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Rose
Announces
July Local
Office
Hours

U.S. Representative John Rose's (TN-6) district staff will hold a series of local office hours for constituents to connect directly with caseworkers and receive assistance with federal agencies throughout the month of July.

During the local office hours, district staff will be available to answer questions and assist constituents with federal casework, such as social security and veterans' benefits, steps for obtaining a passport, and more. Local office hours occur monthly, if you have questions, please contact one of Representative Rose's offices so a staff member may help you.

"We are ready to assist constituents with federal casework and welcome anyone with questions to sit down with staff," said Representative Rose. "My goal is to make the expertise of my staff and the resources of this office easily accessible to every person I represent."

Friday, July 8
Clay County Local Office Hours
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
Location: Clay County Admin. Building, 45 Cordell Hull Drive, Celina, TN

Jackson County Local Office Hours
Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm
Location: Jackson County Library 205 W Hull Ave, Gainesboro, TN 38562

Wednesday, July 27
Overton County Local Office Hours
Time: 9:00am-10:00am
Location: Overton County Administration Building, 306 W. Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570

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Schools Exploring Safety Options

BRIAN WILMOTH
Editor

Overton County Schools are exploring ways to increase safety at the county's schools.

Director of Schools Donnie Holman said discussions with law enforcement officials began in the wake of the Uvalde shooting in Texas. He updated the school board at a work session following the board's monthly meeting.

"(Livingston Police Capt.) Greg Smith and I met today for probably an hour," Holman said. "I feel like we're really on the same page. We're willing to do whatever we can to make our schools safer. He and I just want



Dr. Donnie Holman

to work together to make sure that we're not overlooking anything, and that we're not letting anything slip. We want to make sure that everybody is on the same page as far as what are the procedures, policies, and protocols to do, or to be done, for the safety of our students.

"I've talked numerous

times also with (Coordinated School Health Director) Jenny Smith," Holman said. "I've become aware of one program, and she was aware of another one. We're going to look into these two programs as possibilities of something that we might implement to help ensure safety in our schools."

One of those programs, Holman said, would involve a timer system triggering routine safety checks.

"Someone would be going around and checking the perimeter of the building to make sure that all the doors are locked and having a list of things that need to be

checked periodically," Holman said. "If they're not checked, then we're notified that the check wasn't done and that something's wrong and that there's a problem that needs to be addressed."

Holman said in the wake of the Texas shooting, there was discussion that one of the doors to the school had been left open. He said that issue was addressed at a recent principal's meeting.

"We all came together in consensus today that we know that that is something that we, as school employees, are bad to do to prop a door open," Holman said. "We are going to give

it our 100 percent effort to make sure that there is never a door propped open, regardless of any reason for doing so. That was just one of the many things we discussed."

Holman said one way to drastically improve safety is to take as much guess work out of equation as possible.

"We don't want to assume that everybody knows the things that we are expecting to be done," Holman said. "You can't really assume that. We must make sure that that's communicated crystal clear to everyone so that we're all on the same page, that we know what we're doing and why we're doing it."

Livingston RAM
Clinic Sat & Sun

BRIAN WILMOTH
Editor

Free medical care is coming to Livingston this week.

Remote Area Medical, a nonprofit that provides pop-up clinics devoted to free dental, vision, and medical care for people in need will hold a clinic at First Baptist Church of Livingston Saturday and Sunday.

According to RAM, all services are free and no identification is required. Also, services are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

RAM clinics may include dental cleanings, dental filling, tooth extractions, dental x-rays, eye exams, glaucoma testing, eyeglass prescriptions, women's health exams, and general health exams. In addition, free take-home colon cancer screening test kits will be available.

Cookeville High School has hosted RAM clinics for several year, the last of which was held in March.

The clinic is being held in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Livingston and is partially funded by a UCEMC Cares grant.

When it was founded by Stan Brock in 1985, RAM was dedicated to serve as a provider of medical care in remote areas of developing countries. The first domestic clinic as held on May 9, 1992 in Sneedville, Tenn.

RAM has provided over 888,000 people with more \$181 million worth of free healthcare and veterinary services.

Library Applying
For Grants

BRIAN WILMOTH
Editor

The Overton County Commission has given its approval to apply for \$29,000 worth of grants for programs and improvements to the Millard Oakley Public Library.

Library Director Judith Cutright said the grants will help the library improve technology and add offer more services.

The largest grant is a \$20,000 grant with a 50% match to replace or buy technology, including computers, software, hardware, and peripherals.

"That's to replace some of our older computer systems," Cutright said. "Everyone knows technology doesn't stick around forever."

Another grant is a Library Trailblazer Grant for \$4,000. Cutright said she hopes to use that money to build a storybook trail.

"I'm working with the city on this to put storyboards around the Central Park here so that it encourages children to exercise a little bit and read," Cutwright said. "And it's something that the family can do together."

The third grant is a \$5,000 Twin Lakes Library Grant to help replenish the Little Free Libraries around the county.

Cutright said she hopes to hear back on the Trailblazer grant before the end of the month. She said the library should hear back on the others sometime this fall.

Putnam Teacher
Arrested

BRIAN WILMOTH
Editor

A former Putnam County teacher has been arrested for sexual exploitation of a minor and aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor.

According to a release from District Attorney Bryant Dunaway, Michael Joe Phillips, 61, of Cumberland County, was arrested by TBI agents and deputies from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department following an indictment handed down by the Cumberland County Grand Jury on Tuesday, June 28. According to school administrators, Phillips, who was employed by the Putnam County School System as a Physical Education teacher, was removed from his position as soon as the allegations were brought to their attention.

"We were shocked and saddened when investigators notified us of the allegations against



Michael Phillips

Mr. Phillips," Director of Schools Corby King said. "We ask parents and community members to entrust us with the care of their children. To build this trust, members of the education profession are held to a high standard of accountability. I am angered when any member of the education profession violates this most sacred trust. These situations are taken very seriously at all levels, especially in education."

Dunaway's release that there is no evidence that any child in Putnam or Cumberland County have been a victim in Phillips' case.

According to Dunaway, officials became aware of the situation when the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received a tip that photographic files containing suspected child pornography may have been uploaded in the area. The Cookeville Police Department began an initial investigation and was later joined by the TBI.

Investigators discovered enough evidence to obtain a search warrant, seizing computers and electronic devices. In Phillips' home. After being analyzed in the TBI lab, the presence of child pornography and evidence of distribution of child pornography was found.

The case went before the Cumberland County Grand Jury on Monday, June 27.

This case is still under investigation, according to Dunaway. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the District Attorney's office.

New School Laws In
Effect

BRIAN WILMOTH
Editor

Several new laws impacting Tennessee public schools went into effect on July 1, the beginning of the state's fiscal year.

Republican lawmakers approved the varying bills in the past year to address such issues as school staffing problems, fairness in girls' athletics, and to prohibit school computers from accessing obscene materials.

According to a release from the State Senate, lawmakers are attempting to address challenges in staffing schools by removing barriers for retired members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to be reemployed as teachers, substitutes, or as bus drivers

without losing their benefits or having them suspended. Under the previous law, members of the TCRS could return to work, however, they could only work for 120 days.

The new law allows teachers to return to the classroom for up to one year while maintaining retirement benefits. During the reemployment, retirement benefits will be reduced to 70% of the allowance the teacher is entitled to receive.

"This legislation will go a long way to alleviating the staffing crunch facing schools statewide," Sen. Ken Yager of Kingston, the sponsor of the legislation, said. "Many retirees are already helping

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OVERTON COUNTY
AUGUST 4, 2022

STATE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

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TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 41
Vote For One (1)
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ED BUTLER

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GOVERNOR
Vote For One (1)
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BILL LEE

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STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
DISTRICT 12
Vote For One (1)
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BRADLEY HAYES

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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 6
Vote For One (1)
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MICHAEL C. SWISHER

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STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
DISTRICT 12
Vote For One (1)
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ELIZABETH "LIZ" HOLIWAY

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
STATE OF TENNESSEE

OVERTON COUNTY
AUGUST 4, 2022

STATE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 6
Vote For One (1)
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RANDAL COOPER

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GOVERNOR
Vote For One (1)
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CARNITA FAYE ATWATER

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TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 41
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CLAY FAIRCLOTH

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JASON BRANTLEY MARTIN

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JB SMILEY JR.

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OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 4, 2022

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PART II
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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CAROLINE E. KNIGHT
Republican Party Nominee

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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE
PART I
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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WILLIAM T. "WILL" RIDLEY
Republican Party Nominee

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CHANCELLOR
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Vote For One (1)
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RONALD THURMAN
Republican Party Nominee

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CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE
PART I
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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GARY S. MCKENZIE
Republican Party Nominee

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AMY TURNBULL HOLLARS
Independent Candidate

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CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE
PART II
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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WESLEY BRAY
Republican Party Nominee

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Vote For One (1)
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STEVEN BARLOW
Republican Party Nominee

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY
GENERAL
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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BRYANT C. DUNAWAY
Republican Party Nominee

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COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 1
Vote For Three (3)
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SUZANNE SMITH-MAY
Republican Party Nominee

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PUBLIC DEFENDER
13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Vote For One (1)
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CRAIG P. FICKLING JR.
Republican Party Nominee

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ROBBIE MELTON
Independent Candidate

LEE RICHARDS
Independent Candidate

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CINDY ROBBINS
Independent Candidate

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COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 2
Vote For Three (3)
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ROBERT E BOYKIN
Independent Candidate

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COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 3
Vote For Three (3)
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RANDALL BOSWELL
Independent Candidate

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JAMES DARWIN CLARK
Independent Candidate

JEFF LONG
Independent Candidate

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SHANE WALKER
Independent Candidate

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COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 4
Vote For Three (3)
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PATRICK MCCURDY
Republican Party Nominee

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COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 5
Vote For Three (3)
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ROGER CARR
Independent Candidate

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BILLIE G PHIPPS
Independent Candidate

PHILIP TALLEY
Independent Candidate

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GERALDINE WALKER
Independent Candidate

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GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE
Vote For One (1)
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WILL MULLINS
Republican Party Nominee

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COUNTY CLERK
Vote For One (1)
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VICTORIA HOGUE LOOPER
Republican Party Nominee

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SHERIFF
Vote For One (1)
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JOHN GARRETT
Republican Party Nominee

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REGISTER OF DEEDS
Vote For One (1)
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JIMMY CONNER
Republican Party Nominee

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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote For One (1)
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MARK DILLON
Republican Party Nominee

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SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 1
Vote For One (1)
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BRUCE HUGGINS
Independent Candidate

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SHIRLEY MYERS
Independent Candidate

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SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 2
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JAMES CLOUSE
Independent Candidate

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SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 5
Vote For One (1)
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ASHLEY CARR
Independent Candidate

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SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 3
Vote For One (1)
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ALICE A REED
Independent Candidate

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SCHOOL BOARD
DISTRICT 4
Vote For One (1)
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RICKY DODSON
Independent Candidate

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DEWAYNE HARNESSE
Independent Candidate

TAYLOR THOMPSON
Independent Candidate

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Notice

The early voting period for the August 4, 2022 State of Tennessee Republican and Democratic Primaries and Overton County General Election will be **July 15th – July 30th**. The hours for early voting are **Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon**. All voters are eligible to vote early. Early voting takes place at the Overton County Election Commission Office located at **312 W Broad Street, Suite 2, Livingston, TN 38570**. If you have any questions, please call **931-823-5985**.

Notice

The Overton County Election Commission will meet on **Thursday July 14, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.** at the Election Commission Office. The purpose of the meeting will be to make the early voting machines, to be used in the **August 4, 2022** State of Tennessee Republican and Democratic Primaries and Overton County General Election, available for inspection. The early voting provisional ballot box will be locked. Second quarter applications for registration will be reviewed.

Business

New Business Now Open



Grand Opening - Jessica Stephens, Amy Huff & Brandy Schmit were joined by local officials and Chamber of Commerce members as they celebrated a ribbon cutting at their new business, Lane Mercantile on Friday. The new business is located at 209 S. Church St. in Livingston

Neumann Named Forestry Consultant

Tennessee Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. announces the addition of David Neumann to the Business Development Division of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Neumann brings 30 years of experience in the forest management industry and will serve as the division's Forestry Business Consultant. He will support the growth of the wood products industry in Tennessee by assisting new and expanding forestry businesses.

"With his background in forest products marketing, David is perfectly suited to work with the industry and private landowners," Commissioner Hatcher said. "We're excited for him to continue his work in agribusiness development. He will be able to meet the needs of our forestry business partners and bring new ideas to foster their success."

For nearly 25 years, Neumann worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources where he served as the Forest Marketing and Utilization Specialist in the Forest Resources Division. Prior to that role, he was the State Silviculturist and Forest Planning and Operations Analyst in the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.

Prior to his public service, Neumann operated a forestry industry consulting business in Michigan. He managed timber sales, conducted timber appraisals, served as an expert witness for timber trespass, and wrote management plans for clients through the Forest Stewardship Program.

Neumann earned multiple degrees from Michigan State University in East Lansing. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, a Bachelor of Science in Forestry, and a master's degree in Forestry with an emphasis in Silviculture.

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Obituaries

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Evelyn Joyce Owens

Ms. Evelyn Joyce Owens age 70 of Hilham, Jackson Co., TN passed from this life on Friday, June 24, 2022 from the Mabry Healthcare in Jackson Co., TN.

Ms. Evelyn Joyce Owens was born in Gainesboro, Jackson Co.,

TN on Thursday, May 22, 1952 to the late William A. and Clara D. (Lee) Maberry. Evelyn Joyce Owens worked at Russell Stovers Candie for many years. She loved her family very much and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Survivors: 1 Daughter: Yolanda Long; 1 Son:

Gawaine Long; A host of other family and friends also survive.

Pallbearers: Family Services / Burial: Funeral services for Ms. Evelyn Joyce Owens were held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 1 PM from the chapel of the Hall Funeral Home of Livingston with burial to follow in the West

Cemetery located in Putnam County at 8901 Fairview Rd Cookeville, TN. Family welcomed friends at the funeral home on Sunday, June 26th starting at 4 PM until 6 PM. The family will officiate with the service.

Hall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Gardner Elected President

Shelley T. Gardner has been elected by her peers to serve as the President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference. The Public Defenders Conference is a statewide system of popularly elected District Public Defenders from each of Tennessee's thirty-one judicial districts. There are over 400 attorneys within the thirty-one districts who carry out the statutory and constitutional duties inherent to representing the indigent accused.

An Executive Committee, led by the President, assists Public Defenders across the State to discharge their duties. Likewise, that Committee advises the legislature regarding laws and procedures necessary for the effective administration of justice. As President, Mrs. Gardner is the principal executive officer responsible for supervising the business and affairs of the Conference.

Mrs. Gardner is the District Public Defender for the 15th Judicial District, a position she was appointed to by Governor Haslam in 2018 and elected to in August of 2020. The 15th Judicial District serves Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale, and Wilson counties. She has been with the 15th Judicial District Public Defender's office since 2002, starting as an Assistant Public Defender. Mrs. Gardner has also been a member of the 15th Judicial Drug Court Team for the last 20 years.

A Wilson County native, Mrs. Gardner is



Shelly Gardner

exceptionally involved with her community. She currently sits on the Board for the Wilson County Fair, Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocates Association (CASA), Teen Court, and serves as President Elect 2023-2024 for the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary. She is a 2017 graduate of Leadership Wilson and is a Past President of Wilson ONE and CASA. Over the past 5 years, Mrs. Gardner has received several special recognitions for her service to her community: she was named Woman of Wilson, received the Judge J.O. Bond Memorial Achievement Award, the CASA Community Champion Award, the Woman of Excellence Award, and the Cedar Tree Award for the newly built Public Defender's Office in Wilson County.

Mrs. Gardner and her family are members of the Lebanon First United Methodist Church. Her husband, Joe, is the head football coach at Walter J. Baird Middle School and the Lebanon High School Football sideline radio announcer. Their two teenage sons, both play football for the Lebanon High School Blue Devils.

The Money Couple with Taylor and Megan



Hey Taylor: My husband and I are trying to figure out some savings goals for the future and don't really know where to start. House, retirement, new car, rainy day fund, etc. Any guidance? - Marie

Hey Marie: Love this question! As one half of The Money Couple, helping married people figure out how to live their best financial lives is a big part of the work I do with my wife. While everyone has a different situation and different needs, there are some universal steps we can all take.

* Emergency fund. If you don't have a cushion of some sort, you have to start there. Save up enough to cover a few months of living expenses so you don't take on a bunch of debt when something unexpected happens. People skip this step all the time and it almost always comes back to bite them. If you have a safety net in place, something like a layoff or a rough economic patch won't blow up all your

long-term goals.

* Retirement. If you have a 401(k) through work, that's fine but it's not really enough. An IRA is another way to go! Once you get into the swing of putting money away for retirement, it won't seem like a huge savings goal as much as a manageable monthly amount. It's really important to start now and get in the habit of maxing out that IRA every year so your money can grow and you don't have to worry about it when you get older and start thinking about your post-job life. Cars, houses, and vacations are all more alluring when you start saving for the first time, but those retirement funds should be a top priority.

* House. You don't have to buy a house. If renting makes sense for you and your current situation, and you've got your savings and are stashing away for retirement, that's okay. At the same time, you might be able to save for a down payment and then pay a mortgage that's not much more than your current rent. Perhaps more importantly, just opening up the discussion of saving for a house can answer a lot of questions about your

future. Do you want to stay where you are? Do you want to keep renting and buy a vacation house that you can rent out? Do you want a home so you can start a family (which leads to a lot of other savings questions)? Even if you don't buy a home, those questions are worth your consideration.

You might have to start with some smaller goals than you had hoped, but it's all part of the process. Make sure you're setting yourself up for success, and the rest of the pieces will fall into place. Good luck!

Hey Taylor: We've got a bunch of little family vacations planned for the summer but I'm worried gas prices will spoil our fun. Any tips for cutting costs and keeping our plans? - Fred

Hey Fred: If only there was a discount gas store, but alas, there is not. Every drive hits your wallet pretty hard these days, so you have to be really intentional with your driving if you don't want to waste money. Your road trips will be more expensive than last summer, no doubt about it, but there are still ways to save a buck or two.

1. Save now so you can spend later. We waste a lot of time panicking about an expensive trip, all the while

making no effort to save money during our normal day-to-day. If you're worried you'll spend an extra \$200 on gas in August, how about trying to save \$200 on gas and groceries in July? This is where the intentionality really matters—don't run three errands when you could consolidate and go once. Run the AC for the first half of your drive, then go old school and put the windows down. A lot of small changes can turn into notable savings if you're willing to put in the effort.

2. Apps and rewards. Unless your vacation is dictated by EV charging stations, you have to buy gas like everyone else. Instead of throwing your hands up in the air in defeat, take 20 minutes to download a cheap gas app and look into credit card rewards. The right app can have you saving \$.10 a gallon, which will be significant over the course of your summer travels. Meanwhile, credit card companies don't care what the price of gas is, they just want you to swipe. Some cards will get you two, three, or even five percent cash back on fueling up. Factor that into the overall cost of your vacation and things will look a little more affordable.

computers. Failure to do so may lead to officials withholding payments to the provider or even finding the provider to be in a breach of contract. The law also requires local boards of education to establish a means for parents to report inappropriate content failures in student's devices.

"Laws" Continued From Page 1

their local school districts and want to continue to help but are being held back by current requirements. This bill temporarily removes those barriers to provide much needed support in our schools."

The law will remain in effect until June 30, 2025.

Another new law is one sponsored by Sen. Joey Hensley of Hohenwald that prohibits "biological males" from participating in girls' athletics in K-12 public schools. The law requires the Tennessee Department of Education

to withhold state funds from public middle or high schools that fail to uphold the new law.

Lawmakers have also passed legislation ensuring vendors that provide internet services to public schools take steps to prohibit or block any inappropriate content on school

Market Recap



The Garden Bug

Bush beans

As the heat of mid-summer wearies your garden plants, it's not too late to try for another bean crop for fall. Bush beans tend to mature in 45 days, which means planting them in late July will have them ready for picking right before the first frost. Fall-grown beans can be more tender and flavorful than beans grown in the heat of the summer. Make sure to wet your soil thoroughly before planting to help speed up germination.

— Brenda Warner

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Managing Pests With Pollinators In Mind

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Every garden season is filled with beautiful and tasty surprises along with a few challenges. One challenge gardeners face each year is managing insect pests while keeping the pollinators safe. Fortunately, only a very small percent of insects in our landscapes are harmful. The rest help pollinate plants, feed upon or parasitize bad insects, or help decompose plant debris.

Proper identification of the plant-damaging culprit is the first step in managing problems. Often the insect that is most visible is not the one causing the damage. You can find lots of helpful information and images online. Look for websites hosted by your local University, extension service or botanical garden. They often provide timely tips on pests in your area.

Once identified, you will need to decide if control is needed. Some insect damage is just cosmetic meaning the plant’s health and longevity are not adversely affected it just looks bad. In these cases, control is for us not the health of our plants. Consider tolerating the damage and masking it with nearby plantings or garden art.

In other cases, the damage is done, and the insect is no longer present. Revenge spraying may make you feel better but does nothing to fix the problem. Make a note on next year’s calendar to watch for and manage the pest if you feel control is really needed. Finding pest problems early makes hand removal easier and may be all that is needed.

Often when we see the damage on our plants, control will not help. Many galls, unusual growths on plants, are

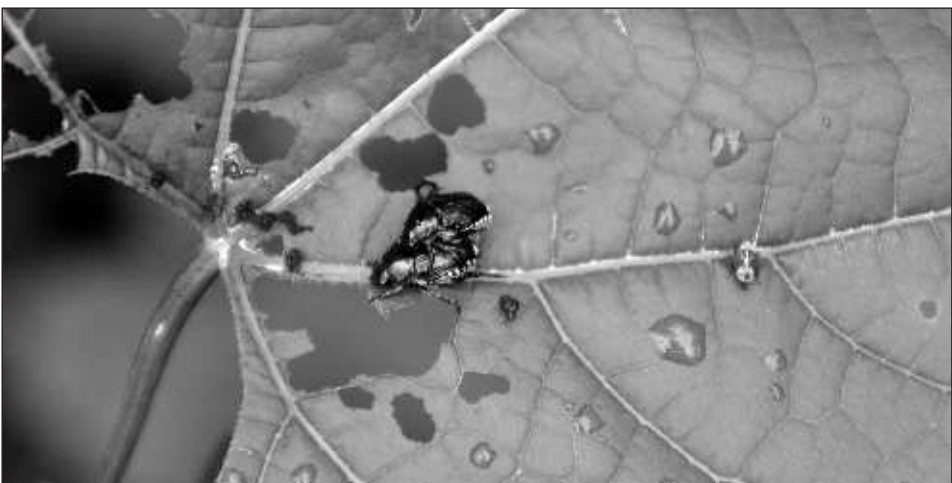
caused by insect feeding. When we see the gall, the insect is either safely living inside the gall or it has fled to complete another stage of its life. At that point, control will not work and in most cases, this is a cosmetic issue and control is not needed.

Work with nature to help manage pest problems. By tolerating some damage, you provide the food that attracts nature’s pest controllers to the garden. Watch for aphid eating lady beetles and green lacewings that eat hundreds of these pests each day. Invite songbirds to your landscape with seed and berry producing plants and a clean, fresh source of water. Ninety six percent of terrestrial birds feed their young insects. And then there are those non-stinging, parasitizing wasps that lay their eggs in other insects. When the eggs hatch the young feed on the host. Avoid pesticides and provide water and shelter to attract and support insect eating toads and frogs.

Enlist help from the youngsters in your life. Try the pluck, drop, and stomp method. Teach young gardeners to identify problem insects, pick them off the plants by hand, drop them to the ground and stomp. What a great way to teach kids about nature and help them burn off some of their excess energy.

Handpicking or knocking insects like Japanese beetles into a can of soapy water is a great way to manage small populations of pests. A fellow horticulturist uses a small hand vacuum to capture Japanese beetles. Just be sure to empty the insect filled vacuum contents into a can of soapy water before storing.

If you decide you need to lend nature a hand managing garden pests, look for more ecofriendly options. Barriers of



Pest Control - An ecofriendly way to manage small populations of Japanese beetles is to knock them into a can of soapy water. Photo credit: photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

floating row covers – fabrics that allow air, light, and water through – can keep cabbage worms, onion maggots, Japanese beetles, and some other insects from laying their eggs on their favorite plants. Cover the plants with the fabric at planting, anchor the edges and leave enough slack for plants to grow. No construction is needed.

Covering squash plants at planting until flowering begins can help reduce the risk of squash bugs and squash vine borers. Covering cucumbers at planting until ten days after flowering begins helps reduce the risk of cucumber beetles infecting these plants with the bacteria that causes wilt. The row covers also prevent birds from dining on the seeds and seedlings.

Cover late plantings of susceptible plants as needed this season. Then make a note on next year’s calendar to enlist this method for controlling these types of pests for your first planting next year.

Enlist the help of the naturally occurring soil bacteria *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) to protect plants from certain pests. Different strains of this bacteria control different insects. *Bt kurstaki* only kills true caterpillars. Using this on members of the cabbage family won’t harm other butterflies since these plants only attract the cabbage worm moths. *Bt galleriae* will control Japanese and other beetles.

Use a strong blast of water to dislodge mites and aphids. These pests suck plant juices and secrete a clear sticky substance called honeydew. Extensive feeding can cause distorted growth, speckling, yellowing, and browning of the leaves.

If more control is needed, look for help from one of the organic contact insecticides like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil, a lightweight horticulture oil. These products kill the insects they contact but leave no residue on the plants that can harm beneficial insects that visit the plants later.

Whenever using any product, even natural and organic, be sure to read and follow label directions. This will ensure the best control and least negative impact on beneficial insects and the environment.

Take a few notes on pests you encounter, any management strategies used and the results. This will help when encountering problems in the future. With minimal time and a bit of creativity you can keep your garden looking good all season long.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Lesko Joins Swallows Insurance

Swallows Insurance announced that Johnny Mac Lesko has joined the agency in an accountant role in the Livingston office. Johnny Mac is a lifelong Cookevilian and is a graduate of Cookeville High School as well as Tennessee Tech University. He was actually introduced to accounting at CHS in the Virtual Enterprise Program before deciding to pursue a degree at TTU.

Johnny Mac was raised on a farm that has cattle, goats, donkeys and chickens. He enjoys the farm life and it comes very naturally to him with his background in agriculture. He also enjoys working outdoors with plants. His previous jobs were with Lowe’s in their Outside Garden area and at Johnson’s Garden Center.

Matt Swallows, President of Swallows



Insurance said, “Johnny Mac is a very impressive young man and we look forward to watching him learn and grow his professional career with Swallows Insurance.”

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Good Housekeeping

Peach Clafouti

This country-French dessert pancake typically calls for cherries but is just as delicious with peaches and almonds. We love the puffy golden treat warm with whipped cream.

3 medium (about 1 pound) ripe peaches, peeled and sliced
3 large eggs

1 cup half-and-half or light cream

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

6 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted and cooled

2 tablespoons almond-flavor liqueur

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/3 cup sugar

2 tablespoons sugar

1/4 cup sliced natural almonds

1. Preheat oven to 400

F. Grease shallow 2-quart casserole or baking dish. Arrange peach slices evenly in casserole.

2. In blender, combine eggs, half-and-half, flour, melted margarine or butter, almond liqueur, vanilla, salt and 1/3 cup sugar; blend until smooth.

3. Pour batter over peaches; sprinkle with almonds and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.

4. Bake clafouti 35 to 40 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Cool

on wire rack 15 minutes (clafouti will deflate as it cools). Serve warm. Serves 8.

* Each serving: About 275 calories, 15g total fat (4g saturated), 89mg cholesterol, 185mg sodium, 29g total carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 6g protein.

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TSSAA Celebrates The Impact Of Title IX

JOHN BRICE
TSSAA News

The story of high school sports for girls in Tennessee begins, frankly, much earlier than in many other states – with initial girls’ state championships celebrating their century mark at the same time Title IX marks its Golden Anniversary - but it is one that becomes evermore rich and expressive with each new chapter.

At the dawn of the revolutionary Title IX era 50 years ago this week, the state of Tennessee already had long conducted high school girls’ basketball competitions – though not an iteration that any of today’s burgeoning athletes might recognize. The Volunteer State, like much of the South, had clung to the antiquated – but still wildly popular – six-on-six, half-court version of basketball.

In fact, Tennessee had conducted its first-ever girls’ basketball state championships way back in the ‘Roaring ’20s’ during a six-year span from 1922-1928 and again resumed those battles for state supremacy in 1958.

While the association would add girls’ tennis as a sanctioned sport in 1964, it wasn’t until the enactment of Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments that TSSAA-sanctioned programs for girls would begin to blossom. Although the landmark legislation which banned sex-based discrimination in federally-funded educational programs makes no mention of sports, Title IX has become synonymous with girls’ equal opportunity to scholastic-based athletic participation.

As schools began establishing new programs for girls following the passage of Title IX, TSSAA began sanctioning and administering tournaments to follow suit. By 1974, TSSAA sanctioned girls’ track and field, and a year after that golf and cross country.

Change was afoot and upstart girls’ basketball programs were standardizing play on the five-on-five rules, but schools playing by the six-on-six girls’ basketball rules first developed by TSSAA and other state associations in 1952 faced a difficult choice: hold tight to decades of tradition or join the growing multitudes adopting the five-on-five game.

In 1976, Victoria Ann Cape, a junior at Oak Ridge High School, filed a federal lawsuit against TSSAA, arguing that the association’s insistence on the six-player rules was a violation of her 14th Amendment rights. Among the witnesses chosen to testify on the benefits of the full-court game was the Uni-



versity of Tennessee’s newly appointed women’s basketball coach, Pat Head Summitt.

Summitt had grown up in Clarksville, but since Clarksville was not playing girls’ basketball at the time, her family moved to Henrietta so she would have the opportunity to play on the team at Cheatham County High School. During her testimony, Summitt insisted that girls could adapt to full-court play and warned that failure to adopt the five-on-five rules would impede Tennessee girls from having the best opportunities for college scholarships. While Cape’s arguments in the District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee were successful, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ultimately overturned the decision in October 1977.

But the tide had begun to turn. A poll of school administrators taken that December showed a narrow majority in favor of the full-court rules (191 for to 153 against). Six months later, the TSSAA Board of Control would institute a policy to permit girls’ teams to play according to five-on-five rules by mutual agreement, but retaining six-on-six competition in the postseason for the 1978-79 school year.

The final chapter in the battle over Tennessee’s girls’ basketball rules would be written the next spring when the Board of Control – with the state’s nine regions represented – took final action on the matter at its March 1979 meeting. After nearly a decade of controversy, the Board’s vote to drop the six-on-six rules modifications was nearly unanimous and thus began the “full-court” era of girls’ basketball in Tennessee.

Jill Prudden, a transcendent girls’ high school basketball figure who had been among her sport’s pioneers as a player at Michigan State University, recalled Pat Summitt stepping in again with words that became fundamental in

the Board’s decision to switch.

“Pat Summitt made the statement that she was not going to recruit the state of Tennessee if it didn’t go to five-on-five,” said Prudden, an Illinois native who had grown up with the full-court game and earned one of the early women’s athletics scholarships to Michigan State.

Prudden would invest 31 years in coaching girls’ basketball at Oak Ridge High School, her teams amassing a 908-161 record and three state championships. Now, more than a decade removed from coaching, and six years post-induction into TSSAA’s Hall of Fame, Prudden reflects positively on the change that was made in going to the full-court rules.

“It was interesting. First of all, I think there were many that thought half-court was a great game and some weren’t happy about the change. In terms of what it meant, you know, you just heard all the stereotypes: girls can’t do this, girls can’t play, it’s not exciting. I think Tennessee girls’ basketball was really good, much better than in Michigan at that time. And I was really pleased to see that the product was good, because it opened doors.”

While debate over girls’ basketball rules garnered broad attention, dozens of trophies and awards were presented to champions in new, girls-only competitions. Chattanooga’s Girls Preparatory School won the first-ever TSSAA state golf title and Harpeth Hall of Nashville claimed the first girls’ cross country title in 1975; and another Chattanooga-area program, Kirkman Technical High School, won the first girls’ volleyball crown the next year.

When Tennessee sanctioned girls’ softball in 1979 and crowned its first champion, it was the only state in the South to have embarked upon that sport with the fast-pitch style of play; indeed, some Tennessee high school teams played slow-pitch contests with teams from neighboring states when they traveled and then played fast-pitch games at home.

A late comer to the TSSAA championship schedule was soccer, first sanctioned by the association beginning with the 1986-87 school year and still on a growth trajectory in the United States.

Susan Williamson, a TSSAA Hall of Famer who’s been an integral figure in prep soccer since its establishment in Tennessee in the mid-1980s, remembered her own struggles in finding a path in athletics. Her Farragut High School did not have a girls’ basketball team for her final two years of school, and when she initially began to play soccer in the Knoxville area, she soon found herself on a men’s-league team for a decade.

“I remember when Title IX came in, I was in college then, a freshman at UT, and there was no girls’ basketball team,” Williamson said. “Girls felt discriminated against, we couldn’t play full-court basketball, only half-court. I would play full-court pickup games with the guys.”

By the end of that decade, Williamson had made the move to the pitch, and she’s remained a fixture in the sport in various capacities since that time. She’s

been directly involved with the TSSAA, assigning referees and working as a supervisor, for more than 35 years.

“I knew nothing about soccer when I started in 1978; I didn’t know how to play,” she said. “Back then you would play two weeks of a sport in high school gym class and that was it. During that time, there weren’t enough soccer referees in Knoxville, and the referee association reached out, and I became a soccer referee in 1980.”

But young, determined female athletes had already found a path on the soccer field, Williamson recalled, even before its addition to the state’s official roster of prep sports.

“The Dixie Conference, which was a high school soccer league unaffiliated with the TSSAA, had used me to assign referees for their games,” Williamson said. “So when it became sanctioned by TSSAA, I became the assigner for high school games in the East Tennessee area. And I continued to referee all that time until I stopped refereeing in about 2002.

“I can remember, as girls started developing teams, you started seeing more and more youth teams in the area. The level of play in that time has really improved a lot, and girls’ soccer has not only really spread in high school but in youth circles as well.”

Franklin High School won seven of the first eight girls’ soccer championships, including the first in 1986. Notre Dame interrupted their streak in 1988, while Farragut and Germantown each made multiple state title appearances over the same period.

Just as Prudden brought her 3 Cs – Class, Community, Court -- to her Oak Ridge program, Williamson also pointed to the doors opened on and off the playing surfaces, and the intrinsic life lessons therein.

“You learn life lessons and obviously you develop confidence and courage and the ability to test yourself and see how far you can go,” Williamson said, as she assessed the big-picture, societal impact of Title IX. “That’s how I saw myself up-and-coming as a referee. When I first started refereeing there weren’t any girls or women’s teams, but as I continued I saw more and more.

“To be able to continue to participate in a sport like soccer, as a player or referee, you have to develop the qualities of confidence and courage to do the right thing and fight through adversity. And then there’s giving back to the community through soccer, the love of the sport of soccer, and I love watching the game at any age, even little kids.”

The TSSAA has continued to usher in new elements of female empowerment in the 2000s. In 2002, girls’ bowling was officially added as a sanctioned sport, and less than a decade ago, girls’ wrestling also joined the state’s roster of sports.

This year, when Rossville High School’s girls’ wrestling team captured a state duals title, it was a national watershed moment; Rossville stood as the nation’s first-ever girls’ wrestling state dual-meet champion.

There certainly is more out there on the horizon. Girls’ flag football and lacrosse are surging in popularity around the nation, with the Tennessee Titans investing in girls’ flag football and the growing interest in the sport around the midstate.

“Now when I look and see, oh my goodness,” Prudden said. “There’s so much more parity and equity. For a young lady to play in high school now and get a full-ride college scholarship, to have the chance to play in the pros and play in the United States. I’m sure for some, the steps seem slow for these things, but from my perspective it’s just amazing what has occurred in my lifetime.”

Equally amazing to think what more the future could hold.

Duck Blind Drawing Application Period Open

The application period for the 2022-23 Tier 1 duck blinds is open and will close July 20. Announcement of the successful applicants will be made Aug. 6.

The online application is available at the Go Outdoors Tennessee website (quotahunt.gooutdoortennessee.com). All hunters who are successfully chosen for a blind will be required to submit a notification of intent (NOI) by Aug. 15. This season’s hunting dates are Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 5-Jan. 31, 2023.

New this year, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will make in-person announcements on Aug. 6 to support community events. The TWRA has added four new Tier 1 blinds to increase access to a total of 453 Tier 1 blinds and 42 Tier 2 blinds. Previously there were 439 total blinds.

Only current Tennessee residents, Tennessee natives, and Lifetime Sportsman License holders are eligible for Tier 1 blinds. Hunters can apply for up to 48 options at one wildlife

management area (WMA). There is a minimum party size of four persons, with the maximum eight persons. Duck hunters can view the current status of crop conditions at Public Land Duck Hunting (tn.gov).

The TWRA heard from a survey of duck hunters that more access was desired, and the in-person draws were not fair or equitable for everyone. With the addition of our Tier 2 segmented hunts, there are now five draws per season that offer shorter hunts to provide better opportunities to individuals who travel or are not available for the entire season.

The online system has already increased opportunities. In 2020, the TWRA had 13,559 unique applicants. In 2021, there were 20,720 applications for an increase of more than 7,000. There were 5,602 total permits issued for the 2021-22 season.

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UTIA To Launch UT Center Of Farm Management

Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is launching the UT Center of Farm Management, with a dedicated purpose of enhancing the long-term profitability and sustainability of agricultural enterprises in the state and across the Southeast. Launching July 2022, the Center will integrate established Institute programs and responsively develop new ones to meet the needs of Tennessee producers.

Established and successful programs that will now be centralized at the Center include Income Tax Seminars, Tennessee Master Farm Manager, and UT Farming Fundamentals, to name a few. The Center will be comprised of three branches: research, extension and teaching. The research branch is responsible for data-driven solutions for producers and stakeholders and will also focus on policy that affects producers in Tennessee and the

Southeast. The extension branch will develop curriculum and deliver programming based on the latest research findings, while the teaching branch provides unique opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics that include first-hand farm and financial management experiences. These experiences, in tandem with research and extension influences, provide students with a competitive edge for employment and advanced graduate programs.

“The Center will provide an organized and collaborative environment to implement grant-funded research and UT Extension programming, while also providing students with real-life farm management opportunities,” said Charley Martinez, Center director. “Additionally, the Center positions the Institute for collaborations on numerous farm management and policy issues with other centers and universities,

expanding the reach to benefit even more agricultural producers.”

The Center will also host annual conferences, bringing together Tennessee producers and stakeholders in farm financial management to

discuss current issues, research priorities and UT Extension programming needs.

In addition to Martinez, the Center will be led by codirectors Chris Boyer and Aaron Smith, also from the Department

of Agricultural and Resource Economics. The UT Center of Farm Management is comprised of MANAGE Program agents, affiliated faculty, and undergraduate and graduate student research assistants.

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.



New Center - The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is launching the UT Center of Farm Management, directed by Charley Martinez. Photo courtesy UTIA.



Bush beans

As the heat of mid-summer wearies your garden plants, it's not too late to try for another bean crop for fall. Bush beans tend to mature in 45 days, which means planting them in late July will have them ready for picking right before the first frost. Fall-grown beans can be more tender and flavorful than beans grown in the heat of the summer. Make sure to wet your soil thoroughly before planting to help speed up germination.

- Brenda Weaver

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House Bill Sets Stage For Rural Funding

Recently, the U.S. House Appropriations Committee released its draft agriculture appropriations bill for 2023. The bill outlines funding for multiple programs that benefit rural America, including Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) and the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP).

“The Center relies on lawmakers to show their support for these programs through the appropriations process,” said Kalee Olson, policy associate for the Center. “This year, we’re pleased to see the House propose an increased investment in CTA.”

Offered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, CTA supports farmers and ranchers with the implementation of practices to improve soil health and water quality. The recommended funding level of \$883.7 million is a nearly \$124 million increase from 2022.

With this funding, Olson said, more producers will have access to assistance with cover crops, rotational grazing, and other practices

that play an important role in the nation’s efforts to address climate change.

While support was strong for CTA, proposed funding fell short for RMAP. The \$6 million is \$500,000 less than the budget for 2022 and \$2 million lower than the Center’s requested \$8 million.

“RMAP is essential for small businesses in our rural communities because it is often their only option for financial or technical assistance,” Olson said. “Funding for the program needs to increase, as these microbusinesses are what keep rural main streets vibrant.”

The House budget follows President Joe Biden’s budget released in March. The Senate agriculture appropriations budget is expected in the next couple of months.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.



Weekly Tennessee Cattle and Grain Summary

Nashville, TN

For Week Ending:

Receipts: 5,366 Last Week: 5,570 Last Year: 4,838

Compared to last week, feeder steers under 600 lbs were mostly 3.00-5.00 higher, with instances of 8.00 higher; steers over 600 lbs were mostly steady to 3.00 higher. Feeder heifers were mostly 1.00-3.00 higher with instances of 5.00 higher. Feeder classes were in very good demand, especially for groups of long-weaned, preconditioned cattle. Slaughter cows were 2.00-4.00 higher with good demand, and slaughter bulls were mostly steady with moderate demand.

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STATE AVERAGES			
	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
Steers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	191.71	181.23	164.22
350-400 lbs	193.67	185.27	169.80
400-450 lbs	178.75	181.49	162.30
450-500 lbs	178.70	168.32	162.02
500-550 lbs	168.64	160.09	151.98
550-600 lbs	166.06	153.88	144.43
600-650 lbs	155.60	152.58	140.38
650-700 lbs	154.63	150.91	139.13
700-750 lbs	144.99	138.83	133.23
750-800 lbs	141.41	140.22	131.49
Heifers (M&L 1-2)			
300-350 lbs	153.92	158.13	142.38
350-400 lbs	148.92	157.92	141.22
400-450 lbs	153.46	152.16	141.22
450-500 lbs	153.36	149.41	135.21
500-550 lbs	146.94	143.02	132.30
550-600 lbs	143.70	138.21	130.78
600-650 lbs	134.08	133.40	127.39
650-700 lbs	133.15	131.77	125.30
700-750 lbs	130.11	132.15	118.88
750-800 lbs	124.67	121.58	116.79

WEELY COW SUMMARY

	Average	High	Low
Slaughter Cows			
Breakers	80.00-103.00	85.00-111.00	67.00-84.00
Boners	71.00-103.00	87.00-116.00	60.00-85.00
Lean	54.00-95.00	76.00-103.00	50.00-70.00
Slaughter Bulls			
Yield Grade 1's	103.00-127.00	114.00-135.00	79.00-107.00

June 13, 2022

GOATS: 856

KIDS-Selection 1 40-48 lbs 310.00-355.00; 51-53 lbs 350.00-360.00; 66 lbs 370.00; 70-71 lbs 377.50-382.50; 85 lbs 335.00. Selection 2 48 lbs 330.00; 50-51 lbs 330.00-345.00; 65-66 lbs 350.00-360.00; 85 lbs 295.00.

LAMBS: 646

Wooled & Shorn-Choice and Prime 2-3 73-78 lbs 235.00-245.00; 88 lbs 230.00; 90 lbs 240.00; 105 lbs 240.00. Hair Breeds Choice and Prime 1-2 73 lbs 227.50. Choice and Prime 2-3 49 lbs 248.00; 50-53

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	This Week	Prior Week	Last Year
GRAINS			
Corn	6.92-7.73	7.43-7.93	6.47-7.10
Soybeans	15.88-16.96	16.59-17.25	13.20-14.75
New Crop Wheat	8.24-9.27	9.29-10.33	6.02-6.80

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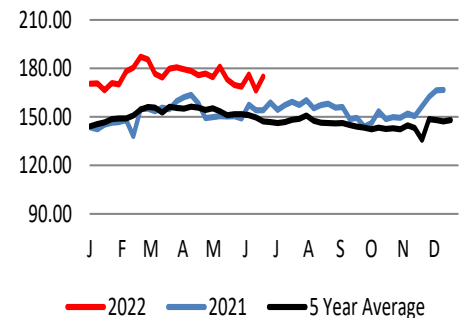
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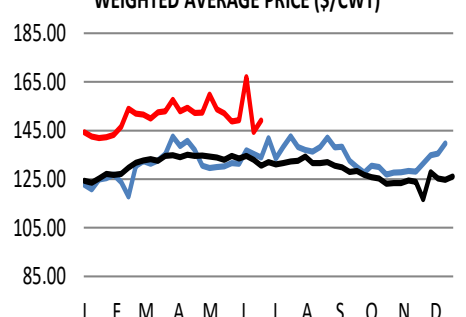
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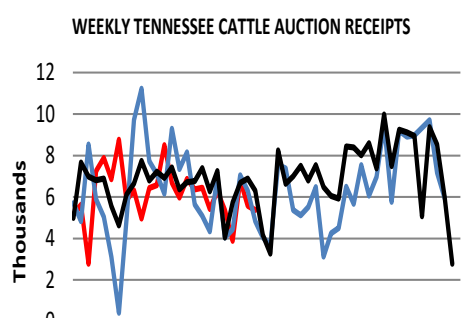


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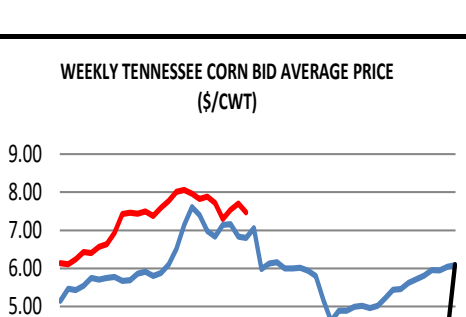
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THE USE OF CAMELS IS RECORDED THROUGHOUT THE SCRIPTURES. THESE “SHIPS OF THE DESERT” HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART IN THE PAGEANTRY OF THE BIBLE. THE PATRIARCHS TOALED MUCH OF THEIR WEALTH IN THE NUMBER OF CAMELS THEY OWNED. WHEREVER THE NOMADIC TRIBES OF ISRAEL WANTED TO WANDER CAMELS ALWAYS DID THE LEG WORK. FOR ONE WEALTHY PATRIARCH TO SEND A PRESENT OF A DOZEN OR SO CAMELS TO ANOTHER WAS NOT UNUSUAL. AND CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF LUGGAGE EACH CAMEL COULD CARRY (WEIGHT OF 500 POUNDS) A FEW OF THESE LONG LEGGED BEAUTIES MEANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRINSING NOT ONLY THE BEST TENT AND FURNISHINGS BUT ALSO THE NEEDFUL PARAPHERNALIA. THE CAMEL WAS STUPID, ILL-TEMPERED, AND SOMETIMES VINDICTIVE, BUT OH HOW NECESSARY TO THE DAILY LIFE OF THE WANDERER OF THE DESERT.



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BETTY CROCKER HAMBURGER HELPER..... 4-8 OZ. 4/\$5

BOTTLE PRODUCTS

PEPSI COLA

3/\$8.88

6 PK.

NIAGARA

WATER

24 PK.

3/\$10

BETTY CROCKER

SUDDENLY SALAD..... 6-8 OZ. 3/\$4

SIDES

RICE A RONI..... 4-7 OZ. 4/\$5

WITH BEANS OR NO BEANS

HORMEL CHILI..... 15 OZ. 2/\$4

PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER..... 16 OZ. \$2.99

SOUTHGATE CHILI..... 15 OZ. 99¢

FOLGERS K CUP..... 12 OZ. / 12 CT. \$7.99

BEST CHOICE FAST MAC CUPS..... 2 OZ. 99¢

BEST CHOICE HAMBURGER DILL CHIPS..... 32 OZ. 2/\$4

CHARMIN OR BOUNTY ESSENTIALS BATH TISSUE..... 12 ROLLS \$9.99

TOWN HOUSE CRACKERS OR CLUB CRISPS..... 7-13 OZ. 2/\$5

CAN PRODUCTS

COCA COLA

3/\$11

12 PK.

CRUNCH 'N MUNCH SNACKS OR

SLIM JIMS..... 0.97-3 OZ. 4/\$5

GENERAL MILLS CEREAL..... 12-16 OZ. 2/\$7

NABISCO FAMILY SIZE COOKIES OR CRACKERS..... 6-20 OZ. \$3.99

KELLOGG'S CEREAL..... 8-18 OZ. 2/\$6

BOTTLE PRODUCTS

COCA COLA

3/\$8.88

6 PK.

DYNAMITE DAIRY

BORDEN CHEESE

SHREDS OR SLICES

2/\$5

6-12 OZ.

YOPLAIT

YOGURT..... 4-6 OZ. 10/\$6

PILLSBURY GRANDS BISCUITS..... 16 OZ. 2/\$4

CHOBANI YOGURT..... 4-5 OZ. 5/\$5

LAND O LAKES HALF & HALF..... 32 OZ. \$2.99

TROPICANA FLAVORED JUICES..... 52 OZ. 2/\$5

BEST CHOICE SOUR CREAM..... 16 OZ. \$1.99

BEST CHOICE GRADE AA REAL BUTTER..... 16 OZ. \$3.49

RAIRIE FARMS LEMONADE..... 1/2 GAL. \$1.69

DONALD DUCK

ORANGE JUICE

2/\$5

59 OZ.

RAIRIE FARMS COTTAGE CHEESE..... 24 OZ. \$2.99

BLUE BONNET MARGARINE..... 1 LB. 2/\$1

QUALITY PRODUCE AT GREAT PRICES

FRESH ROMA

TOMATOES

88¢

LB.

RED OR GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES..... LB. \$1.79

DOLE CLASSIC SALAD MIX..... 12 OZ. 2/\$3

FRESH BROCCOLI CROWNS..... LB. \$1.99

EXTRA LARGE GREEN BELL PEPPER..... EACH 99¢

GREEN GIANT MINI PEELED CARROTS..... 1 LB. 2/\$3

WASHINGTON RED CHERRIES..... LB. \$5.99

FRESH BANANAS..... LB. 48¢

BEST CHOICE RUSSET

POTATOES

2/\$5

10 LBS.

FROZEN FAVORITES

PICTSWEET VEGETABLES..... 8-16 OZ. 2/\$3

EGGO WAFFLES..... 24 CT. \$4.99

FARM RICH MEATBALLS..... 14 OZ. \$2.99

FRESCHETTA PIZZA..... 20-30 OZ. \$4.99

MAYFIELD ICE CREAM

SQUARES

2/\$5

56 OZ.

OUTSHINE NOVELTIES..... 5-12 CT. \$4.49

HEALTHY CHOICE STEAMERS..... 9-10 OZ. \$3.99

RAIRIE FARMS ICE CREAM..... GAL. \$6.99

DELI / BAKERY

KRISPY KREME CRULLERS AND

DONUT BITES

\$4.19

8 OZ.

SLICED THE WAY YOU WANT!

BRYAN BEEF BOLOGNA..... LB. \$3.69

KRETSCHMAR TURKEY..... LB. \$6.79

AMISH CLASSIC JALAPENO COLBY JACK CHEESE..... LB. \$4.89

KRETSCHMAR SMOKED GOUDA..... LB. \$6.09

SHIRLEY'S NO BAKE

COOKIES

\$3.19

13.5 OZ.