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## Twelve Counties Qualify For Federal Help

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced this evening that President Biden has designated 12 Tennessee counties to receive FEMA's Individual Assistance program through a Major Disaster Declaration for the deadly tornado outbreak on Dec. 10, and Dec. 11.

The Tennessee counties named in the Major Disaster Declaration are Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Gibson, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Stewart, Sumner, Weakley, and Wilson.

"I appreciate the hard recovery work we've already accomplished with our local, state, and federal partners," Gov. Lee said. "We will continue working to make sure Tennesseans have every resource necessary for a full, swift recovery."

FEMA is still reviewing data assessment data in determining whether the counties will be eligible for the Public Assistance program.

Individuals in the declared counties can apply now for direct assistance through FEMA's IA program.

Individuals can apply for FEMA's IA program as follows:

1. Online at DisasterAssistance.gov; or,
2. By phone at 1-800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585).

Those eligible for FEMA's IA program may receive help with rental assistance, the repair of homes and replacement of personal property, and other uninsured or under-insured losses from the disaster.

FEMA's application phone number is available from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., Central, and multilingual operators are available.

More information on FEMA's IA program is at [fema.gov/assistance/individual](http://fema.gov/assistance/individual).

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# COVID Numbers Surging

BRIAN WILMOTH Editor

Overton County is currently seeing a surge in COVID cases as the pandemic moves toward entering its third year.

According to Overton County Health Department Director Andy Langford, the county has over 300 active cases, up from 30 on Nov. 8 and 86 on Dec. 8.

He also reported at a Friday press conference that 24 people have died in the last month.

"We're right in the middle of an Omicron surge," Langford said. "We're still seeing some Delta out there, but the majority of what we are seeing is the omicron strain."

Langford added that he believes the Omicron vari-



ENTERPRISE Photo / Brian Wilmoth

**Update** - Overton County Health Department Director Andy Langford gives a COVID-19 update at a press conference Friday.

ant will be the exclusive strain here soon. "We're approximately 22 new cases per day," Langford said. "One of the things we try to look at

is what we call positivity rate or infection rate. On January 6th, 70 tests that we did through the health department 44 percent were positive."

Langford said the current numbers are as bad as he's seen since the beginning of the pandemic.

"These numbers are unprecedented," Langford said. "We haven't seen them this high before."

Most of the cases Langford said officials are seeing are among the unvaccinated. He added there have been some breakthrough cases among those that are vaccinated, but the symptoms tend to be less severe.

Livingston Regional Hospital CEO Tim McGill confirmed the hospital is seeing higher numbers. "We're in our third

patient surge," McGill said. "We recently began limiting visitation again through the surge."

McGill said the in-patient rehab unit is allowing one visitor per day between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. E.R. and O.B. patients are allowed one visitor per day. The behavioral health unit is allowing visitation by appointment.

McGill said visitors will be screened and masks are still required.

Visitation is also being limited at Overton County Health and Rehab.

According to Public Relations Director Scott Stevens, the center has three residents who have tested positive and have reopened their COVID

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# Overton Increases Teacher Pay

BRIAN WILMOTH Editor

The Overton County Board of Education has voted to implement a new teacher pay scale beginning in March.

According to board chairman Mike Hayes, the new pay scale makes Overton County competitive with the rest of the region.

"Based on what we looked at," Hayes said, "there were a few buckets where we were off and we were six-to-seven hundred dollars off and lower on some of the buckets, if I'm not mistaken. But for the most part, when we looked at Clay County, Dekalb County, Smith County, we didn't look at Putnam because they're a bigger scale, but we looked at some similar to our size, and we were very close in comparison."

The subject of teacher salaries was brought up at a September work session



ENTERPRISE Photo / Brian Wilmoth

**Raise** - Overton County School Board Chairman Mike Hayes talks about raising teacher pay at Tuesday night's meeting.

and has continued each month since. Some of the board members met with administrators and Overton County Education Association President Jennifer Eilender prior to last month's meeting to come up with the new pay scale that was presented at the December work session.

"When we did the analysis, we were farthest away from Dekalb County and the closest

to Pickett County," Eilender said. "Just looking at those two and everything else kind of fell in between. This puts us right in range with those two systems and puts us right in the middle with everybody."

With the new scale going into effect in March, teachers will receive her higher pay for the last

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# Monroe Precinct Moving

BRIAN WILMOTH Editor

Voters in the Monroe community will see their precinct move to the Monroe Fire Hall for the 2022 voting cycle.

Overton County Administrator of Elections Craig Story said the move is being made due to the county's plan to rebuild the Monroe Community Center.

"We've been up there and looked at the fire hall and they have agreed to make the fire hall available for voting in the 2022 cycle," Story said. "I've spoken with the state election office to make sure there wasn't any glitches are hiccups so we are good on that end."

The Overton County Election Commission approved the move Friday. Story said the fire hall has the needed space and equipment to hold an election. He said his next step is to conduct a handicap accessibility survey.

The county plans to replace the Monroe Community Center with funds it received through a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant Overton County received. Story said once the new center is complete, the voting precinct will likely move back.

"I actually spoke with Ben (Danner) this morning just to see where they are at," Danner said. "They've not began doing anything up there at the community center. It sounds like it will be a really nice facility once they get everything completed. We'll have somewhere that is accessible to our voters."

This year's election cycle kicks off on Tuesday, May 3 for the state and county primary

# How To Handle Bear Encounters

BRIAN WILMOTH Editor

With the recent sighting of bears in the Alpine area, it is important to know what to do in case you find yourself face-to-face with one of the animals.

According to Mimie Barnes, TWRA's Outreach and Communications Coordinator, said that although multiple people have reported sightings, it's not unusual to see bears this time of year.

"We cannot say if there have been increases in

bear sightings," Barnes said. "We receive the most calls during spring. This is when young bears leave mothers in search of their own territory. Most often, young bears are unaware of the area they've traveled into and they can sometimes end up near people."

Barnes said a good source of information on bears is the website [bearwise.org](http://bearwise.org). According to information found there, black bears rarely become hostile, but when they feel threatened, their instincts can kick in and become

aggressive.

"Never follow a bear," Barnes said "Never run, but slowly back away. Give them room to leave the area."

According to bearwise.org, almost half of all bear encounters also involve dogs. It suggest keeping your dog leashed at all times and to bring them inside if they are barking. If a dog chases after a bear, there is a good chance that the bear will have to defend itself, which usually proves fatal to dogs.

Barnes said there are some things you can do to

help keep bears away from your home.

"Keep yards tidy," Barnes said. "Put out trash the day of collection, pick ripe veges from the garden take in bird feeders, place greasy grills in a shed or garage. Basically get rid of all attractants from around your home. Never purposely feed bears. Bears that associate humans with food are dangerous bears. Bear-proof dumpsters and trash cans help bears stay wild."

If bears move into the area, Barnes said there is not much that can be done

to control their movements.

"Bears cannot simply be moved to another area," Barnes said. "Firstly, it is difficult/stressful on wildlife. Secondly, if the animal is habituated to human food, then moving the bear moves the problem to a new location."

Barnes said people can use the resources found on [bearwise.org](http://bearwise.org) and other websites to learn more about bears, how to avoid them, and what to do in case of a close encounter.

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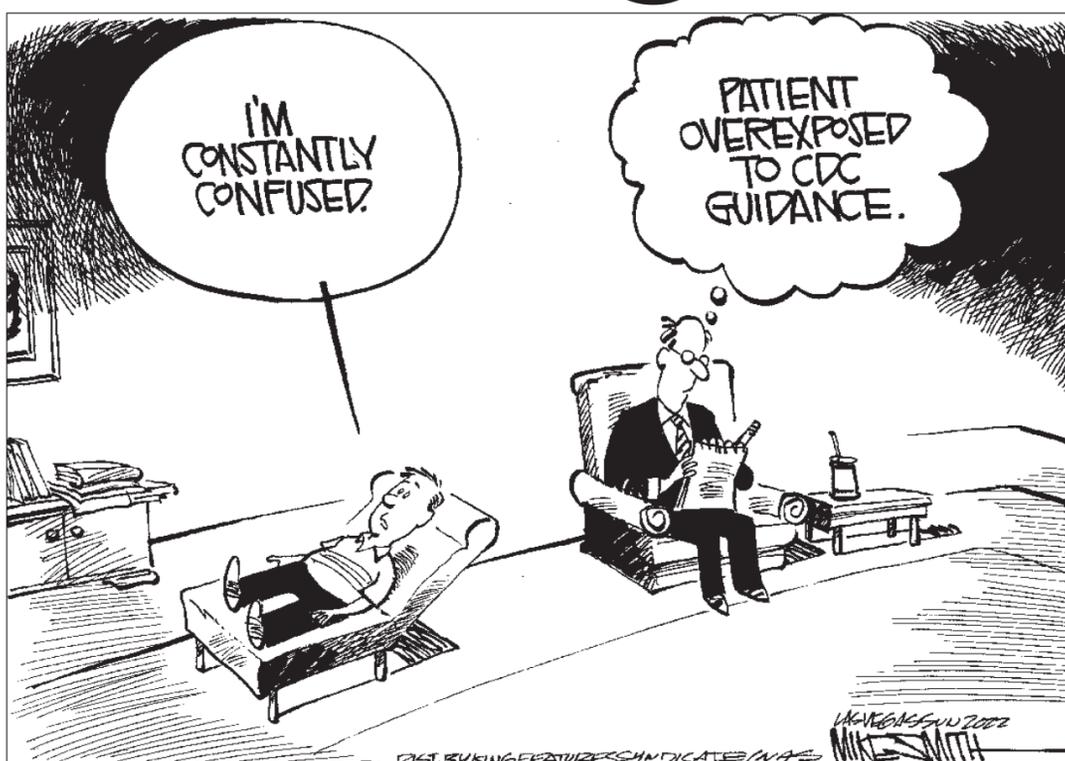
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## New Year, New Hope In The Fight Against COVID

ALAN MORGAN & JOHN M. BRIDGELAND  
special to the Enterprise

A New Year rings in and the COVID pandemic is still with us. Pandemic fatigue is understandable at this point. But the loss of more than 824,000 Americans to date and the arrival of a new, more transmissible variant, should drive a renewed push to turn the tide.

We have the tools to do it. We know where our focus must be, but one area of great concern is rural America.

Rural communities are among the hardest hit as another wave of the pandemic rolls across America and Omicron renews COVID's assault on the unvaccinated. Last fall, the incidence rates of COVID-19 in rural America were roughly 54 percent higher than elsewhere in the country, according to the Rural Policy Research Institute. To date, if you live in a rural community, you are more than twice as likely to die from COVID than those in nonrural areas.

Analysis from The Daily Yonder showed that incident rates climbed nearly 50 percent in rural counties in the two weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday, a worrisome trend with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant now.

The disparity requires an effort to reach families in these communities with trusted voices, sound science, and accurate information. Trusted rural voices have banded together with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and COVID Collaborative to address the disparity and look for opportunities to speak directly with rural Americans about the vaccines.

Together with organizations like the American Farm Bureau Federation, the Cooperative Extension System, and others, we are standing together to encourage Americans who may still be questioning vaccines to seek out the latest accurate information about getting vaccinated. This work takes many forms.

A national PSA campaign, co-sponsored by the Ad Council and COVID Collaborative, brings the real stories of seven families in rural America directly impacted by COVID, shining a light on their journeys from vaccine-hesitant to vaccinated. The PSAs drive viewers to an online resource hub - [getvaccineanswers.org](http://getvaccineanswers.org) - for straight talk and fact-based information on COVID vaccines.

A wide range of factors impacts individuals' decisions to get educated and to get vaccinated. According to Ad Council research last year, large groups of rural Americans who remain undecided about vaccination continue to have concerns about long-term side effects of the vaccines (73.7%) and doubts about the efficacy of vaccination (69.6%) due to new breakthrough cases.

Families, faith, and the fabric and connections across local communities themselves will play a key

role in this ongoing effort to overcome vaccine hesitancy.

The NRHA is also working alongside COVID Collaborative to disseminate a communication toolkit to its network of members, partners, and providers. We want to equip rural employers, small business owners, and other trusted voices with conversation starters, data, and vaccine facts to improve access to vaccines and to help overcome the hesitancy in rural America.

A nationwide response must reach every part of the country, and we are eager to help engage more Americans to get answers to their good questions about vaccines.

Rural America is not a monolith. The diversity across rural America is as rich and expansive as our country itself. We can't expect to move the needle with a single act or message. Combined efforts like the one NRHA and COVID Collaborative are proud to help lead aim to meet rural Americans where they are through their trusted healthcare and medical leaders, houses of worship, the agricultural community, and the small business community.

In times of crisis, Americans always rise to the challenge. We know this New Year will bring renewed efforts and progress in our work to help rural Americans overcome vaccine hesitancy and accelerate the day when all Americans can safely return to leading active and productive lives.

*Alan Morgan is CEO of the National Rural Health Association, online at [ruralhealth.us](http://ruralhealth.us). John M. Bridgeland is co-founder and CEO of COVID Collaborative and former Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, online at [covidcollaborative.us](http://covidcollaborative.us).*

## Labor Dept Offering Funds For Vets

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced a funding opportunity for organizations to provide training and employing services to veterans combating homelessness.

Administered by the department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, the grants will fund projects across the country at a maximum of \$500,000 annually, for a total of up to \$1.5 million over a three-year

performance period of performance.

The awards are part of the VETS' Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program that assists military veterans to overcome obstacles that have led them to homelessness, and to reenter the workforce as a means of reducing homelessness. In the past year, the pandemic has made it more difficult for the homeless population of veterans.

## Full Education Housing Benefits Extended



by Freddy Groves

If you're in school and were about to lose half of your VA education housing benefits at the end of last month due to remote classes, you're safe. Congress pushed through the REMOTE (Responsible Education Mitigating Option and Technical Extensions) Act, and it's going to cover you for the next six months.

The problem has been attending classes in person versus taking classes remotely. If you typically attend via remote classes, your housing allowance was always half that of in-person students. The pandemic landed, and with that colleges and schools went remote last year, which threatened to halve the benefit money of in-person students forced into remote classes. Congress saw that and extended the full coverage until December.

They recently stepped in again. Now you'll be covered until summer -- while schools sort out whether they're bringing students back into the

classroom for the January-May semester, keeping everyone at home again or a combination of the two. As is typical of the pandemic era, even if you're currently attending in-person classes, your school might shift to remote at any time.

You and the 55,000 other student veterans potentially impacted by those reduced housing benefits can thank Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto and others for introducing the bill and pushing it to become law.

Not a student? Have you decided to sit out the shaky job market and go back to school or aim for a new trade? Start with an intro to your veterans education benefits: [www.va.gov/education](http://www.va.gov/education). Scroll down and click on the Eligibility link. Then click on the GI Bill Comparison Tool on the right and learn what programs and education benefits are available for you. Different programs have different benefits, so study those first to see which might be the best fit. If you need help sorting it all out, call the GI Bill Hotline at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551).

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# Obituaries

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**Wanda Robbins**

Wanda Robbins, 81, of Allons, passed away Jan. 10 at her residence. Funeral services were held Jan. 12 from the Hall Funeral Home of Livingston with Bro. Timmy Ray officiating. Interment followed in the McFerrin Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 25,

1940 in Jackson County. She attended Allons Baptist Church and was a housewife.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Lewis K. and Gertrude (Lawson) Smith.

Surviving relatives include: husband, Houston Robbins; daughter, Kimberly Feaster and husband, Tommy; son, Tim Robbins; grandsons, Brigham Lee Robbins and Orion Feaster; brothers, Ronnie Smith; and a host of other family and friends.

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

**Charles H. Smith**

Charles H. Smith, 69, of Rickman, passed away Jan. 8 from the Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Jan. 15 from the Paran Church Hall Funeral Home of Livingston was in charge of arrangements.

with Pastor Danny Whitson officiating. Interment followed in the Paran Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 31, 1952 in South Bend, IN. He was a member of the Paran Church and enjoyed hunting, fishing and carpentry.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Coy Chastin and Jean Marguerite Peters Smith.

Surviving relatives include: daughters, Dawn Smith of Rickman, Jen-

nifer Smith of Cookeville and Stephanie Boles and husband, Cody of Livingston; sons, Chase Smith and wife, Laura of Rickman and Jacob Smith and wife, Kelli of Livingston; grandchildren, Daniel, Zackery, Luke, Samuel, Dalton, Piper Jo and Maverick; great granddaughters, Kallie and Natalie; brother, Lloyd Smith and wife, Charlotte of IN; sisters, Doris Steele, Imogene Linedecker and Charlene Clark and husband, Butch, all of IN; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Chase Smith, Jacob Smith, Cody Boles, Daneil Harville, Cody Poston and Kenny Allen.

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

**Evelyn Langford Bilyeu**

Evelyn Langford Bilyeu, 90, of Hilham, passed away Jan. 12 from the Overton County Health and Rehab. Graveside services were held Jan. 16 from the Campground Cemetery with Bro. Steven Barlow officiating.

She was born April 27, 1931 in Overton County. She started working at the Shirt Factory. She helped with the operation of the family business from the car lot, to the junk yard and racetracks. She enjoyed growing flowers and taking care of her yard.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Burlow and Virgie Mae Greenwood Langford; husband, Bobby E. Bilyeu; broth-

ers, William C, Langford, Claude Tolbert Langford, Holland Langford, James Thomas Langford and Cecil Langford; and sisters, Valley Magdalene Langford, Agnes Langford Barlow and Sandra Jo Langford.

Surviving relatives include: daughters, Denise Robbins (James) of Monroe and Donna White (Raymond) of Livingston; son, Randy Bilyeu (Kristi) of Hilham; sisters, Inez McDonlad of Livingston and Christine Langford of Homosassa, FL; and granddaughters, Victoria Prichard (Spencer) of Brush Creek and Kaylee Phillips (Jared) of Hanging Limb.

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

**Elizabeth Roberts**

Elizabeth Louise Roberts, 65, of Hilham, passed away Jan. 12 from the Livingston Regional Hospital. A gathering of family and friends was held Jan. 14 from the chapel of Livingston Funeral Home.

She was born May 15, 1956 in Polk City, FL. She enjoyed painting and helping anyone she could.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Lemon and Ilene Sidwell Bean; and brothers, Tom Bean.

Surviving rela-

tives include: daughter, Amanda Barnes and husband, Michael of Livingston; son Wayne Ogletree and wife, Apryl of Livingston; ex-husband and father of her children, William Ronnie Ogletree; grandchildren, Cory, Calep, Claudia, Casey and Chase Barnes, Christine, Zackery and Oliver Ogletree and Olivia Gore; brother, Richard Bean of Hilham; and sister, Ruth Mabrey of Livingston.

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



**Garry Marshall Cravens**

Garry Marshall Cravens, 67, of Baxter, passed away Jan. 7 from Cookeville Regional Medical Center. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at a later date.

He was born Aug. 3, 1954 in Overton County. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Cookeville and a member of Livingston Academy Class of 1972.

Surviving relatives include: daughter, Amy Mahan and husband, Mark

**Robert Houston Padgett**

Robert Houston Padgett, 87, of Monroe, passed away Jan. 9 from his residence. Funeral services were held Jan. 13 from the chapel of Speck Funeral Home with Bro. Aron Dillion and Bro. Tim Beaty officiating. Interment followed in the Sylvester Robbins Cemetery, with Military Honors provided by the Overton County Veterans Honor Guard.

He was born May 16, 1934. He was a member of the McDonalds Chapel United Methodist Church but also attended Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was a member of the Eagle Creek Masonic Lodge #530 and served his country in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed fishing, hunting squirrel and dry land fish. He also like riding to the lake and back roads of the county and was very knowledgeable in history and studying genealogy.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Wood and Delphi Reagan Padgett; son, Michael Padgett; brothers, Jim and Rod Padgett; and sisters, Georgia Smith and Gracie Chambers.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Jessie Price Padgett of Monroe; daughters, Robin Vaughn and husband, Johnny of Livingston and Dana Halsell and husband, Stormy of Rickman; sister, Martha Brown of Hilham; and grandchildren, Layne Clark, Ellie Halsell and Snowie Halsell.

Pallbearers were Layne Clark, Junior Hill, Johnny Hill, Ronnie Smith, Kevin Nor-

rod and Ronald Smith. Horary pallbearers were Coy Padgett, Tommy Crabtree, Doyle Smith, Jeff Flowers and John Clark.

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

**Ben Thomas Bilbrey**

Ben Thomas Bilbrey, 75, Glendale, Arizona, passed away on November 12, 2021 from COPD. Growing up on his family's farm in Overton County near Cookeville, Tennessee. Ben attended Rickman High School and graduated with a B.S. degree in Agriculture from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee. Ben was drafted into the Army to serve in the Vietnam war. Ben worked in the tire industry in Nashville and Phoenix. Fishing and hunting were his favorite pastimes. War memories never faded until he passed into peace with his Lord and Savior, Je-

sus Christ after an extended illness. Ben was a brother, a father, a grandfather, a friend and veteran who left an indelible mark on most who he knew and loved. He was preceded in death by his parents Burch and Catherine Wilmoth Bilbrey, his grandson Kaden Bilbrey. Ben is survived by his brother Bruce (Beverly) Bilbrey, two sons, Steven (Stacey) Bilbrey and Russell (Christina) Bilbrey and grandson Braxton Bilbrey of Arizona. A Memorial Service will be held at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona located at 23029 N. Cave Creek Road in Phoenix at 2:30 pm Thursday, January 27th, 2022.

**Judith Anne Hodupp**

Judith Anne Hodupp, 70, of Allons, passed away Jan. 11 from Livingston Regional Hospital. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at a later date.

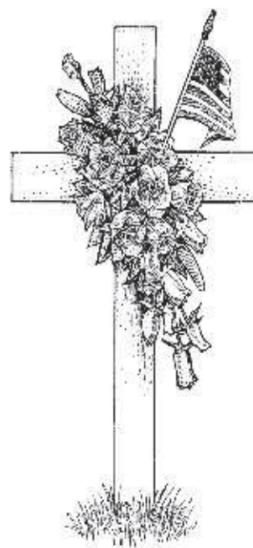
She was born Feb. 12, 1951 in Rochester, NY. She loved rescuing animals and supporting local rescues. She kept cats, goats, donkeys and chickens.

She was preceded in

death by: father, Millard Piper; and grandchild, Steven Fisher.

Surviving relatives include: husband, Richard Hodupp; step daughter, Rachel Eckert and husband, Justin; grandchildren, Gavin Sherk and Julia Eckert; and great grandchild, Parker-Jo Fisher.

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



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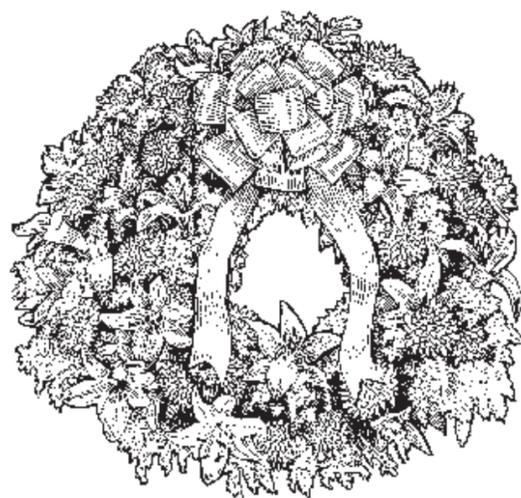
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## Tax Revenues Up Locally, Statewide

BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

Sales tax revenues remained high both in Overton County and across the state as 2021 came to a close.

Livingston-Overton County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shannon Cantrell said that both unemployment was down and sales tax collections were up in November.

“Our unemployment was a low 2.6-percent in November,” Cantrell said. “And our sales tax collections was up 2.9-percent.”

Cantrell said the year-to-year increase for November is a trend that was seen through 2021.

“It’s been that way all year,” Cantrell said. “So it’s been great. We really enjoy seeing everyone shopping local.”

At the state level, tax revenues were also up in the month of December.

Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Commissioner Butch Eley reported Friday that revenues for December were higher than expected and

exceeded the monthly revenues from 2020.

State revenues for December were \$1.9 billion or \$437.2 million more than the budgeted estimate with growth of 24.2-percent from December 2020.

“December tax revenues exceeded budget estimates due to strong sales tax growth, corporate tax growth and realty tax collections included within privilege taxes,” Eley said. “Sales tax receipts, reflecting November retail sales activity, continue to benefit from a surge in consumer demand and the established marketplace facilitator law. In addition, it is estimated that some portion of retail purchasing may have shifted from December to November due to reports of supply chain disruptions. Next month’s January revenue report will fully capture consumer spending for the 2021 holiday season.

“While revenue collections continue to look promising, we will persist in closely monitoring our revenues and



**Update** - Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shannon Cantrell gives an update on Friday at Livingston City Hall.

expenditures throughout the remainder of this fiscal year.”

General fund revenues were more than the budgeted estimates in the amount of \$411.3 million and the four other funds that share in state tax revenues were \$25.9 million more than the estimates.

Sales tax revenues were \$214 million more than the estimate for December. The December growth rate was 24.49 percent. For the first five months of this fiscal year, revenues are \$923.6 million higher than estimated, and the year-to-date growth rate is 20.83 percent.

## REI Opening Distribution Center

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and REI Co-op officials today announced the specialty outdoor retailer will establish a new distribution center in Lebanon.

“REI Co-op selected Lebanon to complement our existing distribution centers around the country and to better serve our growing customer base and broader outdoor community, Bill Best, REI vice president of supply chain said, “Today, approximately 5.6 million REI members are in the service area of the Lebanon distribution center. We look forward to operating a facility that puts the local community, its people and environment at the forefront.”

REI, the nation’s largest consumer co-op, will create more than 280 new jobs in Wilson County as a result of the project. Construction is now underway and the facility, REI’s fourth distribution center in the country, is expected to open fall 2023. Once complete, it will serve more than 70 REI stores on the East Coast and in the Midwest and South.

Situated on 41 acres in Wilson County, the 400,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility will be one mile from I-40 and three miles from downtown Lebanon at 1400 Murfreesboro Road. It is being constructed with industry-leading sustainability and technology features. The design is centered on a productive and healthy build environment that intentionally takes into consideration how employees work, rest and connect to nature.

Headquartered near Seattle, REI is a specialty outdoor retailer with 174 locations across 41 states and the District of Columbia. Since 1938, the company has provided quality gear and apparel and expert advice to consumers with a love of the outdoors. REI operates five stores in Tennessee that employ nearly 300 people across the state.

Since 2017, TNECD has supported 15 economic development projects in Wilson County, resulting in 4,750 job commitments and \$971 million in capital investment.

## Small Business Owners See Inflation As Biggest Problem

The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index increased slightly in December to 98.9, up 0.5 points from November. Twenty-two percent of small business owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem encountered in operating their business. Price raising activities have reached levels not seen since the early 1980s when prices were rising at double-digit rates.

“Small businesses, unfortunately, saw a disappointing December jobs report, with staffing issues continuing to impact their ability to be fully productive,” said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. “Inflation is at the highest level since the 1980s and is having an overwhelming impact on owners’ ability to manage their businesses.”

State-specific figures are unavailable,

but NFIB State Director Jim Brown said, “Inflation along with supply chain and labor issues are clearly having an impact on Tennessee’s small businesses. Our members are asking their legislators to help local businesses get through this and return to where they were economically before the pandemic began.”

Key findings include:

Twenty-two percent report inflation as the single most important problem operating their business, a 20-point increase from the beginning of 2021 and the highest level since Q4 1981.

Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months increased three points to a net negative 35%. Owners remain pessimistic about future economic conditions as this indicator has declined 23 points over

the past six months.

Forty-nine percent of owners reported job openings that could not be filled, an increase of one point from November.

According to NFIB’s monthly jobs report, a net 48% (seasonally adjusted) of owners reported raising compensation, up four points from November and a 48-year record high reading. A net 32% plan to raise compensation in the next three months. Thirteen percent cited labor costs as their top business problem, up three points and a 48-year record high reading and 25% said that labor quality was their top business problem.

Fifty-seven percent of owners reported capital outlays in that last six months, up two points from November. Of those making expenditures, 41% reported spending on new equipment, 25% acquired

new vehicles, and 19% improved or expanded facilities. Six percent of owners acquired new buildings or land for expansion and 13% spent money for new fixtures and furniture. Twenty-nine percent plan capital outlays in the next few months, up two points from November and two points higher than the 48-year average.

A net 1% of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes increased by one point to a net 3%.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory change increased four points to a net 7%. Thirty-six percent of owners report that supply chain disruptions have had a significant impact on their business. Another 30% re-

port a moderate impact and 21% report a mild impact. Only 11% report no impact from recent supply chain disruptions.

A net 9% of owners viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in December, down six points from November. A net 8% of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, down two points from November but five points above the 48-year historical average.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased two points to a net 57% (seasonally adjusted). Unadjusted, 5% of owners reported lower average selling prices and 58% reported higher average prices. Price hikes were the most frequent in wholesale (85% higher, 0% lower), construction (74% higher, 5% lower), and retail (70% higher, 7%

lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 49% plan price hikes (down five points).

The frequency of reports of positive profit trends increased three points to a net negative 14%. Among the owners reporting lower profits, 29% blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 22% blamed weaker sales, 17% cited labor costs, 10% cited the usual seasonal change, 8% cited lower prices, and 4% cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 63% credited sales volumes, 11% cited usual seasonal change, and 15% cited higher prices.

Two percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-six percent reported all credit needs met and 62% said they were not interested in a loan. A net 4% reported that their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts. Zero percent reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 4% of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the 4th quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB’s membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. The survey was conducted in December 2021.



## Market Recap

\$SPXTR S&P 500 Total Return Index INDX

14-Jan-2022

Open 9758.38 High 9953.78 Low 9605.42 Close 9775.53 Chg -28.32 (-0.29%)

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# Friends Of Library Meeting Thursday

## At Your Library



### Upcoming Events at the library:

1/18 Tuesday-Library Board Meeting 4:30pm-5:30pm

1/20 Thursday-Preschool Story Time 10:30am-11:30am

1/20 Thursday-Friends of the Library Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm

1/27 Thursday-Preschool Story Time 10:30am-11:30am

### New items added to the library:

**Adult Fiction**  
Tom Clancy Chain of Command by Marc Cameron

The Midnight Lock by Jeffery Deaver

**Inspirational**  
A Daring Adventure by Elizabeth Camden

Forgiving Paris by Karen Kingsbury

A Stranger at Fells-worth by Sarah E. Ladd

A Deep Divide by Kimberley Woodhouse

**Adult Large Print Fiction**

Love for Beginners by Jill Shalvis

**Magazine**

PEOPLE Magazine

COOK'S ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE

Grit Magazine

**Juvenile Fiction**

Dolley Madison and the War of 1812: America's First Lady by Libby Carty McNamee

Susanna's Midnight Ride: The Girl Who Won the Revolutionary War by Libby Carty McNamee

Camp Time in California by Mary Pope Osborne

My Papi has a Motor-

cycle by Isabel Quintero  
**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

Black Voter Suppression: The Fight for the Right to Vote by Artika R. Tyner

Homelessness by Xina M. Uhl

Going to a Funeral by Caryn Dahlstrand Rivadeneira

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Getting Glasses by Jeri Cipriano

My Life with Dyslexia by Mari C. Schuh

**Tween Fiction**

The Last Kids on Earth and the Domsday Race by Max Brallier

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**Adult Audiobook Fiction**

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The Burning Wire by Jeffery Deaver

The Berets by W.E.B. Griffin

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Dragonheart: 5 Movie Collection

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**Videogames**

SingStar Country Stand Alone - PlayStation 2

Mini Ninjas - Playstation 3

White Knight Chronicles II- Playstation 3

Speed Racer: The Videogame - Nintendo Wii

## "Surge" Continued From Page 1

unit. He said the residents are only experiencing mild symptoms. "That changes our

visitation slightly," Stevens said. "We had it where the doors were wide open for visits, but now we have to limit that like the hospital, one visitor per day per

resident."

The center has also went back to its Outbreak Procedures, Stevens said. Staff is being tested twice a week. Vaccination rates

continue to be low in Overton County. Langford reported that 37-percent of the population has received one dose of the COVID vaccine.

## "Pay" Continued From Page 1

six months of the current school year. Hayes said the raises should not put the school system in any financial hardships this year.

"Based on what (Budget Director) Crystal (Nelson) and I looked at from the BEP funding, we

should be okay," Hayes said.

Eilender said the board's decision Tuesday night sent a message to teachers throughout the system.

"I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart," Eilender said, "on behalf of the teachers, for the message that you

have sent them tonight. The message you have sent the teachers tonight is they really, really matter and they're really important. That's a message they've needed to hear for a while."

Eilender did make a request to the board for future salary increases.

"The only thing I

would add," Eilender said, "is, in the future... whenever there are increases, please keep in mind in keeping the distance between the steps so that everybody has a place to grow."

The new pay scale should be reflected in teacher's paychecks before Spring Break.

# Deficiencies Noted In Clerk Case

BRIAN WILMOTH  
Editor

In an investigation that examined records going back two-and-a-half years, a Tennessee Comptroller and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation investigation uncovered deficiencies that allowed a former court clerk to allegedly commit a number of crimes while in office.

Susan Birdwell, Clay County's former Circuit Court Clerk has been indicted by two different grand juries on 16 counts of forgery, tampering with records, official misconduct, soliciting unlawful compensation, and misrepresenting information to a state auditor.

Birdwell is accused of forging former General Session Judge Diana Monroe's signature on at least 117 expungement orders and filing them with the TBI, improperly retaining hundreds of expungement orders in unsecured locations, destroyed evidence, received compensation she was not entitled to receive, and improperly accepted cash payments from citizens to make online payments for her personal gain.

Although officials are limited the amount of information they can provide due to the ongoing nature of the case, John Dunn, Tennessee Comptroller Director of Communications said that the alleged offenses occurred in multiple areas.

"Some of the indictments were presented in Davidson County because

that is where the TBI headquarters is located," Dunn said. "As noted in the report, Birdwell filed the false expungement orders with the TBI in Nashville, and thus, that is where the alleged offenses occurred. The other alleged offenses occurred in Clay County."

Birdwell was suspended from office in December. Jennifer Louann Ritter is currently serving as the Circuit Court Clerk Pro Tempore.

The Comptroller investigation, released Dec. 17, noted four deficiencies that allowed Birdwell's alleged behavior to continue.

Cash payments for driver license reinstatements were not properly collected or accounted for.

"Birdwell circumvented her office and internal controls by accepting cash payments for Tennessee driver license reinstatement fees," the report said. "Birdwell failed to properly receipt the cash payments, deposit cash with the Trustee's office or perform reconciliation of the cash payments for reinstatement fees."

The report goes on to say that in at least one instance, an e-mailed receipt from the Department of Safety was printed and given to someone that had made a cash payment for a driver license reinstatement fee.

The second deficiency noted in the report is that documentation does not exist to support the legal sufficiency of expungement orders.



"Birdwell exceeded her official authority by photocopying the signature of Judge Monroe onto expungement orders without her prior knowledge or consent and thus failed to follow established procedures for the expungement of criminal records," the report said. "Therefore, investigators question the legal sufficiency of the expungement orders."

Although investigators attempted to do a search on the files, the nature of the expungement process itself hampered their efforts.

"Investigators found that once a court enters an order of expungement, all charging instruments

and other records that are contained within the case jacket are destroyed and all electronic records are deleted from the... software. As a result, no remaining documentation exists to verify that the expungement orders were in accordance with the legal requirements."

According to the report, the third deficiency was that Birdwell kept over \$100 in person cash in the office.

"According to Birdwell, the personal cash was intended to make change for the office when needed," the report said. "Of the \$108.09 found within the office, \$100.00, in denominations of \$20

# Smith's Passing A Loss To Community

The death of Clay County Assessor of Property Billy "Teakettle" Smith is a loss to the entire community.

That's according to Clay County Mayor Dale Reagan. Smith passed away Jan. 2 at the age of 59.

"Being in a small town like us," Reagan said, "just about everybody knows everybody, and especially everyone down here at the government complex, it's like a family setting. We see everyone pretty much on a daily basis. It's going to be very, very different. For me, it's devastating to lose anyone."

Reagan said he believed Smith was in his sixth term as Property Assessor. Reagan said he would miss Smith's enthusiasm.

"He was always uplifting," Reagan said. "Every time I'd go down to his office, it was always a positive outcome. He was always in a good mood. That says a lot about a lot of people's character."

Smith was born in Overton County on August 28, 1962 to the late Robert and Virginia Smith. He is survived by his wife Cheryl, daughter Carla Grace, and three sons: Billy Smith, Jr., Jason Bilbrey, and Anthony Smith. 12 grandchildren and a great grandchild also survive.

According to Reagan, the process of filling the Assessor's office is already underway.

"They started that process Monday night at the county commission meeting," Reagan said. "The County Clerk made the commissioners aware that there had been a vacancy that occurred, and that went in the minutes, so that made them officially notified that a vacancy had occurred."

Reagan said it appears the Clay County Commission will move quickly to fill the office. He said the commission has called a special meeting on Jan. 31 to make that decision.

"According to the statute, they have up to 120 days to do it," Reagan said. "They wanted to get it done as soon as they could. The deputy clerk, right now, is acting as interim, and doing a good job."

The office was next scheduled to be on the ballot in 2024, however, Reagan said it will appear on this August's ballot, where the winner will serve out the remaining two years of Smith's term before the office returns to its normal schedule.

"For all of my family and everyone in the mayor's office, all of our condolences and our prayers go out to Teakettle's family," Reagan said. "I ask that everybody keep his family in their prayers."

bills, was located in Birdwell's front desk and \$8.09 was located in a desk in a separate part of the office."

Finally, the investigation revealed the blank documents were signed by Monroe and kept on-hand in the office.

"The Judge signed blank documents to be used at the discretion of others," the report said. "The signed, blank documents found by investigators include 1 Order Appointment Legal Counsel form and 3 Uniform Affidavit of Indigency forms. According to the judge, the signing of the blank documents listed above was the result of additional regulations and restrictions regarding court processes during COVID-19. Investigators also located 6 signed, blank Order for Restricted Driver License

forms. According to the judge, the orders were prematurely signed to assist the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, who ultimately determines the qualification of the individual applying for a restricted driver license."

According to the report, Monroe, who became Director of Clay County Schools Jan. 1, maintains that in spite of the signed, blank documents, she did not give Birdwell permission to use her signature on any other documents.

"The judge reiterated, however, that she did not have knowledge of signing blank expungement orders," the report said, "nor did she give permission for Birdwell to photocopy her signature onto blank expungement orders."

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# Financial Strategies To Achieve Money Goals

UT Extension Provides Six Simple Strategies to Build Wealth and Create Sustainable Spending Patterns

Christina Swallows



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The new year is a time that encourages many people to evaluate goals and plans in a myriad of areas, from weight loss and nutrition to education and career management to financial health and spending. While strategic money management may be challenging for many, University of Tennessee Extension consumer economics specialist Christopher T. Sneed has laid out six simple steps that anyone can follow to build wealth and develop lifelong, sustainable spending practices.

#### Build a Budget

The first thing you need to do is to gain an understanding of how much money you have coming into your household (income) and how much money you have going out of your household (expenses). Building a budget will help you gain this understanding.

While some people think budgets are boring or only for people that have money, understanding how you spend mon-

ey can be insightful and a learning experience for all. Everyone – rich, poor and everyone in between – needs a budget.

Ultimately, the goal of building a budget is to have your money work for you. You will be able to clearly see your income versus expenses and create a plan to begin building assets and savings. A variety of budget tools are available to help with this process, including resources available from your local UT Extension office. Two UT Extension publications can also help with you build a budget: Track Your Spending W 1018-A and My Money Plan W 1018-D.

Building a spending plan is a process — not a one-time event. Check your plan often and make changes to help it fit your situation. The more you work with it, the better it will work for you!

#### Live Within Your Means

The next task is the hardest for many of us – living within your means. In order to accumulate wealth, your income must be more than your expenses. If you know or suspect you are spending more than your income each month, you have two options: increase your income or reduce

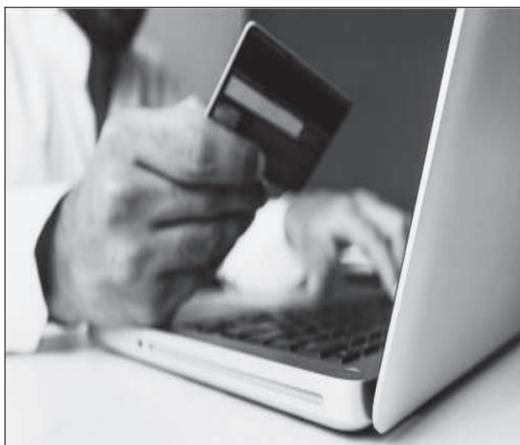
your spending. In reality, a combination of these options may work best as you work out a successful financial plan.

To reduce spending, consider cutting discretionary items to start, like streaming services, subscriptions, takeout coffee and eating out at restaurants.

#### Build an Emergency Fund

Building and having an emergency fund allows you to take charge of life's financial curveballs, addressing them with a plan and confidence. Outstanding debt, job security, working patterns and family status all help determine the right size emergency fund for your family. For most families, 3-6 months of net income is ideal. If you have high-cost credit, such as credit card debt, your emergency fund should be equal to 1-2 months of your net income after taxes until those debts are paid off, when you can continue building your savings up to 3-6 months of your net income. If your job is seasonal or unstable, you'll need more stashed away in case emergencies occur in leaner months.

UT Extension publication Building an Emergency Fund W 1018-E provides further guidance



for this step.

#### Pay off High-Cost Debt

After you have gotten your spending under control and built an emergency fund, it is time to pay off high-cost debt. This is generally the credit card charges carried month to month which are accruing interest. A great way to do this is by using the snowball method. In this approach, you focus on your smallest debt first with the goal of paying it off as quickly as possible. Continue making minimum payments on all your debts but put any extra funds you have toward paying off the smallest debt. This will help you pay it off faster.

Once the smallest debt is paid in full, add the payment you were making to the minimum pay-

three ways. First, well-chosen real estate property is expected to increase in value. If you live in a fast-growing urban or suburban area, your home may increase in value at a higher rate. Second, as monthly mortgage payments are made, wealth builds as you own more and more equity in your home. Lastly, mortgage interest can be a deductible expense for income taxes which may help lower your tax burden as well.

#### Save for Retirement

Figure out how much of your savings you can save for retirement and how much you will need to save for pre-retirement needs. Your company or your spouse's company may offer salary deferred accounts to set aside in-

come in which you will postpone paying taxes until you withdraw it at retirement. Such accounts could include a 401(k), 403(b), Employee Stock Ownership Plan or other accounts. If you don't have one of these options, almost everyone qualifies for a regular individual retirement account (IRA) through a bank or investment company. Depending on your tax bracket, you can realize 15 percent or more savings increases by tax-deferring income. Just remember that you'll pay a hefty penalty in addition to taxes on the amount you withdraw if you must take money out of a tax-sheltered fund before you reach retirement.

Working through the strategies above takes time and discipline – but it's worth it. With a plan and clear goals, you can face the new year with the resolve and skills you need to reach your financial goals.

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# Managing Gnats on Houseplants

MELINDA MYERS  
special to the Enterprise

They flit across your face, hover near your houseplants, or gather by the window. Fortunately, these fungus gnat insects are more annoying to us than harmful to our plants.

This pest finds its way into our homes on plants added to our indoor houseplant collection or those moved inside after a summer outdoors. Some may enter on organically rich, non-pasteurized soil.

The small, 1/8-inch adult resembles a fruit fly or mosquito but does not feed on overripe

fruit and vegetables and it does not bite. Adults live for only seven to ten days, but the female can lay up to 200 eggs in the cracks and crevices of moist soil in that short time.

Eggs hatch releasing worm-like larvae with black heads and elongated white or clear legless bodies. The larvae begin feeding in the top two to three inches of soil, dining on fungi, algae and organic matter and occasionally plant roots and leaves on the soil surface.

Plant damage is usually insignificant. If conditions are right,

fungus gnat populations can reach damaging levels, resulting in root damage that leads to wilting and stunted growth. Over and under watering, over fertilization and other environmental factors are more likely the causes of these symptoms. Provide proper care to reduce the risk of this type of damage.

Fungus gnat populations on houseplants seldom reach levels that require control for the plant's health and longevity. The adults can be annoying, especially to the non-gardeners in the family, and are of-



Photo / Summit Responsible Solutions

**No Gnats** - Adult fungus gnats live for just seven to ten days, but the female can lay up to 200 eggs in the cracks and crevices of moist soil, so populations grow quickly.

ten the motivation for managing this pest.

Start control by adjusting your watering practices. Since fungus

gnats thrive in moist soil, avoid overwatering. Allow the top few inches of soil to dry between thorough waterings. Pour off excess water that collects in the saucer to avoid root rot. Or place pebbles in the saucer to elevate the pot above any excess water that collects in the tray.

Adjust your watering schedule with the change of the season. As day length and light intensity change throughout the year and heat and air conditioning is employed, a plant's water needs change as well.

Use containers with drainage holes or self-watering pots with overflow outlets, also known as weep holes, to avoid waterlogged soils. Refresh potting mix as needed. Older planting mixes degrade over time, retaining moisture longer and creating an inviting environment for fungus gnats.

Manage unwanted fungus gnats with an organic Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (BTI) product such as Summit Mosquito Bits® ([www.summitresponsiblesolutions.com](http://www.summitresponsiblesolutions.com)) labeled for controlling fungus gnat larvae. Just sprinkle it on the soil surface and

this naturally occurring soil bacterium kills the fungus gnat larvae in the soil. It's safe for people, pets, and plants. Read and follow label directions repeating as needed.

Use yellow sticky traps to monitor adult populations. Place homemade or purchased traps on sticks in houseplant containers.

Use 1/4-inch slices or wedges of potatoes to attract and monitor fungus gnat larvae. Stick a portion of the potato into the soil. Check for fungus gnats after a few days and replace the potato wedge to help manage this pest.

Understanding the fungus gnat and its preferred environment will help you safely and effectively manage this pest.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening*. Her web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



## Wanting What You Can't Quite Have

Human nature is such that most of us aren't seduced by what is completely beyond our reach, but by the thing that is just out of reach. Employees who puffer from their companies are often just trying to live a slightly more lavish lifestyle than they can afford. We see the same thing in matters of romance. Most of us know that the beauty queen or the captain of the football team is "out of our league"?? and we don't even try for them, but we are drawn to the attractive boy or girl who sits next to us in class and who kindly helps us with our homework, even if we know she's not interested in us. Wanting what we can't quite have isn't necessarily a bad thing. It's good to aim high in life, but desiring things we can't have is also a source of considerable pain and frustration. Keeping up with the Jones's and pining after someone who isn't interested in you is unsatisfying in the short run and in the long run it can lead to a sense of deep disappointment and even resentment. We start to have a sense that life is unfair and we envy those who appear to have the things we want, and moreover appear to have achieved those things so effortlessly. Appearances can be deceiving, however, and you might be surprised to find that Mr. Jones down the street isn't so happy with his big house or his beautiful wife. Strive to be content with what you have, and thank God every day for the blessings he has bestowed on you.

- Christopher Simon

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.*

1 Timothy 6:6-8

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# 1929 Clay County Flood

*Looking Backward*  
By Phoebe Jane  
(Emily Sells)

In May of 2010, something known as a 1,000 year flood occurred in Nashville and the surrounding areas.

This event, according to the Army Corps of Engineers, can be expected to happen only once in every 1,000 years. A similar event occurred in Clay County in 1929 from melting of a heavy snowfall followed by torrential rain, and was described as the "Worst Flood in Celina's History." A few years ago, Ronald Dishman, County Historian, shared with me the following newspaper story written by Ralph Rich taken from the October 13, 1977, issue of the Clay Statesman.

"It was February 27, 1929, the sky was dark, overcast, the temperature about 20 degrees. The wind was from the north about 5 to 10 miles per hour. About 3:00 p.m., a light snow began falling, with flakes drifting lazily down. We had been cutting down long slim hickories and oaks all day and snaking them out of the woods to the wood yard before cutting them with a crosscut saw into lengths to fit the stove. We would trim up the whole tree and not cut it into and then snake it with ole Maude and Ader. The mules didn't have much to do in the winter time and was always ready to go. That was a lucky thing that we got up a lot of wood that day. My daddy said, 'Boys, we'll have a pretty good snow tonight I believe.'

We were living at Midway at the Hudson place, and as I looked toward the Terrapin Knob up toward Shinnie Riches, I saw the snow was getting heavier and it was turning darker. We had a good fire, so we were pretty comfortable in those days, as long as you kept a fire all night.

Just about dark, the snow was falling so hard you could hear it as it hit the ground, believe it or not. It was not bitter cold that night. We had a cozy night popping pop corn, melting molasses, making pop corn balls and molasses candy. I don't remember how my mother made it, but it was really good. We had a Victrola we played at night sometimes. One record was Uncle Josh



**Historic Flood** - One taken during the flood of 1929 in Celina.

and the Sailor. Other times, we would all sing till bedtime.

Waking up the next morning, I was snug as a bug in a rug, deep down in a feather bed with 5 or 6 quilts on us. I pinched Reed and said, 'Let's get up and see if it snowed much.' So we rolled out and went to the window to look out. I could not believe my eyes. There was a snow alright. The back porch was about three feet high and the snow was almost to the edge of the porch. We put our overalls on as quick as possible and made a dive off the porch. It came up under my arms. You could hardly move.

We had to shovel a path to the barn to feed the horses and cows, but most of the hogs were out in the woods. My dad knew they would be alright as there were many caves and cliffs where they could take shelter. We also shoveled out a path to the wood pile and carried about 2 ricks on the porch to burn for the next few days, for it was turning steadily colder.

Woodie, Reed and I decided to scout around in the snow to see what we could find. Up past the barn in a fence row, we saw a blue looking spot in the snow, a circle. We raked the top off of the dark spot and saw a rabbit sitting down at the bottom of the snow which was about 34 inches deep. He couldn't go anywhere and his breath was kind of melting the snow up toward the surface causing the dark spot in the snow. We caught 2 or 3 more the same way.

That was the biggest snow I ever

saw. At the time the people in the community had a telephone system with a certain number of rings for each house with a phone. For example, I think our number was 2 long rings and one short. Mr. Eaphium Dalton lived on the Bennett's Ferry Road at the Eula Copos farm. He called my father, Jesse Rich, and told him that a bunch of his hogs were at his place in an old log barn about half a mile from his house. There was so much snow they couldn't get anything to eat, so he had better bring them some corn. He knew who the hogs belonged to from the mark in the ear.

Papa hitched ole Maude to a log so he could make a path in the snow to bring the hogs back home to our barn. So I got on behind him and we started out there. Of course nobody had traveled the road, for it was almost impossible, even on a horse. It took about 2 hours to go 3 miles as we had to make many stops to rest ole Maude. Papa pulled the log up to the hallway of the barn where the hogs were. There was 2 or 3 old sows and 30 or 40 hogs weighing from 150 to 200 pounds each. Papa turned ole Maude around and headed her back in the path toward home. He got off and put me in the saddle and told me to go ahead toward home. So I started ole Maude and he went to the other end of the hallway of the old log barn and got the hogs started. They walked single file behind ole Maude. Papa walked behind them to keep them moving. The snow was so deep that it was over the backs of the largest sow. If

you had been standing off to the side of the snow trail, you wouldn't have seen a hog. We had no trouble going home.

Soon they were in our barn. We fed them corn and we were beginning to get a little hungry too. We just went on to the house after putting up ole Maude and feeding her. A good hot dinner was waiting for us.

I know there are many people living in Clay County that remembers that big snow. In five or six days I think this big snow went off with a steady warm rain resulting in a disastrous flood all up and down the Cumberland River, washing away many houses, barns and livestock. I don't know how many people lost their lives, but I am sure there were some. The back water reached almost to the foot of the Proctor Hill on Highway 52. Such towns as Celina, Gainesboro, Carthage, Lebanon and Nashville had the worst flood in all history. And that record still stands.

Of course, the dams like Dale Hollow will hopefully prevent anything like this in the future. Here is my fearless forecast for this winter. I think we will have a somewhat milder winter but with much more snow. At least three or four snows 8 inches or more. So beware, and remember this forecast along about December 14, 1977. I think that will be our first snow this year. Get ready. So long."

While putting this story together, I had the opportunity to speak by telephone with Mr. Cullom Hayes of Celina, who, at the time, was 88 years of age, and he verified Mr. Rich's story. Mr. Cullom recalled that after the unusually heavy snow of 1929, his father cleared a path from their house to the barn. When Mr. Hayes walked out and stood in the path his father had made, he couldn't see over the top of the snow. A few years after this story was originally published, Mr. Hayes passed away at the age of 93.

The late James Hunter remembered hearing a story of about that flood as well. It was told that a shock of hay went floating down the river with a rooster on top, crowing as he drifted along. He also told me that the home of John Cook of Celina was lost in the flood. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were sound asleep in their bed only to awaken when Mrs. Cook's hand felt the rising water surrounding their bed. The story goes that they were rescued from the attic of their home shortly before it was destroyed by the flood waters.



ing Australia. The date eventually became commemorated as Australia Day.

\* On Jan. 26, 1788, Capt. Arthur Phillip guides a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively found-

\* On Jan. 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered. Weighing 1.33 pounds and christened the "Cullinan," it

was the largest diamond ever found.

\* On Jan. 24, 1935, canned beer makes its debut. In partnership with the American Can Company, the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of beer to faithful Krueger drinkers in Rich-

mond, Virginia. Some 91% of the drinkers approved of the canned beer.

\* On Jan. 30, 1943, the British Royal Air Force begins a bombing campaign in Berlin that coincides with the 10th anniversary of Hitler's accession to power. Two

days later, a massive surrender of German troops occurred at Stalingrad.

\* On Jan. 27, 1967, a fire on the launch pad during Apollo 1 program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White II and Roger B. Chaffee. An investigation implicated a faulty electrical wire inside the command module as the probable cause.

\* On Jan. 29, 1979, Brenda Spencer, 16, kills two men and wounds nine children as they enter an elementary school in San Diego, blasting

away with a rifle from her home across the street. Despite drug abuse and anger issues, her father had given her a .22 rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition as a Christmas gift.

\* On Jan. 28, 1985, dozens of pop stars gather to lay down tracks for "We Are the World," under the direction of Quincy Jones. The song would go on to sell more than 7 million copies and raise more than \$60 million for African famine relief. Participants were told: "Check your egos at the door."

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## High School Basketball Livingston Academy Girls

### Last Week's Games

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Livingston Academy       | 62 |
| White County High School | 55 |

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Livingston Academy   | 43 |
| Upperman High School | 38 |

### District 7-4AAA Standings

|                    | District | Overall |
|--------------------|----------|---------|
| Livingston Academy | 4-0      | 15-2    |
| White County       | 4-1      | 13-4    |
| Cumberland County  | 3-1      | 10-8    |
| Stone Memorial     | 2-2      | 7-8     |
| Upperman           | 2-2      | 15-2    |
| Dekalb County      | 0-4      | 10-8    |
| Macon County       | 0-5      | 3-14    |

## Livingston Academy Boys

### Last Week's Games

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| White County High School | 71 |
| Livingston Academy       | 52 |

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Livingston Academy   | 52 |
| Upperman High School | 47 |

### District 7-4AAA Standings

|                      | District | Overall |
|----------------------|----------|---------|
| White County         | 4-1      | 12-5    |
| Cumberland County    | 3-1      | 8-9     |
| Livingston Academy   | 3-1      | 9-8     |
| Stone Memorial       | 3-1      | 9-7     |
| Dekalb County        | 1-3      | 9-7     |
| Upperman High School | 1-3      | 6-8     |
| Macon County         | 0-5      | 3-12    |

### Coming Up

Stone Memorial at Livingston Academy Jan. 18  
Livingston Academy at Lighthouse Christian Jan. 21  
Cumberland County at Livingston Academy Jan. 22  
Macon County at Livingston Academy Jan. 25

## Tech Women Cruise To Victory Over Redhawks

THOMAS CORHERN  
TTU Sports Information

The saying might seem clichéd, but the best way to describe Thursday's 75-58 victory over Southeast Missouri is total team effort.

Mackenzie Coleman was four points shy of tying her career-high in points as she knocked in 24 on 11-of-15 shooting. In addition to her assault under the rim, Jada Guinn added nine points and four players – the Annas Jones and Walker, Ansley Hall and Kesha Brady – each scored eight.

The win broke a seven-game losing streak to the Redhawks.

After Megan Clark was injured early in the opening quarter, Hall came in and knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers and ended up with an impressive effort in her 20 minutes of play, collecting an assist and two steals.

Peyton Carter led the team in assists and rebounds with seven each, while Coleman had three blocks.

The Golden Eagles led wire to wire, but that didn't mean the host Redhawks didn't make it interesting at one point. After leading by 14 at the half, SEMO (4-12, 0-5 OVC) made adjustments in the third quarter, cutting the deficit down to six at the seven-minute mark, Tech leading 41-35.

The SEMO streak didn't last for long as the Golden Eagles outscored the Redhawks 17-6 the rest of the way to take a 58-41 lead at the close of the quarter.

The Tech surge continued through the midway point of the fourth as the Golden Eagles collected a 13-4 run to take a 26-point lead with 4:31 remaining in the game. Just trying to wrap up the game, Tech scored four points over the final stretch, SEMO 13.

The Golden Eagles hovered around the 50-percent shooting mark the entire game, hitting 9-of-16 shots in the opening period, 5-for-12 in the second, as well as 7-for-13 in the third and fourth quarters.

SEMO was 12-for-23 in the second half after shooting 12-for-33 in the first half.

Jalayah Green led the Redhawks with 16 points.

## LA Girls Take Command Of District

BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

The Livingston Academy Lady Wildcats moved to the top of District 7-4AAA with a pair of wins over two other top-ranked programs last week.

On Tuesday night, the LA, coming in ranked third in Class AAA, picked up a hard-fought 62-55 victory over number 6 White County. Ellie Butler led the Lady Wildcats with 13 points.

On Friday night, LA trailed early before rallying to take a 43-38 win over Class AAA number 4 Upperman.

Much like their previous game, the Lady Wildcats used a balanced attack that saw nine players score, but none in double figures. Keaton Webb led the way with nine points, while Butler scored eight.

UHS' Brooklyn Crouch knocked down five three pointers en route to a 22-point night in the loss for Upperman.

Meanwhile, the LA boys split their games this week, falling 71-52 to district-leader White County but also picking up a 52-47 win over Upperman.

Hayden Ledbetter scored 18 in the loss to WCHS that saw the Wildcats fall to 8-8 on the season. Nick Choate also added 14 points.

The Wildcats rebounded Friday night with the district win over rival Upperman. After trailing in the fourth quarter, LA finished strong, scoring 11 unanswered points down the stretch to put the game away. Ledbetter again led the Wildcats with 18 points.

LA moved to 9-8 on the season, joining two other teams at 3-1 in the district.

The Livingston Academy will see a busy week of action this week, as they host Stone Memorial on Tuesday, travel to Antioch to face Lighthouse Christian on Friday, and host Cumberland County on Saturday in a game previously postponed because of snow.

## College Bound !



**Vol State Bound** – Livingston Academy's Jazlyn Flowers signs her national letter of intent to continue her softball career at Vol State. The senior Wildcat will join a program that went 38-10 overall last year.

Photo / Social Media

## Tech Men Fall In First Action In 23 Days

MIKE LEHMAN  
TTU Sports Information

Following a whopping 23 days between ball games, the Tennessee Tech men's basketball team finally took the court to begin its Ohio Valley Conference schedule Thursday evening, falling at in-state rival Belmont by a final score of 92-77.

After losing each of their first five, regularly-scheduled contests in league play due to COVID-19 protocols both within the Tech program and some of their opponents, the Golden Eagles were able to make a last-minute trip to Nashville to square off with the Bruins. Belmont saw its own contest against Austin Peay, originally slated for Thursday, postponed due to protocols within the Gobs squad.

The purple and gold pounced on the opportunity to get back on the hardwood in a competitive environment, having last suited up back on Dec. 21, 2021 in the team's final non-conference affair at Cincinnati.

"We're so excited about our opportunity here in Cookeville," Tech head coach John Pelphey expressed. "I really appreciate Dr. [Phil] Oldham and Mark Wilson for the opportunity and I knew when I took over it was going to be a great challenge. And I've been through those before. At Arkansas, we lost our whole team, so we had a start-up team there. At South Alabama, we were down scholarships and on probation. This was tough, especially in this climate of COVID. And this year is worse than last



Photo / Thomas Corhern, TTU Sports Information

**Back In Action** - Tennessee Tech's Daniel Ramsey looks for an opening against the Tennessee defense in a game earlier this year. Ramsey led the Golden Eagle with 18 points in a losing effort at Belmont in the team's first game since Dec. 21.

year because it's spiking right now."

After slogging through what was ranked as the nation's 67th toughest strength of schedule heading into Thursday's tilt, the Golden Eagles saw signs of breaking through when the brief break for the Christmas holidays approached. No one was prepared for what followed.

"We had a great non-conference schedule where we didn't win as many games as we would've liked, but we had a lot of confidence coming out of Christmas," Pelphey explained. "And then boom. We got hit. That's tough. So I'm really proud of what the guys did tonight. You just never know as a coach. But this was a must-play for us tonight. We had to play this game."

The Golden Eagles looked understandably

rusty to kick off the action with Belmont, shooting just 37.5 percent from the field and 22.2 percent from distance in the first half. The Bruins took advantage, hitting 57.1 percent from the floor behind an 8-for-15 effort from downtown for a 50-28 lead heading into the locker rooms.

Tech fought back in the second half, opening the stanza on an 11-4 run and closing the gap to as close as 12 down the stretch before another late Bruin run put things away for good. The Golden Eagles appeared much more comfortable over the final 20 minutes of action, hitting 58.8 percent from the floor and 41.7 percent from beyond the arc while out-scoring Belmont 49-42.

"Obviously in the first half it looked like we hadn't been out there in a while and they looked good," Pelphey said.

"And they are good. I love how they play and what they do. I thought at moments in time we kind of looked like them, so I'm excited about that. Our consistency isn't where it needs to be yet. The second half was better, but our focus tonight was to come down here and try to get everyone in the game and get back in game shape. We're hoping this will give us a little bit of footing with one day of travel and try to do this again at Martin on Saturday."

Leading the Golden Eagle effort offensively was transfer forward Daniel Ramsey, who painted the basket to the tune of a career-high 18 points on 9-for-15 shooting. He added three boards as well. Kenny White Jr., making his second start of the season and in as many games, dropped 14 points with a trio of triples to his name.

# Go Wildcats!



*Congratulations to the Livingston Academy Lady Wildcats for moving into first place in District 7-4AAA.*

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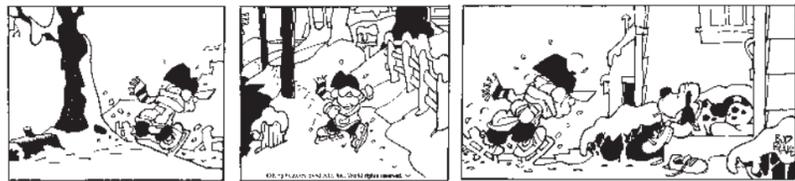
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## Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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

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|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. A dozen dozen     | ___ O ___ | Mower's target     | ___ A ___ |
| 2. Basement          | ___ E ___ | Arrest             | ___ O ___ |
| 3. Window sealer     | ___ U ___ | Burger portion     | ___ A ___ |
| 4. Exhilarate        | ___ A ___ | The upper crust    | ___ I ___ |
| 5. Lone Star capital | A ___     | Actor Hoffman      | D ___     |
| 6. Hooray, well done | ___ O ___ | Heroic             | ___ E ___ |
| 7. Peril             | ___ N ___ | Cloak and          | ___ G ___ |
| 8. British drummer   | ___ R ___ | Turn on the engine | ___ T ___ |
| 9. Little meower     | K ___     | Hand warmer        | M ___     |
| 10. Rabbit cage      | ___ T ___ | Gut feeling        | ___ N ___ |

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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: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals M

XNOJ RZSNJ AWQ MZIDMORK JNK  
FROEEKFJ XWGDKG OJ O FJKKE -  
RODZMS UOIZEZJA?  
"GQMJ WU JNK RZEE."

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

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Even Exchange

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| 1. Gross Grass    | 6. Bravo, Brave   |
| 2. Color, Collier | 7. Danger, Dagger |
| 3. Pity, Pally    | 8. Stern, Start   |
| 9. Kitten, Mitten | 10. Hitch, Hunch  |
| 4. Estate, Elite  |                   |
| 5. Austin, Dushin |                   |

# HOROSCOPES

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, you are self-confident and know who you are, which helps you take charge of situations. Many people rely on you, and you feed off that accountability.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
Taurus, you may feel like you have to be a mediator between two sides, and that only adds to tension you have been feeling recently. Take a deep breath and a step back.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/June 21  
Gemini, perceptions can be misleading. Look at a confounding situation from another angle. A new perspective may be all you need to see things more clearly.

**CANCER**  
June 22/July 22  
Cancer, a get-together with loved ones could do everybody some good. You may need to find the secret that can pull them everyone together, even if it's only for a day.

**LEO**  
July 23/Aug 23  
Leo, a friend of yours may be feeling like a third wheel on group outings. Consider playing match-maker, or make plans for a get-together with just this individual.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, someone may try to burst your bubble in the next few days, but you won't let it get in the way of your lively, imaginative nature. As time goes by, others will come around.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, the last thing you want to do lately is slow down, but you may have to do just that or special moments may pass you by. Carve out time to spend with loved ones.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
Scorpio, someone is trying to stay on task this week but you are all about a less serious approach. Let others focus on the tasks at hand, even if you can't.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
Sagittarius, technology is designed to make processes easier, but you may find you get fouled up by devices this week. Try doing things the old-fashioned way for a bit.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, others may not share your sense of humor. Play to your audience and don't get too down if some jokes don't go over well. Consider toning it down for a bit.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, what you see in the mirror just isn't matching up to what you're thinking in your head. Look to wise friends for answers as to why this is.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, if you are finding difficulty finding satisfaction at work, it may be time to start looking for something new to do. Put out some feelers.

## CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Hula swivelers
  - Kvetch
  - Comedian Margaret
  - Inky stain
  - Stead
  - Bond rating
  - Sooner State native
  - "The A-Team" actor
  - Trails
  - Rose parts
  - Halloween disguises
  - Rating unit
  - iPhone downloads
  - Skunk relatives
  - "-- was saying ..."
  - Passion
  - tai
  - Olympic winner
  - Poet of yore
  - Dutch cheese
  - Arm bones
  - Peer in a box
  - The Emerald Isle
  - Branch
  - Intermediary
  - "Patience -- virtue"
  - Thus
  - Corn recipe
  - PC linkup
  - Calendar squares
  - Fill up

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  - Sort
  - D.C. figure
  - Celery servings
  - Drain blockage
  - Intends
  - Actor Stephen
  - Groan-inducing humorist
  - TV station employee
  - Injure
  - Feed-bag filler
  - Possesses
  - Tic- -- -toe
  - Sir's counterpart
  - Church section
  - Peter Parker's alter ego
  - Coin aperture
  - Prudish
  - Takes too much, in med. lingo
  - Skater Lipinski
  - Faction
  - Fear-stricken
  - Big fuss
  - Censors
  - Internet address
  - Hoosegow
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  - Jittery
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  - Picnic crasher
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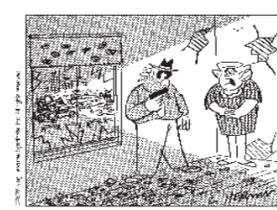
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by Terry Stickels

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"Willie, are you in some kind of ..."

## SCRAMBLERS

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SCRAMBLERS  
Today's Word  
1. Twinge 2. Askew; 3. Elated; 4. Refuge

# Agriculture

## A Bold Landscape Statement

ANDY PULTE  
UT Department of Plant Sciences, and director, UT Gardens, GATOP

Perhaps one of the most graceful of all evergreens we can grow, deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) can be a unique addition to your garden. This is one of the four known true cedars and can be a striking specimen. In the Southeast we are not able to provide it with ideal growing conditions. However, it's important with this species to think through the conditions we can provide. With a little bit of forethought and perhaps a little luck, you can be successful.

Deodar cedar's native range is the cool moist slopes of the Western Himalayas, Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. This region is one of the world's most important biodiversity hotspots and includes more than 140 different species of conifer including *C. deodara*. It also includes the highest topographical regions of the world. In its native range, the tree finds extensive use among locals for thatching and shelter constructions. It is also used in various forms for medicinal purposes. In modern medicine, the anti-inflammatory activity of the essential oils derived from its wood is being studied.

Large and impressive examples of deodar cedar can be seen in the Pacific Northwest, some reaching over 100-feet in height. However, the stressful heat and humidity of the Southeast tends to keep trees slightly more petite. In our region, you can expect to see grand old trees 60-feet high and wide.

This is a pyramidal conifer with a strong central leader. Trees remain pyramidal until very old, when they can become more rounded or flat-topped. Branches spread horizontally with needles weeping towards the tips. Many cultivars are available. You can find selections with green, gold, blue or even whitish-colored needles. There are columnar cultivars as well as those known to be dwarf compared to the straight species. Homeowners will want to thoroughly investigate their different options and choose a selection that fits their needs.

One great application for this plant is as a background or garden screen. The best living screens contain a diversity of plant materials. Deodar's unique texture blends well with other conifers. The tree doesn't grow as quickly as traditional screening plants like arborvitae, yet it can be sturdier over time.

One key to success

in growing deodar in the Southeast is good drainage. This plant does not like wet feet. Planting trees slightly above grade and making sure the root-flair (broadening of the trunk just above the soil line) is exposed when planting is crucial. Additionally, not letting trees suffer from drought stress in the hottest part of the summer is important. After two or three years of establishment, trees become less finicky and less susceptible to drought stress.

Deodar cedar has narrow climatic adaptability. You will see ref-

erences list USDA hardiness zones of (6b)7-9 for this plant. However, there is a big difference between surviving and thriving, and this plant will struggle in the hottest parts of the Southeast. Even within its hardiness zones, young trees are prone to injury from frosts and cold wind. Don't let that warning dissuade you from growing deodar cedar, particularly gardeners who have the room to grow trees to their full-size potential. You can find various selections of *C. deodara* in all locations of the UT Gardens.



**Plant of the Month** - *Cedrus deodara* 'Snow Sprite' a selection with whitish new growth at the UT Gardens in Knoxville. Photo courtesy UTIA.

## Tips For Coping With The High Cost Of Fertilizer

Jason Garrett



Extension Agent

As everyone has no doubt noticed, fertilizer prices have shot through the roof over the last year. Nitrogen costs have increased between 20 percent and 40 percent over the last 12 months, while phosphorous and potassium also have seen increases. The tragedies in the Gulf, problems with river traffic, ammonium nitrate's hazardous material classification and high natural gas costs point to continued high prices for the foreseeable future.

The question is, "Can you afford these high-priced fertilizers in an ever-tightening economy?" The answer is a resounding "yes", as long as you use them wisely. It has just become more critical than ever to integrate a fertility scheme into a comprehensive management plan.

First, producers must have an idea of base fertility reserves and soil pH. Without this basic information, every other

fertility decision is only a guess. Experts always are preaching about the need to soil test, but it is now more important than ever. For example, applying 30 lbs/ac of phosphorous or potassium when levels are adequate can add \$6/ac to fertilizer costs without providing any immediate benefits. Conversely, not applying these nutrients when they are deficient will reduce yield potential and waste nitrogen fertilizer dollars, even when everything else is done correctly. The basic soil samples should be taken to a depth of 6 inches. To account for sub-surface nitrogen, also sample the 6- to 12-inch depth. If you have any questions or need sample bags and submission forms, contact a Noble Research Institute soil and crops specialist.

For forages, the next priority is determining the amount of forage needed to meet overall production goals. These goals depend on the type of forage, soil types, stocking rate and tolerance for risk. Nitrogen rates are based upon meeting these yield goals, so it is very costly to target yields that produce more forage than can be marketed through an end product, be that

calves, beef, milk or hay.

This brings us to the point of making sure you actually use the forage you produce. Utilize the forage in a timely manner, employing whatever system works best for your operation. Your grazing system may be rotational, strip, limit or continuous, or you may be cutting for hay. Proper forage utilization is similar to a tightrope walk, since you need to use as much of the forage as possible without overuse and damage to the forage resource.

Once you have implemented a plan to efficiently produce and utilize your forage, look at how you supply the required nutrients. The general rule of thumb is to always use the lowest-cost form of fertilizer available to supply your needs. There are exceptions to every rule, and this is no different. An example of this is urea (46-0-0), which usually has a lower cost per pound of nitrogen than ammonium nitrate (34-0-0). During the dry heat of summer, urea is subject to significant volatilization losses when not incorporated by tillage or irrigation. The volatilization losses can nullify the original cost

savings, making urea the more expensive choice in the end. Contact a Noble Research Institute soil and crops specialist with any questions about the types of fertilizer to use.

Finally, shop around for the best deal available. Compare prices among dealers and ensure they are quoting prices on the same fertilizers. Some retailers are willing to make special deals on large quantities of fertilizer shipped directly from the port or railhead. This option requires the ability to receive, store and handle the bulk materials safely. Another option is to determine your needs and book fertilizers early to avoid future price increases. There is no guarantee that costs will go up, but booking 34-0-0 last January could have saved about 30 percent off current prices.

With careful planning and attention to all the details, fertilization can still produce the lowest-cost forage available.

For UT research-based information contact Jason at Overton Extension at 823-2735 or email at jgarre34@utk.edu and UT Extension offers equal opportunities in programs and employment.

## Cattle Report

Smith County Commission  
Livestock Weighted Average Report for  
12/18/2021 - 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     |

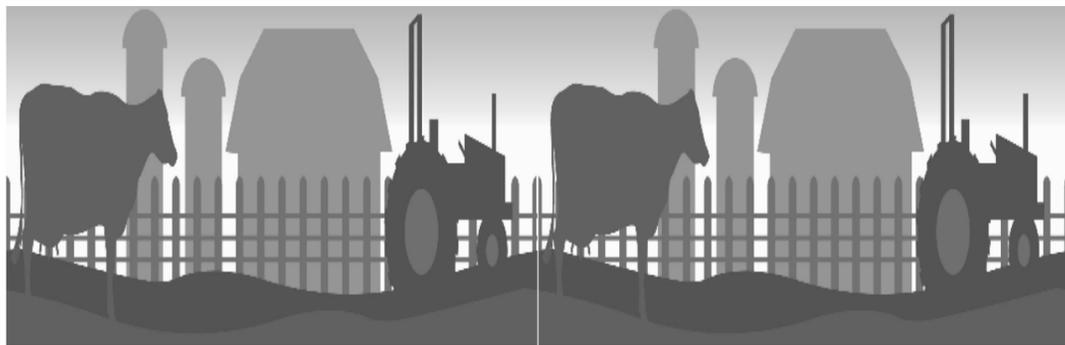
**COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)**

| 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.



# 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.

## Homeless Advocacy

Homeless Advocacy for Rural TN (HART) has a homeless/homeless prevention referral line for 18 counties that include the Upper Cumberland. HART has funding available to help with rent and utilities for the home-

less people/families and those at risk of losing their housing. They also have COVID-19 funds for people struggling with rent and utilities due to loss of income because of COVID. Anyone in need of assistance is encouraged to call the referral line at 844-556-7626 to determine eligibility.

## The Stephens Center Parent-Child Connection

Spring 2022, Series I: 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. January 19: "Doing This for Your Own Good". For more information, call 823-6432.

## Legion Dance

The Quittin' Tyme band is starting the 2022 dance schedule in Livingston with a fun-filled evening of dancing and country music on Friday January 21st from 7pm until 10pm at the American Legion Post in Livingston located at 121 S. Church St. All dances are family friendly and open to the public, membership not necessary. Concessions are available.



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## LEGAL

### OVERTON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, PROBATE DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF: Ricky Ovid Winningham (deceased) CASE NO. 22-PR-03

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, 2022, Letters Of Testamentary, in respect to the estate Ovid Winningham, deceased who died on August 26, 2021, were issued to the undersigned Charles Winningham by the Chancery Court/Probate Division of Overton County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or not, against the estate are required to file same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier date prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be for-

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ever barred:  
(1) (a.) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting);

(b.) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (a); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

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This the 12th day of January, 2022.

Charles Winningham  
Executor for said Estate of: Ovid Winningham  
Dorothy B. Stanton,  
Clerk & Master  
Chancery Court/  
Probate Division  
Post Office Box 127  
Livingston,  
Tennessee 38570  
(931) 823-2536  
Daryl A. Colson  
Attorney for the  
Estate  
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Livingston,  
Tennessee 38570  
(931) 823-6841  
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### OVERTON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, PROBATE DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF: Joy Loretta Winningham

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(deceased) CASE NO. 22-PR-02

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of January, 2022, Letters Of Testamentary, in respect to the estate Joy Loretta Winningham, deceased who died on October 27, 2021, were issued to the undersigned Sherry G. Munn by the Chancery Court/Probate Division of Overton County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or not, against the estate are required to file same with the Clerk and Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier date prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (a.) Four (4) months from the date

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of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting);

(b.) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (a); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This the 12th day of January, 2022.

Sherry G. Munn  
Executrix for said Estate of: Joy Loretta Winningham  
Dorothy B. Stanton,  
Clerk & Master  
Chancery Court/  
Probate Division  
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

The Livingston Board of Zoning Appeals will have a public hearing scheduled for **Monday, January 24, 2022 5:30 p.m. at the Livingston City Hall** for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the following: **Special exception request to establish a single family residential structure at 217 North Church Street in the C-2 (Central Business District) zone (Ray Evans Request).**

The public hearing will begin at **5:30 P.M.** All citizens are invited to attend. Any questions or comments can be addressed to the Livingston Planner Tommy Lee by phone: 931-979-2170 or email: [tlee@ucdd.org](mailto:tlee@ucdd.org)

MAYOR CURTIS HAYES

**ARNOLD E. LEFKOVITZ**  
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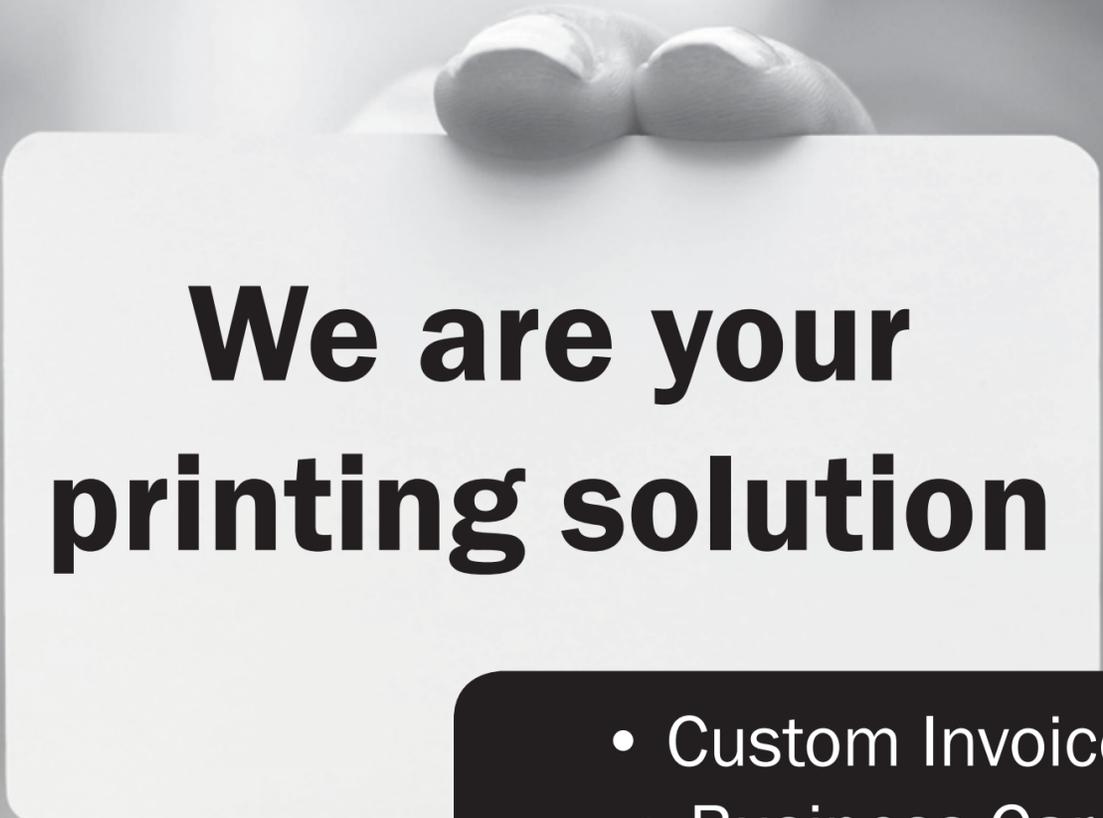
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