Tennessee FFA Foundation, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, and the Maury County Chamber and Economic Alliance. "I am truly honored by this recognition from Gamma Sigma Delta," Aiken said. "Carol and I have been blessed to work in the best industry and with the best people all our lives. Many of them deserve to share this incred-

ible honor, including the wonderful staff at TFBF. Agriculture is our most important industry, and we have to keep sharing our story to ensure a sustainable future."

Rob Holland, UT Extension interim assistant dean for agricultural and community economic development programs and director of the Center for Profitable Agriculture, nominated Aiken for the award. "There is no argument that Jeff Aiken has provided distinguished service to agriculture," says Holland. "He is certainly worthy of the utmost recognition and appreciation for the countless ways he contributed to and supported the agriculture industry in our state and throughout the U.S. I'm glad to call him friend, a colleague, and a mentor."

Earlier in the year, Aiken announced he will not seek re-election as president for a fourth term. He is excited to be returning to his farm full time in Washington County.

The Aikens are members of Oakland Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he has served as

Sunday School Superintendent, teacher, deacon and elder.

Headquartered at the UT Institute of Agriculture, the Tennessee Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes leaders of Tennessee agriculture and exceptional students and faculty. This year Aaron Smith, associate professor of agricultural and resource economics with UTIA, is serving as the chapter's president. Annette Wszelaki, UTIA professor of plant sciences, served as chair of the awards committee. Founded in 1913, Gamma Sigma Delta is the oldest and largest honor society emphasizing scholarship and achievement in agriculture and natural resources.

A virtual celebration for all 2021 award winners and student initiates was held online on November 19. Anni Self, plant certification administrator and state plant regulatory official with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture received the organization's Alumni Award. A complete list of award winners is available at [utianews.tennessee.edu](http://utianews.tennessee.edu).

## Cattle Report

Smith County Commission  
 Livestock Weighted Average Report for  
 11/19/2021 - Final AUCTION  
 This Week Last Reported Last Year  
 11/19/2021

Total Receipts: 526 643 1,011

Feeder Cattle: 398 (74.3%) 478(78.8%) 793(79.5.7%)  
 Slaughter Cattle:103(14.6%) 94(13.6%) 151(12.2%)  
 Replacement Cattle: 25(11.0%) 71(6.6%) 67(8.4%)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please Note:

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



**President Honored** - Jeff Aiken and his wife Carol stand in a field on their farm in Telford, Tennessee. Image courtesy Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation.


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# Community Calendar

## Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Every Friday beginning at 7 p.m.; every Sunday at 5 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. All held at the Overton County Library. The program is not sponsored by the library. For more information call (931) 303-2132.

## Relative Caregiver Program Support Group Meeting

Are you raising a relative child or need housing assistance? For more information

on assistance and support, please contact Melissa Allison at the Upper Cumberland Development District toll-free at 1-877-275-8233. A support group meeting will be held for relatives that are caring for relative children during this month. Please contact Melissa Allison at (931) 476-4127 if you are interested in attending this meeting. For housing assistance, while caring for minor child contact Myra Walker at 931-432-4111.

**The Stephens**

## Center Parent-Child Connection

Fall 2021, Series II: Wednesdays 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Sessions are held at the Stephens Center, located at 616 North Church St., Livingston. Certificates will be awarded to parents attending eight sessions within the series. There is no charge for PCC sessions. December 1: "Coping With Stress" For more information, call 823-6432.

## Parkinson's Support Group

The December

Parkinson's support group meeting will be a Christmas brunch. We will meet December 7 at 10:00 at Caney Fork Baptist Church, 2404 Hwy 70 East, Cookeville TN. There won't be a speaker, but there will be a gift exchange. Shop your home and recycle something you already have. Call Peggy Nesmith (932)854-5799 to RSVP.

## American Legion Dance

The Slick Nickel band is returning to Livingston for a fun-filled evening of dancing and country

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located at 121 S. Church St., Livingston. We are inviting the public and those who have served or who are currently serving in our armed forces to come and have coffee, conversation, and enjoy the comradeship.

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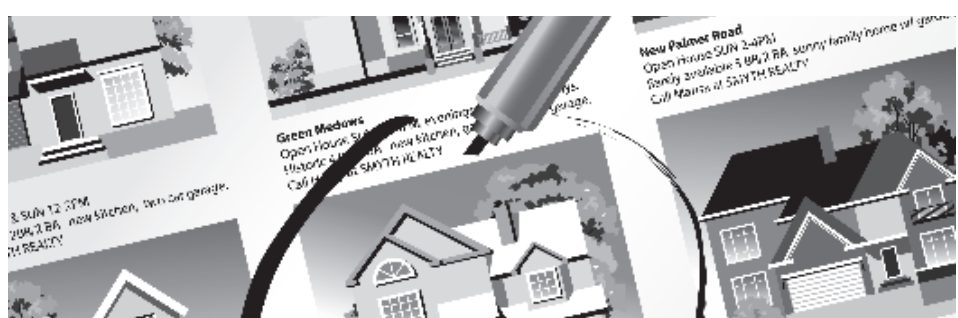
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