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Governor Seeks Federal Aid In Aftermath Of Tornadoes

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee is requesting federal emergency assistance today for nine counties impacted in the tornado outbreak that began in the state the evening of Fri, Dec. 10, 2021, and would eventually claim four lives when it was finally over on Sat. Dec. 11.

“Our emergency officials, first responders, and law enforcement brought hope where there was none in the aftermath of these storms,” Gov. Lee said. “Our effort now will be to bring as much relief as possible to these devastated communities.”

Gov. Lee is asking President Joe Biden for an emergency declaration to make federal assistance available to Cheatham, Decatur, Dickson, Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley counties for debris removal and emergency protective measures.

If the emergency declaration is granted, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse jurisdictions for eligible work or provide direct operational assistance.

Gov. Lee indicates Tennessee will seek a Major Disaster Declaration for qualifying jurisdictions after local officials are able to complete a thorough assessment of storm damage to make FEMA’s Public Assistance and Individual Assistance programs available to the declared counties that qualify for federal help.

Tennessee experienced two lines of severe weather beginning Friday evening and into Saturday morning.

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Lee Lawsuit Dismissed

BRIAN WILMOTH
editor

An Overton County judge has dismissed a defamation lawsuit brought by former Livingston Academy teacher Mark Lee.

Circuit Court Judge Jonathan Young dismissed the suit with prejudice in a decision handed down Dec. 10.

Young ruled that the defendants made no statements with any actual malice and that Lee had not suffered any damages because all the statements made against him were after he had been removed from his position.

Lee filed suit against seven people, including a minor, in Sept. 2020 after a concerted public effort to have him removed from his position at the local high school. Lee alleged in the suit that social media posts by the individuals libelous and an invasion

of his privacy.

In March 2020, news widely broke of sexual misconduct allegations against Lee, who was placed on suspension pending an investigation by the Overton County School board. In addition, Lee was investigated by District Attorney Bryant Dunaway’s office and the Tennessee Board of Education.

Lee was eventually removed from his position at Livingston Academy in July 2020 before being transferred into another position in the school system.

In addition to dismissing the lawsuit, Young handed down a \$10,000 penalty to Lee “to deter repetition of this conduct by James Mark Lee and others similarly situated who may file similar actions to try to embarrass and silence young women and their families who are alleged victims of sexual harassment by a school teacher”.

Young said in the ruling that, as a public figure, Lee had a heavy burden of proof. He said that wide-open, public debate is protected under the First Amendment.

In addition, Young said that all of the speech under complaint was based on published facts, were exaggerated statements to make a point, or were opinions.

In his ruling, Young pointed out it was not for the court to decide if any of the allegations made against Lee were true or false, but he did say that several female students had made “eerily similar statements”.

He also said he was “shocked that these many allegations (true or false)

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Saturday Storms Lead To Minor Damage



ENTERPRISE Photo / Brian Wilmoth

Storm Damage—A line of storms moved through the Upper Cumberland early Saturday morning leading to minor damages but no major injuries or deaths. Multiple trees and power lines were reported down within the city limits of Livingston. The National Weather Service estimated straight-line winds between 60-80mph across the region with the initial line of storms.

City Approves Funds For Consultant

BRIAN WILMOTH
editor

The Town of Livingston will be hiring a retail consultant after all.

The Board of Mayor and Alderman voted to fund the full amount to acquire the services of The Retail Coach after the Overton County Budget Committee on Nov. 18 decided to not bring the request to the full commission.

Before the vote, Livingston Mayor Curtis Hayes said that due to the county’s decision, only businesses inside the city would benefit from the consultant.

“In the event that this was to pass tonight, and the city council pays the \$30,000 for a retail retention and retail consultant, then this would work just

for the corporate limits of Livingston. So, it would strictly for the city and for city businesses.”

Livingston initially voted to cover half the costs at its November meeting. At that time, Chamber of Commerce Director Shannon Cantrell said that in 2017, Overton County had lost around \$2 million in sales tax revenues to surrounding counties. She said retail consultant could help businesses find strategies to help with that leakage.

The \$30,000 would cover the first year of the consultant’s work. The city could then decide to continue using The Retail Coach for an additional \$25,000 for each year.

“This is \$30,000 that we got from the State of Tennessee, a one-time

grant of \$58,000, so this is not anything that is coming out of the General Fund,” Hayes said. “This is a one-time grant that you can do due to COVID.”

During the November meeting, Alderman Kelly Coleman said he believed since the county would also benefit from sales tax retention, they should cover half the cost.

“In my opinion, although I’m disappointed the county doesn’t see the vision, or the need, that’s their prerogative and that’s their decision,” Coleman said. “I feel like the program still has merit.”

Hayes said Cookeville uses a retail consultant to help businesses there, and that officials had highly recommended Livingston do the same.

Livingston Workers Getting Extra Pay

BRIAN WILMOTH
editor

Every employee of the Town of Livingston will receive \$700 of premium pay for service throughout the COVID pandemic.

Mayor Curtis Hayes said that, after taxes, that would come to about \$550 each. He said the payments would be funded through American Rescue Plan funds, which totaled \$1,083,000 before the payouts.

Although most ARPA funds are set aside for broadband, water, and wastewater, Hayes said that there are provisions to help city workers.

“Premium pay is sim-

ply any city employee that has had face-to-face contact with the general public during the pandemic,” Hayes said, “after talking with our employees, or at least talking to the supervisors, we qualify this one time to give a premium pay to those employees, all the way from police and fire, to our airports, to our parks, water treatment, and office workers. Every employee would get this premium pay.”

The Livingston Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to fund the payments at its monthly meeting Dec. 6.

The payments will cost around \$56,000, leaving \$1,027,000 in funds for



Mayor Curtis Hayes

other projects. Hayes said the amount was decided on because it would not affect any projects the city was ready to begin.

“That’s the number I came up with that didn’t take away from the projects we have,” Hayes said.

Among the projects

Livingston is ready to proceed with include an automated meter reading service and check valves that would help prevent water leakage.

Hayes said that the one-time payments to city workers are not unprecedented in the region

“If you look across the Upper Cumberland,” Hayes said, “there’s been other cities and counties that have gave premium pay.”

Hayes said that pending a final ruling, Overton County is eligible to receive another \$4.7 million in ARPA funds.

“After talking with (Tennessee Comptroller) Jason Mumpower (Mon-

day), it is our understanding that there is another pot of money, ARPA, that will be coming from Tennessee Dept. of Environmental and Conversation,” Hayes said. “There is the question or not of whether it will go to Overton County...That will be for the use of water and wastewater.”

Hayes said that final ruling should come out before the end of the month. He said the money would be split between the four utility districts in the county, and that he and Consulting Engineer Greg Danvenport would work with Overton County Executive Ben Danner to identify potential collaborative projects.

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What About The Other Ethan Crumbleys?

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Dr. Glenn Mollette

We are unfortunately informed once again of another horrific, senseless school shooting. They don't stop. When will the next one be? Who will be the next shooter and who will be the next unsuspecting victims?

Once again, American kids go to school to pursue education and American life but are murdered by a classmate while walking the hallway or sitting in a class. This has to stop. Will it ever?

According to news reports, on November 30, 2021, Ethan Crumbley, a fifteen-year-old, took the lives of four schoolmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School, a Detroit, Michigan suburb.

Crumbley has once again reminded us of the horrific outcomes of mental illness and the importance of parents, teachers, churches and communities working together to protect each other.

According to news reports, the Oxford school was alerted to Crumbley's disturbing social media posts, drawings depicting violence, and other actions that had called for his parents to come to the school for a serious talk about their child. Reports of the parents buying an automatic weapon for their son's Christmas present and taking him to a shooting range for practice is revealing their denial of, as well their failure to address, their son's problems.

My dad gave me some

shotgun lessons when I was growing up. I was turned loose in the hills of Appalachia to hunt for squirrels at the age of 12 with a hunting license. Parents teaching their children to shoot a weapon and hunt are as old as our nation. However, parents should never provide their children access to guns when there are obvious warnings of mental illness.

Past school shooters have talked about being bullied by classmates or not fitting into any of the school social groups. Rejection, being bullied, failure to make the school team or feeling outright mistreated makes anyone feel bad, dejected and disappointed. Such feelings should be a push to any of us to look at ourselves to see how we either must adjust, change, work harder, problem solve as to what is happening or even find a different school or community in which to

live. Hurting others never resolves anything and only increases our pain, darkness and sentences the rest of our lives to prison or regret of how we handled our feelings.

School can be a difficult life learning ground. What we face in the local school often is only preparing us for what we may face at the office, the factory, the workplace and the neighborhood. Throughout life we know everyone is not going to like us, accept us, applaud us or even try to get along with us. There are always people who don't like us. However, there are people who will affirm, support, and befriend us. Sometimes it just takes a while to find those communities, houses of faith, social groups, and others with whom we can emotionally connect.

The Ethan Crumbleys of the world are sad, scary and wreak destruction. They

need help now. His life and many other lives are forever destroyed. Apparently, his parents were living in some sort of disconnected denial of what their son was really about to do to himself, them and many others.

Schools and work places must have all authority to protect themselves quickly. Oxford school officials were alarmed by some of his actions. They were trying to work with the parents. Looking back, he should have been escorted out of the school and barred from its grounds until a professional counselor had given written permission for his return. I know, hindsight is always 20/20.

Sadly, for those who are now dead, it's too late. Maybe the other Ethan Crumbleys can be stopped today, right now, before it's too late.

Hear Glenn Mollette every weekday morning EST at 8:56 on XM radio 131

Labor Dept. Addresses Veteran Protections

The U.S. Department of Labor and U.S Department of Justice today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to reaffirm their commitment to administer and enforce the protections afforded to military service members and veterans by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

USERRA is the federal law that establishes the rights and responsibilities for uniformed service

members and their civilian employers. The memorandum renews one between the department's Veterans' Employment and Training Service and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

"The Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service has worked collaboratively with the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division for a long time to protect service members' and veterans' employment and reemployment

rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy for Veterans' Employment and Training James Rodriguez. "This memorandum of understanding further cements the department's long-standing relationship with the Department of Justice to ensure that service members, veterans and employers fully understand their respective rights and obligations.

Veterans Village Opens



by Freddy Groves

We were all there the day Veterans Village officially opened: Sarge, the older veterans brought out in a van borrowed from the senior center, the dormitory crew and even the mayor came, along with a few members of the press and a photographer.

The gravel road had been smoothed, several lots had been cleared and two tiny homes had been installed, complete with a few shrubs and potted flowers next to the steps of both homes. A communal brick barbecue grill, surrounded by a concrete patio and lawn chairs, had been inaugurated into its first service to cook piles of burgers and hot dogs. Voluntary Services up at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital had sent baskets of household stuff like dinnerware and detergent to get the two veterans started. And Sarge's granddaughter had skipped school to be there and to sing "America the Beautiful" as part of the opening

ceremony.

And it was a ceremony. Short speeches were given by those who had never done any of the work, but David, the homeless veteran whose idea Veterans Village had been, gave the shortest speech of all. He merely turned to the two veterans who would now live there and said, "Welcome home."

With input from social services in town, a list of other interested veterans had quickly grown, leaving Sarge and David to wonder just how many homeless veterans there were in town.

"This could end up being pretty big, almost beyond my capabilities," David said later, looking around the acreage, his voice shaky until he felt Sarge's hand on his shoulder.


David took a deep breath and let it out. "OK, I guess I better hustle up a few more homes," he said, pulling a folded site plan out of his back pocket and a pencil from behind his ear.

Sarge smiled, patted David's shoulder and sauntered over to the grill to grab a burger before they were all gone.

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Obituaries

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William Ray Ledbetter

William Ray Ledbetter, 37, of Allons, passed away Dec. 4. Funeral services were held Dec. 9 from the Chapel of Hall Funeral Home of Livingston with Bro. Phillip Buck officiating. Interment followed in the Turkeytown Cemetery in Clay Co.

He was born Nov. 3, 1984 in Kalamazoo, MI. He worked at landscaping and tree trimming.

He was preceded in

death by: father, Russell Lee Ledbetter; grandmothers, Judith Elaine Mundo and Judy Staggs.

Surviving relatives include: mother and step father, Becky and Mark Smith; sons, Justin Jade Lewis and Austin Kade Ledbetter; brothers, Joshua Leon Ledbetter and Brandon Smith and wife, Megan; sisters, Samantha Elaine Ledbetter and Ashley Kerr and wife, Katie; grandparents, Buddy and Shelia Ledbetter and Bill and Doreen Swim; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.

Pallbearers were Mark Smith, Richard Hammock, Brandon Smith, Chris Ledbetter, Jessie Arney and Samantha Ledbetter.

Hall Funeral Home of Livingston was in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Faye Thrasher

Wanda Faye Thrasher, 79, of Allons, passed away Dec. 11 at Celina Health and Rehab Center. Funeral services were held Dec. 13 at Speck Funeral Home. Interment followed in St. Johns Cemetery.

She was born April 6, 1942 in Clay Co. She loved gardening and cooking. She enjoyed her retirement and looked forward to going to church.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Lebert and Nova Sidwell Sullivan; husband, Eddie Ray Thrasher; daughter in law, Debbie Thrasher; and son in law, Jeff Scott.

Surviving relatives include: sons, Randy Thrasher and finacee, Sherry of Livingston and

Steve Thrasher and wife, Diane of Monroe; daughter, Lisa Scott of Allons; grandchildren, Katelyn Shelton and husband, Chris, Jordon Thrasher and wife, Gabby, Carlisle Thrasher, Heather White and husband, Jimmy, Holly Cross and husband, Brandon and Dustin Thrasher and wife, Courtney; 15 great grandchildren; and sisters, Anna Lee Long of Indianapolis, IN, Billie Brown of Moss, Alyne Long of Celina and Jody Watson and husband, Leon of Pea Ridge.

Pallbearers were Jordan Thrasher, Dustin Thrasher, Chris Shelton, Brandon Cross, Jimmy White, Mark Thrasher and Mike Long.

Speck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Jerry Beasley

Jerry Beasley, 73, of Allons, passed away Dec. 8 at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital in Nashville. There will be no service or visitation the family has chosen cremation.

He was born Jan. 17, 1948 in Monroe. He worked construction as a welder for many years.

He was preceded in death by: parents, Cecil and Alice Dimple

(Brown) Beasley; sister, Katherine Beasley; and brothers Jack Beasley and Ray Beasley.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Carolyn Beasley; daughters, Jeannie Moore and husband, Stacey and Jerri Ann Winningham and husband, Scott; son, David Beasley; grandchildren, Casey Moore, Lindsey Moore, Chastin Smith, Silas Smith, Alexas Winnham and Brandon Beasley; host of great grandchildren; sister, Janice Young; brothers, Larry Beasley and wife, Beth, Ricky Beasley and wife, Judith and Neal Beasley; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Hall Funeral Home of Livingston was in charge of arrangements.



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to walk with me throughout my life
until we meet again!!
I Love and Miss You So Much,
Mom.
Your youngest daughter, Patsy Ann



Hessie Mae Honeycutt

Hessie Mae Honeycutt, 63, of Rickman, passed away Dec. 10 at her residence. A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

She was born June 19, 1958 in Livingston. She was a loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in

death by: parents, Curt and Geneva (Eldridge) Hammock; and daughter, Tammy Duke.

Surviving relatives include: husband, Ruey Honeycutt; daughter, Tabitha Turner; and a host of family and friends.

Hall Funeral Home of Livingston was in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Marlene Browning Colbert

Margaret Marlene Browning Colbert, 86, of Rickman, passed away Dec. 8. at her residence. Funeral services were held Dec. 11 at Livingston Church of Christ with Bro. Jon Ledbetter and Bro. Tim Singleton officiating. Interment followed in the Crestwood Memorial Cemetery in Flint, MI.

She was born March 16, 1935 in Middlebourne, W.V. She was an active member of the Church of Christ, she loved crafts, decorating cakes, cooking and watching hallmark movies.

She was preceded in death by: parents, John and Della Gregg; and first husband, Grant Brown-

ing.

Surviving relatives include: husband, Joseph Henry Colbert of Rickman; children, Diane Cox and husband, John of Flint, MI, Duane Browning and wife, Tami of Beaumont, TX, Denise Browning of Woodstock, GA, Debra Shaddock and husband Phillip of Raleigh, NC and Andrew Colbert and wife, Brooke of Dayton; step children, Derek Colbert of Flint MI, Loren Colbert and wife, Michelle of Flint, MI, Lyle Colbert of Louisville, KY and Ann Redman of Martinsville, IN; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; and sister, Echo Rodrick of Salem, OH.

Speck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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No Trash November A Success

More than 1,000 volunteers across the state joined forces last month to remove 46,067 pounds of litter in their communities as part of the first-ever No Trash November. The month-long initiative was created to ensure Tennessee roadways are safe from the harmful effects of litter in advance of increased holiday travel.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation's (TDOT) litter prevention campaign, Nobody Trashes Tennessee, and in partnership with Keep Tennessee Beautiful affiliates and Adopt-A-Highway groups, far exceeded its goal of removing 20,000 pounds of litter from the state's roadways.

All told, 1,001 volunteers participated in 56 cleanups, collecting 2,180 bags of litter and 2,501 pounds of large items.

Special recognition was given to Keep King'sport Beautiful for collecting 12,270 pounds of litter and the Appalachia Dam Watchers Adopt-A-Highway group for collecting 7,726 pounds.

"Our partners are passionate about keeping their communities clean," said Denise Baker, Transportation Program Supervisor, TDOT Highway Beautification Office. "We knew that by coming together, we could make a big impact. We encourage all

Tennesseans to keep up the momentum by taking personal responsibility for the litter in their neighborhoods and by participating in local cleanups or the Adopt-A-Highway program."

The campaign kicked off on Nov. 5 with a cleanup at Tennessee State University with 125 student-athletes, coaches, faculty, and also included a middle and high school student video contest.

"Litter on our public roads is more than an eyesore. It's an enormous burden to the state with impacts on public health and safety, the environment, and the economy," said Shawn Bible, Manager, TDOT Highway Beautification Office. "We are beyond thrilled to have more than doubled our goal and are grateful to our many partners and volunteers that held cleanups in their communities during No Trash November as we continue to strive for a litter-free Tennessee."

Learn more about the state's litter reduction and education efforts and how to join the movement to end littering at NobodyTrashesTennessee.com. Two ways to get involved include the Adopt-A-Highway Program and reporting littering incidents through the Tennessee Litter Hotline (1-877-8LITTER). Join the conversation on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok.

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Education

“The Burn” Named Outstanding Facility

Tennessee Tech University’s Marc L. Burnett Student Recreation and Fitness Center was recently named among the 2021 Outstanding Facilities Award winners by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

NIRSA bases their choices on multiple factors, including architectural design and how the building fulfills the mission of campus recreation to serve students in different aspects of well-being.

Tech’s new fitness center opened to students in summer 2020. Better known by students as “The Burn,” this building provides a new identity for campus life.

“Full student well-being: beyond what you learn, beyond where you live, but where you go to destress, handle conflict, center yourself, and to cope with everything that college life can be,” said Les Fralix, coordinator of university recreation and intramurals. “It can be great, fun, and wonderful... but it can also be tough. Saying to students, ‘We’re here. We’re ready.’ These doors have something for you, and if we don’t, come and let us know and we’ll try to make that happen.”



The Burn - Tennessee Tech’s Marc L. Burnett Student Recreation Center and Fitness Center was named as an Outstanding Facility Award Winner by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association. The center opened in the summer of 2020.

According to Fralix, from the middle of August until now, first-time freshmen are the largest group of people that are utilizing The Burn. By reaching first-time freshmen the building is shaping their impressions of life on campus.

Fralix said, “They will see it and think, ‘This is the place where I belong, where I will spend my free time.’”

The center is also a big draw for prospective students.

Fralix emphasizes that having first-time experi-

ences that are new and unique for students is the goal of The Burn. The Burn provides students with an area to make memories and engage in activities that cannot be found elsewhere.

The 157,000 square foot facility houses intramural sports, health promotions, varsity spirit squads, aerobics classes, a 25-yard swimming pool, cardiovascular equipment, cable machines, free-weights, a 1/5 of a mile track, rock climbing wall, game rooms and more.

From 3 p.m. on throughout the day, The Burn is typically booming and full of people - which is ideal for a new campus addition.

One upcoming installation to the equipment at The Burn will be QR codes that demonstrate how to use certain equipment. Even if someone is not available to answer questions, visitors can scan a QR code that will tell them exactly what workouts they can do.

Fralix, along with The Burn staff, looks forward to what’s to come.

Avoid Student Financial Aid Mistakes

Many students spend more for college than necessary by making some common mistakes when seeking financial aid. Follow these tips from KHEAA to make sure you get the financial support you need.

Even if you don’t believe you’ll qualify for financial aid, you should still file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly called the FAFSA, each school year. You may find out that you qualify for federal and state student aid programs. Plus, some schools may require the FAFSA for students to be considered for merit-based scholarships.

Another common mistake is waiting until the last minute to apply for financial aid. Some programs have deadlines, while others have limited funds.

Colleges send each student who has applied



for student aid a financial aid package. Students and their families should review these carefully, comparing offers from schools to see which is the best deal. Of course, cost is only a part of the higher-education decision. Students should also consider other factors, such as whether a school offers the academic program they want to pursue or if it meets other expectations they have.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students’ access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

Student Loan Repayments Resume

Borrowers who were able to pause their federal student loan repayment over the last 18 months will need to resume making payments soon, with interest beginning in February, according to KHEAA.

KHEAA advises borrowers to make sure their loan servicer has their current contact information. If you don’t know who your loan servicer is, you can

find it by logging into your account at studentaid.gov. The information will be under the My Aid section.

Your loan servicer can also help if you expect to have trouble restarting repayment of your loans. In that case, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible. They can help you find the repayment plan that best fits your finances and could reduce your monthly payment.

UT Health Has New Director

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) has a new chancellor after a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held Monday afternoon.

Trustees approved UT System President Randy Boyd’s recommendation that Peter F. Buckley be appointed as the next chancellor of UTHSC. Buckley’s appointment is effective Feb. 1, 2022, and he will replace Steve Schwab, who announced his retirement in June and will be returning to faculty.

“On behalf on the Board, I’d like to thank President Boyd and the search committee, which was led by Trustee Bill Rhodes,” UT Board Chair John Compton said. “Collectively they



Peter F. Buckley

have made an excellent decision and we look forward to Chancellor Buckley’s future successes.”

Buckley has been the dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Medicine since 2017 and also previously served for seven years as

School of Medicine dean at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

“I have been extremely impressed at the level of insight and energy Peter has demonstrated throughout the search process,” Boyd said. “I could not be more excited about the future of UTHSC under his leadership and with all of our support.”

A psychiatrist and international expert in schizophrenia, Buckley is also a professor of psychiatry. From January through September 2020, he served as interim CEO of VCU Health System and interim senior vice president of VCU Health Sciences while leading the health system-health sciences response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In service to academic medicine, Buckley chairs the Administrative Board of the Council of Deans of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and is also on the AAMC’s Board of Directors.

“It will be a pleasure and a privilege to serve as a tireless ambassador for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and for all the great work of its faculty, trainees and staff,” Buckley said.

Another board business, the terms of employment for Schwab following his planned retirement as chancellor were approved. Additionally, trustee Jamie Woodson was confirmed to serve on the board’s executive committee.

Legislation To Address School Board Pay

State Senator Todd Gardenhire (R-Chattanooga) has announced that he is filing legislation calling for pay equity for school board members in Tennessee.

The legislation requires that pay and benefits for school board members be set at the same rate provided to individuals serving on the local governing body.

“Serving on the board of a school district is a huge responsibility and time commitment that comes with making a variety of complex, difficult and weighty decisions,” said Sen. Gardenhire. “These members are expected to attend meetings, serve on committees, meet with the public, and maintain a wide breadth of knowledge on the issues they face as a board. In order to take on the commitment, members must make significant personal and professional sacrifices. Currently, many of our school boards in Tennessee are not fairly compensated. This legislation seeks to bring pay equity to these board members for the critical work that they do for the future of our students, communities and state.”

Currently, Tennessee law requires school board members be compensated at least \$3.00 per meeting, with the governing body having the final say on how much is paid above that minimum amount.

Several local school districts in Tennessee already set the rate of pay for school board members to be equal to the pay that the local governing body members receive. However, the majority of school boards are paid at a much lesser rate.

This includes Hamilton County, which Gardenhire represents, where county commissioners receive approximately \$25,394 per year plus benefits, as compared to the approximately \$12,365 per year received by school board members.

“Most school board members work the same amount of time and sometimes longer hours than their counterparts on the local governing bodies,” added Sen. Gardenhire. “Our education budget is over half of the county’s total budget which shows the importance we place on giving our students a quality education. Yet, the school board members who chart the course to carry out that mission receive less than half of the compensation paid to our county commissioners who appropriate education funds. This needs to change and my bill will put parity and fairness into the system.”



State DOE Seeks Comments

In anticipation of further upcoming conversations around a student-based funding formula for Tennessee’s public schools, and as the department launches its School Funding Ambassadors opportunity available to any interested Tennessean, the Tennessee Department of Education invites all Tennesseans to e-mail their priorities for a student-centered public education funding strategy to tnedu.funding@tn.gov.

After Governor Bill Lee announced in October that the state would review its public school funding formula, hundreds of Tennesseans indicated they would be interested in supporting the work of the 18



school funding subcommittees tasked with making recommendations to a steering committee of legislative leaders for a new student-based funding formula in Tennessee. The department has developed a simple form for School Funding Ambassadors to use to collect public comments from community members. Those interested in signing up to be a

School Funding Ambassador can do so here.

“I am thrilled by the response of Tennesseans across the state who have shared or sent direct feedback on what they would like to see in a new formula to fund public education,” said Commissioner Penny Schwinn. “The conversations we’re hearing on how to best fund the academic success of our

public school students are incredibly important. As we enter into the next phase of conversations, I encourage and invite all Tennesseans to submit their comments and share their priorities for a new student-based funding strategy for Tennessee.”

Visit this webpage for more information: <https://www.tn.gov/education/tnedufunding>.

Jordan Appointed Interim Library Director

BRIAN WILMOTH
editor

Terry Jordan has been named Interim Library Director, replacing the outgoing Director, Cynthia Julian-Simmons.

Overton County Executive Ben Danner said Julian-Simmons was leaving for another position in another county.

“I hate to see Cynthia go,” Danner said. “She’s done a good job for several years, but she’s bet-

tering herself and making more money. If anybody can better themselves, that’s good.”

Danner said Jordan has no desire to be the permit director, but she does want to help during the transition. Jordan is the current Assistant Director.

While serving as interim, Jordan’s pay will increase with the understanding that it will revert to the current scale once a Library Director

is hired.

In other business, the commission:

Approved a 3-year contract with Ciphertek to lease equipment for a virtual server for the Sheriff’s Department.

Approved updates for the Sheriff’s Department Jail Policy.

Approved a 3-year IT Savvy Service agreement with the Ambulance service at the cost of \$3,927.78.

In addition to the monetary penalty, Young ordered the defendants be awarded court costs and attorney’s fees.

to no response, investigation or oversight from the school board, principals or anyone affiliated with the Overton County Schools System.”

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were made about the Plaintiff school teacher in a public school with little

Macon Grand Jury Indicts Constable

An investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has resulted in the indictment of a Monroe County constable, on charges of official misconduct and official oppression.

On June 4th, at the request of 15th Judicial District Attorney General Jason Lawson, TBI special agents began investigating an allegation that on or around April 2nd, Monroe County Constable Derek Sircy



Derek Sircy

portrayed himself as a Macon County sheriff’s deputy and ATF agent in Macon County. During the course of the investigation, agents developed information that Sircy

used powers under his official capacity, outside of his jurisdiction as a constable for Monroe County.

On Dec. 6th, the case was presented to the Macon County Grand Jury, which returned indictments charging Derek Lane Sircy, 32, with one count of Official Misconduct and one count of Official Oppression. On Dec. 8th, Sircy was served the indictments and booked into the Macon County Jail on a \$3,500 bond.

Merry Christmas

Tennessee’s Seat Belt Usage Over 90%

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) announced results from its annual roadside observational survey to determine the state’s average seat belt usage rate.

This survey returned a statewide usage rate of 90.12 percent. Tennessee did not conduct a statewide survey in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the 2021 usage rate decreased approximately 1.6 percent compared to Tennessee’s 2019 survey result of 91.75 percent, this year’s result reflects Tennessee’s third-highest annual seat belt usage rate.

“We know seat belts save lives,” said THSO Director Buddy Lewis. “The purpose of this annual survey is to help the THSO and traffic safety partners identify the demographics and areas of the state most in need of education and outreach to increase seat belt usage. Our goal is to reach as many drivers as possible to help reduce traffic injuries and fatalities across Tennessee.”

Research data was collected at 190 pre-identified roadway locations across the State of Tennessee.

Researchers observed more than 29,000 vehicle

occupants.

Vehicles observed included passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and SUVs.

Pickup trucks displayed the lowest usage rate (83.3 percent).

Overall, female occupants displayed a higher usage rate (94.5 percent) than males (87.3 percent).

This data was collected through an annual roadside observational survey conducted by the University of Tennessee’s Center for Transportation Research during the spring of 2021.

Six Indicted In Opioid Conspiracy

Charging documents unsealed Dec. 6 charge six more individuals in relation to a massive opioid distribution and health care fraud conspiracy orchestrated from pharmacies in Celina, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin for the Middle District of Tennessee.

A seven-count indictment returned on November 15, 2021, charges Thomas K. Weir, 61, majority owner of Dale Hollow Pharmacy and Xpress Pharmacy in Celina, and William L. Donaldson, 61, former owner and Pharmacist-in-Charge of Dale Hollow Pharmacy (then known as Donaldson Pharmacy), both of Celina, Tenn.; Charles R. Oakley, aka Bobby Oakley, 69, of Cookeville, Tenn., co-owner of Dale Hollow Pharmacy; and Pamela Spivey, 50, of Hilham, Tenn., co-owner of Xpress Pharmacy, with conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. The indictment also charges Weir, Donaldson, and Oakley with conspiracy to defraud the United States and commit an offense through the payment of illegal kickbacks, and Weir, Oakley and Spivey with health care fraud and aiding and abetting health care fraud.

All were arrested yesterday by federal, and state law enforcement agents and appeared before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Nashville.

In addition, a superseding information, filed on December 15, 2020, and unsealed yesterday, charges former Pharmacist-in-Charge of Dale Hollow Pharmacy John M. Polston, 60, of Tompkinsville, Kentucky, with conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances, 22 counts of unlawful distribution of controlled substances, and conspiracy to defraud the United States and commit an offense through the payment of illegal kickbacks. A criminal information filed on May

6, 2021, and unsealed yesterday, charges Michael L. Griffith, 37, of Mount Juliet, Tenn., the former Pharmacist-in-Charge of Xpress Pharmacy, with conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances, health care fraud, and aiding and abetting health care fraud.

Also unsealed yesterday are two plea agreements. On March 23, 2021, John Polston pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances, illegal distribution of controlled substances, and conspiracy to defraud the United States and commit an offense through the payment of illegal kickbacks, in violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute. He is currently awaiting sentencing. On August 26, 2021, Michael Griffith pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and dispense controlled substances and to two counts of health care fraud. Griffith is also awaiting sentencing.

According to the charging documents, the defendants conspired with or otherwise aided and abetted one or more co-defendants in illegally distributing and dispensing controlled substances, including oxycodone, hydrocodone, morphine, buprenorphine, alprazolam, and other Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances, outside the usual course of professional practice and for no legitimate medical purpose, for the purpose of unlawfully enriching and benefitting themselves. The conspiracy was carried out by a variety of means, including dispensing prescriptions for controlled substances to patients despite obvious signs of abuse or diversion by the patients and other indications that the prescriptions were not for legitimate medical purposes.

According to the charging documents, Weir, Oakley, Donaldson, and others, conspired to defraud the United States and violate the Anti-Kickback Statute by offering



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and paying kickbacks and bribes to Donaldson for arranging the referral of patients, including Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, to Dale Hollow Pharmacy and paying Donaldson at least \$50,000 for the recruitment of patients; paying patient’s insurance copayments and \$100.00 in cash, and developing and providing a cash coupon called “Monkey Bucks” to patients to induce patients to fill expensive prescriptions at Dale Hollow Pharmacy; and submitting false claims to and obtaining reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. For example, during the course of the conspiracy, Medicare paid Dale Hollow Pharmacy \$237,558 in reimbursement for a single patient’s prescriptions procured through routine cash incentive payments to the patient. During the course of the conspiracy, Medicare Part D and TennCare, Tennessee’s Medicaid program, paid a total of \$7.4 million in reimbursements to Dale Hollow Pharmacy for patient prescriptions procured through kickbacks and bribes.

The charging documents also allege that in 2015, Weir purchased a controlling interest in Xpress Pharmacy, a pharmacy located approxi-

mately 200 yards from Dale Hollow Pharmacy. In-between Dale Hollow Pharmacy and Xpress Pharmacy was another competing retail pharmacy. Weir, with co-owner Pam Spivey and Pharmacist-in-Charge Michael Griffith, conspired to distribute and dispense opioids and other controlled substances and developed a plan to increase profits. Marketing flyers were then developed, advertising that Xpress Pharmacy dispensed buprenorphine (Subutex), a controlled substance that is sought after by those who abuse opioids.

Griffith and Spivey then purchased trays of cookies and delivered the cookies and marketing flyers to medical clinics around the State of Tennessee whose doctors wrote prescriptions for Subutex. Many of these clinics were hours away from Xpress Pharmacy. Following the marketing campaign, patients drove hundreds of miles to Xpress Pharmacy to fill prescriptions for Subutex, sometimes arriving together in car loads. Weir purchased Subutex through Dale Hollow Pharmacy and delivered it through co-conspirators in tote bags to the neighboring Xpress Pharmacy.

In the third quarter of

2015, before Weir was the majority owner of Xpress Pharmacy, Xpress Pharmacy dispensed approximately 420 doses of Subutex. By the end of the first quarter of 2016, after Weir was majority owner, that number was over 14,000 doses. By the second quarter of 2017, it was over 34,000 doses.

In May and June of 2016, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) inspected Dale Hollow Pharmacy and in 2017, Weir, Oakley, and Polston signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the DEA related to violations of the regulations governing the dispensing of controlled substances, including Subutex. Despite the agreement, the dispensing of Subutex continued to increase. Weir also set mandates on the number of Subutex pills or doses to fill in a month, routinely checked to see how much had been dispensed, and instructed the pharmacy employees, to never run out of Subutex.

Dale Hollow Pharmacy and Xpress Pharmacy also submitted false and fraudulent claims to Medicare Part D plans, and to TennCare, for controlled substances dispensed to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries that were medically unnecessary or

otherwise ineligible for reimbursement.

In February 2019, the Justice Department filed a civil complaint against Dale Hollow Pharmacy and Xpress Pharmacy, including the owner, Thomas Weir and pharmacists John Polston, Michael Griffith, and others. The government sought and received a Temporary Restraining Order and a Preliminary Injunction, which remains in place, and which prevented the pharmacies and pharmacists from dispensing controlled substances.

The government is also seeking civil monetary penalties and treble damages for civil violations of the Controlled Substances Act and the False Claims Act.

In the criminal case, the government also seeks the forfeiture of any property used or intended to be used to commit or facilitate the commission of each offense.

The offenses charged carry between 5-20 years in prison for each count, upon conviction, and fines between \$250,000-\$1 million.

The charges are merely accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

This case was investigated by the DEA; the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services-Office of Inspector General; and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; with the assistance of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sarah K. Bogni and Amanda J. Klopff are prosecuting the criminal cases and Assistant U.S. Attorney Ellen Bowden-McIntyre is handling the civil investigation and litigation. The criminal investigation was supported by resources provided by the Department of Justice, Fraud Section, Health Care Fraud, Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force. The civil investigation was assisted by the Department of Justice, Consumer Protection Branch.

A Christmas Story

*Looking
Backward
By Phoebe Jane*

(Emily Sells)

The following Christmas story was written by J. Edgar Park:

“It was Christmas Eve, and as usual, George Mason was the last to leave the office.

He walked over to a massive safe, spun the dials, swung the heavy door open. Making sure the door would not close behind him, he stepped inside.

A square of white cardboard was taped just above the topmost row of strong boxes. On the card a few words had been written.

George Mason stared at those words, remembering.

Exactly one year ago he had entered this same vault. And then, behind his back, slowly, noiselessly, the great, heavy door swung shut. He was trapped ... entombed in the sudden and terrifying dark.

He hurled himself at the unyielding door, his hoarse cry heard by his ears alone.

Through his mind flashed all the stories he had heard of those found suffocated in a time-vault. No time clock controlled this mechanism; the safe would remain locked until it was opened from the outside. Tomorrow morning.



J. Edgar Park

Then the realization hit him. No one would come tomorrow ... tomorrow was Christmas.

Once more he flung himself at the door, shouting wildly, until he sank on his knees exhausted.

Silence came, high pitched, singing silence that seemed deafening. More than thirty-six hours would pass before anyone came ... thirty six hours in a steel box three feet wide, eight feet long, and seven feet high. Would the oxygen last?

Perspiring and breathing heavily, he felt his way around the floor and found a small, circular opening. Quickly he thrust his finger into it and felt, faint but unmistakable, a cool current of air. The tension release was so sudden that he burst into tears.

But at last he sat up. Surely he would not have to stay trapped for the

full thirty-six hours. Somebody would miss him. But who?

He was unmarried and lived alone. The maid who cleaned his apartment was just a servant, and he had always treated her as such.

He had been invited to spend Christmas Eve with his brother's family, but the children got on his nerves, and expected presents. He had told them no, he would not be there.

A friend had asked him to go to a home for elderly people on Christmas Day and play the piano ... George Mason was a good musician. But he had made some excuse or other, he had intended to sit at home with a good cigar, listening to some new recordings he was giving himself.

George Mason dug his nails into the palms of his hands until the pain balanced the misery in his mind. Nobody would come and let him out. Nobody, nobody!

Miserable, the whole of Christmas Day went by, and the succeeding night.

On December 27th, the head clerk came into the office at the usual time, opened the safe; then went on into his private office.

No one saw George Mason stagger out into the corridor, run to the water cooler, and drink great gulps of water.

No one paid any attention to him as he left and took a taxi home.

There he bathed, shaved, and changed his wrinkled clothes. After having breakfast, he returned to his office where his employees greeted him casually. That day he met several acquaintances and talked to his own brother.

Grimly, the truth closed in on George. He had vanished from human

society during a time of family gatherings and the celebration of the Christmas holiday, and no one had missed him at all.

Reluctantly, George Mason began to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Was it possible that he had been blind all these years with selfishness, indifference and pride? Wasn't giving, after all, the essence of Christmas?

All through the year that followed, the little hesitant deeds of kindness, with small, unnoticed acts of unselfishness, George Mason tried to prepare himself.

Now, once more, it was Christmas Eve.

Slowly he backed out of the safe, closed it. He touched its grim steel face lightly, almost affectionately, and left the office.

There he goes now in his black overcoat and hat, the same George Mason as a year ago. Or is it?

He walks a few blocks, flags a taxi, anxious not to be late. His nephews are expecting him to help them trim the tree. Afterwards he is taking his brother and his sister-in-law to see a Christmas play.

Why is he so happy? Why does this jostling, laden as he is with gifts for his brother's family, excite and delight him?

Perhaps the card has something to do with it, the card he taped inside his office safe last New Year's Day. On the card is written in George Mason's own hand: "To love people, to be indispensable somewhere, that is the purpose of life. That is the secret of happiness."

Livingston Student Graduates

Students, family, and well-wishers gathered at the Pickel Field House on Saturday to celebrate Volunteer State Community College fall commencement, which includes summer and fall graduates from the Upper Cumberland. Vol State president, Orinthia Montague, presided over the ceremony, her first commencement at the college.

Maggie Everley of Livingston took time off after her start in college and is graduating 12 years later. Her mom and dad have passed away. Maggie knows she is fulfilling not only her dream, but their dream for her. "They would be so proud. They would have been expecting me to graduate. They both pushed me. My dad had a seventh grade education, and my mom didn't go to college." Everley had one simple message for people who have experienced a setback in their college work. "Finish your degree. There is always an opportunity."

English faculty member, Deb Moore, gave the commencement address. "Grab every opportunity to be of service to others. I mean, grab it like a winning lottery ticket in your hand."

There are 866 prospective graduates from summer and fall semesters. They represent 20 different countries of birth. Twenty of the prospective graduates are military veterans. There are 329 TN Promise students expecting to graduate and 269 TN Reconnect adult students. For more pictures from graduation visit www.facebook.com/volstate.

*Pictures From
The Past*



Bringing Home the Tree

Pictures From The Past - A Christmas scene on a vintage Christmas card from years gone by.

Gold Star Christmas Tree

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 4 will host an open house on Sunday, Dec. 19, from 1-3 p.m. for viewing of the Gold Star Christmas Tree. The Gold Star represents Overton

County servicemen who have been killed in action. This year the thirteen servicemen/women killed in the final days of Afghanistan will also be honored. Please come out and bring your children



to show them how we remember and honor

those who sacrificed their lives for our country. The American Legion Post 4 is located at 121 S. Church St. in Livingston. Light refreshments will be served.

Unique Gift Idea: Terrarium

MELINDA MYERS
special to the *Enterprise*

Create a garden under glass to enjoy or give as a gift to new, experienced, and even reluctant gardeners. This self-contained system makes it easy to be a successful gardener with minimal care.

Purchase a terrarium or repurpose something hiding on a shelf in the basement, garage or shed. Even a cool glass container, cloche or bell jar turned open side down and placed on a shallow planting tray will work. Just glue a decorative doorknob or handle on the top for easy access.

Make it more festive for the holidays. Visit the ornament aisle in your favorite craft store. Create a mini terrarium from DIY Christmas orbs for holiday decoration or the perfect hostess gift.

Use closed terrariums like this when growing tropical plants. They thrive in the high humidity and moist soil.

Leave the top off or use open containers like glass vases, or mason jars for cacti and succulents. Use a cacti and succulent mix for these drought tolerant plants. They prefer the lower humidity and drier soil that open terrariums and cacti potting mix provide.

Once you have the container, you need to fill it with potting mix, plants, and other decorative items. Consider a layer of decorative stone, twigs, sea glass or sand at the bottom for added color and interest. Some gardeners include a layer of charcoal to help absorb any odor. The key is not overwatering as the decorative stone and charcoal won't prevent waterlogged soil from killing your plants.

Consider covering the stone layer with black landscape fabric to prevent the potting mix from filtering through and covering up these items. Cover this with a layer of well-drained potting mix for tropical plants and cacti and succulent mix for drought tolerant plants. Add contours to the soil level if space allows for added interest.

Select a variety of plants of different heights, textures, and colors to create an attractive terrarium garden. Many garden centers now sell small specimens perfect for these mini gardens.

Low growing tropical plants such as baby's tears, creeping fig, moss, and ivies make excellent groundcovers. Small specimens of dracaenas, crotons, palms and podocarpus make nice upright features. Fill in the middle ground with ferns, nerve plants, polka dot plants and more.

Once assembled, terrariums are relatively easy



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Terrarium - Use open containers like glass vases for drought tolerant plants that prefer lower humidity and drier soil.

to manage. Moisten the soil and cover. Crack the lid open if condensation builds up on the glass. Then replace the cover and monitor the soil moisture and condensation. Add additional moisture carefully. A turkey baster is an easy way to water only the plants in need of a drink.

Place your terrariums in a bright location away from direct light. Heat can build up in this covered ecosystem and cook your plants when placed in a sunny location.

Now is the perfect time to gather or purchase fun glassware, planting and decorating supplies, and, of course, plants. Then take a break from the hectic holiday season to plant up a few holiday decorations and green gifts for your loved ones.

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

Upcoming Events & New Items At Library

At Your Library



Upcoming Events
12/16 Thursday Pre-school Story Time 10:30am-11:30am
12/16 Thursday Friends of the Library Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm
12/23 Thursday Pre-school Story Time 10:30am-11:30am
12/24-12/27 Library will be closed for Christmas
12/30 Thursday Pre-school Story Time 10:30am-11:30am
New items added to the library:
Adult Fiction
Over My Dead Body by Jeffrey Ar-

cher
Never by Ken Follett
Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone by Diana Gabaldon
Breathe by Abbi Glines
When Christmas Comes by Andrew Klavan
The Butler by Danielle Steel
Adult Large Print Fiction
The Dark Hours by Michael Connelly
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Merriam Garcia
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Deathless Divide by Justina Ireland
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Young Adult Graphic
Stranger Things: Into the fire. #2 by Jody Houser
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Gumby: Gumby's Arctic Antics
Gumby's Christmas Capers and Santa and The Three Bears
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Jungle Cruise
Respect
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Inspector Morse: The Complete Series

Good Housekeeping

Seafood Salad Cucumber Cups

Nestle sweet shrimp and crabmeat salad in a refreshing cucumber shell and top with tart, jewel-like pomegranate seeds for an elegant holiday appetizer.

- 6 sprigs fresh dill
- 2 lemons
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 pinch cayenne (ground red) pepper
- Salt
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 ounces (approximately 16-20) shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 2 large (1 pound each) seedless (English) cucumbers
- 8 ounces refrigerated lump crabmeat, picked over
- 2 tablespoons snipped chives
- 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds

1. Separate dill leaves from stems; reserve separately. From lemons, finely grate 1/2 teaspoon peel and squeeze 1/4 cup juice into large bowl. Reserve rinds.
2. To peel and juice, whisk in mustard, cayenne and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Whisk in oil in slow, steady stream, until blended. Dressing can be refrigerated up to 3 days.
3. In 4-quart saucepan, combine dill stems, lemon rinds and 8 cups water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to maintain gentle simmer. Add shrimp; cook 3 minutes or until just opaque, stirring. Drain. Rinse under cold water until cold; drain. Discard dill and lemon. Coarsely chop shrimp. Shrimp can be refrigerated overnight.
4. Trim cucumbers; cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices. With melon baller, scoop out centers of slices without cutting through bottoms.
5. Finely chop 1 tablespoon dill leaves. Gently fold into dressing along with shrimp, crabmeat and chives.
6. Fill each cucumber cup with 1 tablespoon salad mixture. Garnish with pomegranate and dill.
Makes about 36 pieces; serves 12.

- Each serving: About 75 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 42mg cholesterol, 300mg sodium, 3g car-

bohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 7g protein.

Baked Chocolate Pudding

This easy, yet impressive, dessert can be made in advance and heated when you're ready to serve it, making it the perfect choice when you're hosting a large group. The splash of framboise in the pudding adds an elegant touch.

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus more for greasing
- 3/4 cup good-quality cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 vanilla bean, split, seeds scraped
- 1 tablespoon framboise liqueur (optional)
- Vanilla ice cream, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 325 F. Lightly butter 2-quart shallow oval baking dish.
2. Into medium bowl, sift together cocoa powder and flour. In large bowl, with mixer on medium-high speed, beat eggs and sugar 5 to 10 minutes or until very thick and light yellow.
3. Reduce speed to low; add vanilla seeds, framboise (if using) and cocoa mixture. Mix just until combined. Slowly pour in butter; mix just until combined.
4. Pour mixture into prepared dish set in larger baking pan. Add hot tap water to pan to come halfway up side of dish.
5. Bake exactly 1 hour. A toothpick inserted 2 inches from side will come out clean. Center will appear very underbaked. Cool completely.
6. Serve with ice cream. Serves 12.

TIP: To make ahead, wrap; refrigerate up to 3 days. To serve, bring to room temperature.

- Each serving: About 335 calories, 18g total fat (11g saturated), 110mg cholesterol, 30mg sodium, 40g carbohydrate, 1g dietary fiber, 4g protein.

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Beat the Holiday Stress With Cheese-Pleasing Recipes

(StatePoint) It's become an annual tradition that as soon as we bid adieu to chrysanthemums, the cornucopias and the turkey dinner, the frantic countdown to Christmas begins. From the countless holiday soirees and batches of bulk baking, to battling the crowds in a futile attempt to secure the most sought-after toy, or remembering to move the elf each night, 'tis the season to be exhausted.

This year, whether you're hosting a yuletide bash or looking for simple and satisfying ways to feed the family, consider taking a break from the madness with "55 Days of Cheesemas," which offers not only a line-up of easy, cheesy and crowd-pleasing recipes, but also a chance to win daily prizes – many of which can help you in the kitchen this season. After whipping up a quick, yet delectable appetizer or side dish, sit back and escape the day's hustle and bustle with a virtual game certain to summon childhood Christmas fun by visiting 55daysofcheesemas.com. Navigate a fast-

paced obstacle course as an elf to deliver cheese and you'll receive the chance to win prizes daily from the Borden Cheese Delicious Delivery game, including an Instacart gift card for \$500.00.

Need some simple entertaining ideas? Here is one sanity-saving, cheeselicious recipe that is guaranteed to delight tastebuds and impress guests.

Cheesy Pimento Wheels

These zesty, bite-sized, baked pinwheels are loaded with creamy pimento cheese, serving as the quintessential appetizer at any holiday celebration.

Ingredients:
Yields: 18 wheels

- 16 ounces Borden Shredded Cheese (Triple Cheddar, or any mix of Sharp, Mild or Monterey Jack)
- 4 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 4 ounces diced pimentos (drained)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black ground pepper
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 sheets puff pastry (thawed)

Directions:

1. Combine the shredded cheese with softened cream cheese and mayonnaise in a medium size bowl. Stir together to create a consistent texture.
2. Add the diced pimentos, salt and pepper, and stir.
3. Add the egg and water in a small bowl, and whisk to combine.
4. Brush the egg wash over the top of the puff pastry. Spoon the pimento cheese on top, spreading it out into a consistent layer.
5. Roll the puff pastry carefully to create a roll. Then gently slice the roll into 1-inch-long sections using a sharp knife.
6. Lay the rolls into a baking sheet lined with a silicone baking mat or foil. Make sure to not crowd the rolls or they will stick to each other while baking.
7. Bake for 20 minutes at the temperature indicated on the puff pastry package, until rolls are golden, and the cheese is bubbly.
8. Cool for about 5 minutes and then remove the rolls from the pan.

To find more inspiration for tasty sides, flavorful entrees and breakfasts for a crowd, visit bordencheese.com/cheesemas.

Creating Durable Gingerbread Houses

Gingerbread cookies and houses are one of the many symbols of the holiday season, alongside Christmas trees and twinkling lights. In fact, few confections symbolize the holidays more so than gingerbread.

Many a child (or a child at heart) has spent hours carefully trying to create decorative gingerbread houses. Although gingerbread recipes span various cultures, gingerbread houses originated in 16th century Germany. The fairy tale Hansel and Gretel helped solidify the popularity of gingerbread, which became part of Christmas traditions.

Even though gingerbread houses can be fun to make, there's no denying it can be exacting work, especially for those who strive for perfection. Prepackaged kits attempt to take some of the guesswork out of the equation, but those who are crafting from scratch can employ these tips as they build their gingerbread houses.

Go for form and not flavor. Few gingerbread houses ever get eaten, so focus on finding a dough



that will bake up rock hard as opposed to one that tastes good.

Get the right icing texture. Pastry artist Catherine Beddall says royal icing is the preferred glue to adhere gingerbread pieces. Beddall says icing should be thick like peanut butter and not runny.

Mind the dough. Do not roll out the gingerbread dough too thin or it may become brittle after

being cooked. Always cut out shapes before the gingerbread is baked. Let the baked pieces sit overnight to cool completely before using them to build.

Patience is key. Allow the icing to dry for at least a couple of hours after adhering each piece and before moving and handling the house, says Beddall. Work in stages so that individual items can be decorated and allowed to

dry. Then the walls can be put together, followed by the roof pieces.

Kids likely will need help. Children may not have the patience or steadiness to handle complete gingerbread construction. They can decorate the separate pieces of the house while the components are laying flat, which is easier for kids. Adults can do the main assembly later

on.

Utilize a template. Free-handing may not be easy. Cut out templates using cardboard or posterboard for various gingerbread pieces.

One of the most important tips is to have fun. Don't take gingerbread house making too seriously as a novice. Rather, enjoy the experience and the centuries-old tradition.



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Coming Up

Livingston Academy at Macon County High School Dec. 14
Pickett County High School at Livingston Academy Dec. 16



1. In 1999, Ray Rhodes compiled a record of 8-8 in his only season as head coach of what NFL team?

2. Name the NHL player from Sweden who served as captain of the Ottawa Senators from 1999-2013.

3. What punch — illegal in most combat sports — is a blow to the back of the head or neck, or the base of the skull?

4. Who scored 47 points to lead the Texas Tech Lady Raiders to an 84-82 win versus Ohio State in the 1993 NCAA Women's Basketball

Tournament championship game?

5. What university's basketball arena has an unoccupied seat reserved in honor of coaching legend Henry Iba?

6. What is the name of the slow, high-arc, off-speed pitch developed in the 1940s by Pittsburgh Pirates righthander Rip Sewell?

7. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer from Serbia who had his No. 21 jersey retired by the Sacramento Kings.

Answers

1. The Green Bay Packers.
2. Daniel Alfredsson.
3. A rabbit punch.
4. Sheryl Swoopes.
5. Oklahoma State University.
6. The Eephus pitch.
7. Vlade Divac.

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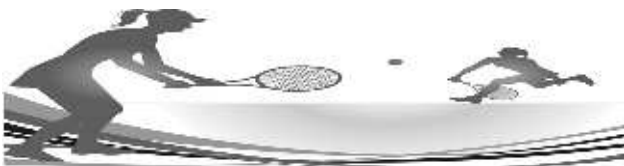
TSSAA Makes
Changes To Home
School Rule And
Tennis Schedule

The TSSAA Legislative Council met via a video conference call on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Dan Black, the Director of Schools for the Bradford Special School District, was elected to continue to serve as President of Legislative Council. Keith Turner, Athletic Director at Science Hill High School, was elected to serve as Vice President of the Legislative Council.

The first item that the Council discussed and took action on was a proposed change to Article II, Section 25 B(3) (Home School Rule) of the TSSAA/TMSAA Bylaws. The Board approved the proposal which changes this section so that there is no August 15th deadline to participate. Going forward, parents must notify the Principal of the member school of an intent to participate before the first official practice date in the sport.

The Council also voted to increase the maximum number of allowed matches in Tennis from 16 to 22.



The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has begun its 2021-22 winter trout stocking schedule. TWRA plans to release approximately 75,000 rainbow trout into Tennessee waters through March.

The program provides numerous close to home trout fishing opportunities for anglers during the winter months. These fisheries also provide a great opportunity to introduce children or first-time anglers to fishing. There are more than 40 locations for this year's winter trout stocking program and the full list of locations and stocking dates can be found on TWRA's website, www.tnwildlife.org.

TWRA Trout Program Coordinator Brandon Simcox explains that numerous ponds, streams, and small lakes across the state are stocked with rainbow trout during the winter months when water temperatures are cold. "The winter program provides family friendly trout angling opportunities that are close to home during the winter months, particularly in areas where there are few or no other trout fisheries," Simcox said. "TWRA is excited to bring these opportunities to the people across



Photo / Cookeville Leisure Services

Winter Fishing – The TWRA has started stocking trout to lakes and ponds throughout the state for its Winter Stocking Program. Cane Creek Lake in Cookeville has received its first stock of the winter, with another expected in January.

the state of Tennessee."

Many of these locations are in urban-areas and include walking trails, playgrounds, and pavilions making them the perfect place to take the family or first-time angler. It also makes a great place for anglers wanting to catch some tasty trout.

The trout will average about 10 inches in length. The daily creel limit is seven, but there is no size limit. Anglers are reminded that a trout license is needed in addition to the fishing license.

One area lake to receive trout was at Cane Creek Park in Cookeville.

The TWRA released approximately 2,000 rainbow trout into the park's 56-acre lake Dec. 8 and will return Jan. 19 to release more.

Dennis Woolbright, park manager, said local anglers always anticipate this winter fishing opportunity.

"We've already had a good group of people fishing," he said. "They were waiting for the truck to get here with the trout."

Trout is a cold-water species normally found in streams that cannot live year-round in the lake at Cane Creek Park. That is why the fish must be restocked each December and January.

"We encourage people to catch them, take them home and enjoy them," Woolbright said.

Cane Creek Park is open daily from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at 201 CC Camp Road. It has two fishing piers and a boat ramp for non-motorized and electric-powered boats. For more information, call 931-520-4386.

Golden Eagles Find Positives
In UT Loss

THOMAS CORHERN
TTU Sports Information

When the final horn sounded at Thompson-Boling Arena on Wednesday night, there were a lot of positives for the Tennessee Tech women. While a 76-48 loss to the No. 11 Tennessee squad wasn't the desired outcome, the Golden Eagles have plenty to build on as they enter the December portion of the non-conference schedule.

Tech (2-5) battled through the contest and had a strong showing in the first half, but a 1-for-13 finish in the third quarter saw the Lady Vols distance themselves.

"Obviously, Tennessee is a very talented and very good basketball team," Tech head coach Kim Rosamond said. We got overwhelmed in the third quarter. Offensively, we shot seven percent, 1-of-13 in the third quarter, that's a credit to Tennessee's defense. We didn't handle that third quarter well. I thought our kids battled. I was very proud of the first half. The fight, the togetherness and the execution that we showed against one of the best teams in the country.

"You take out the third quarter and I thought our kids continued to fight. I thought we continued to defend on the defensive end, we just weren't able to keep them off the offensive glass. I think we gave up 13 offensive boards in the second half and we would get stops, but we weren't able to finish the play. There was growth from our team tonight. I thought our team fought and battled. We



Photo / Thomas Corhern, TTU Sports Information

Shots Up – Tennessee Tech's Anna Jones puts up a shot during the Golden Eagles' game against UT. The No. 11 Vols picked up a 76-48 over their OVC foe.

got handed a lot of lessons that we will take into the rest of the season."

Anna Jones led the Golden Eagles in scoring with 12 points on 5-of-8 shooting and newcomer Anna Walker had nine points in a big effort off of the bench. Mackenzie Coleman tabbed in with eight points, while Maaliya Owens scored seven and had a team-high five rebounds. Jada Guinn ended with six points, but also grabbed three boards, three assists, four steals and a block.

The first quarter saw the Golden Eagles come out unfazed by the pre-game theatrics and the atmosphere at Thompson-Boling. Tech came out and played its game, keeping pace with the Lady Vols and even leading at several points in the opening stanza. The Golden Eagles were 6-of-16 from the field, including 3-of-9 from 3-point range, collecting better percentages than Tennessee in both categories to end the first 10 minutes trailing by a single point.

The Lady Vols (7-0)

were a lot more efficient in the second quarter, knocking down nine of their 11 buckets to extend the halftime advantage to 38-30, outscoring the Golden Eagles 20-13 in the period.

"What we did well in the first half was our pace," Rosamond said. "I thought we got out and pushed in transition. Our post players did a great job of running the middle of the floor which opened up some things for us. I thought we were able to attack the basket and get some good shots. We crashed the boards extremely well and we talked about that. I thought in the second half, you could see our pace just totally slowed down and some of that came from not getting stops on defense. We kept giving up offensive boards so we could not get stops and get out in transition. I thought our effort on the glass during the first half was extremely good. We just were not able to maintain that in the second half."

However, in the third quarter, Tennessee

see started to pull away as Tech's shots did not fall. In the third, the Golden Eagles hit just one of their 13 shots, a 7.7-percent showing as Tech was 0-for-5 from long distance and three of its five points in the quarter came at the charity stripe. Tennessee won the quarter, scoring 18 points to the Golden Eagles' five.

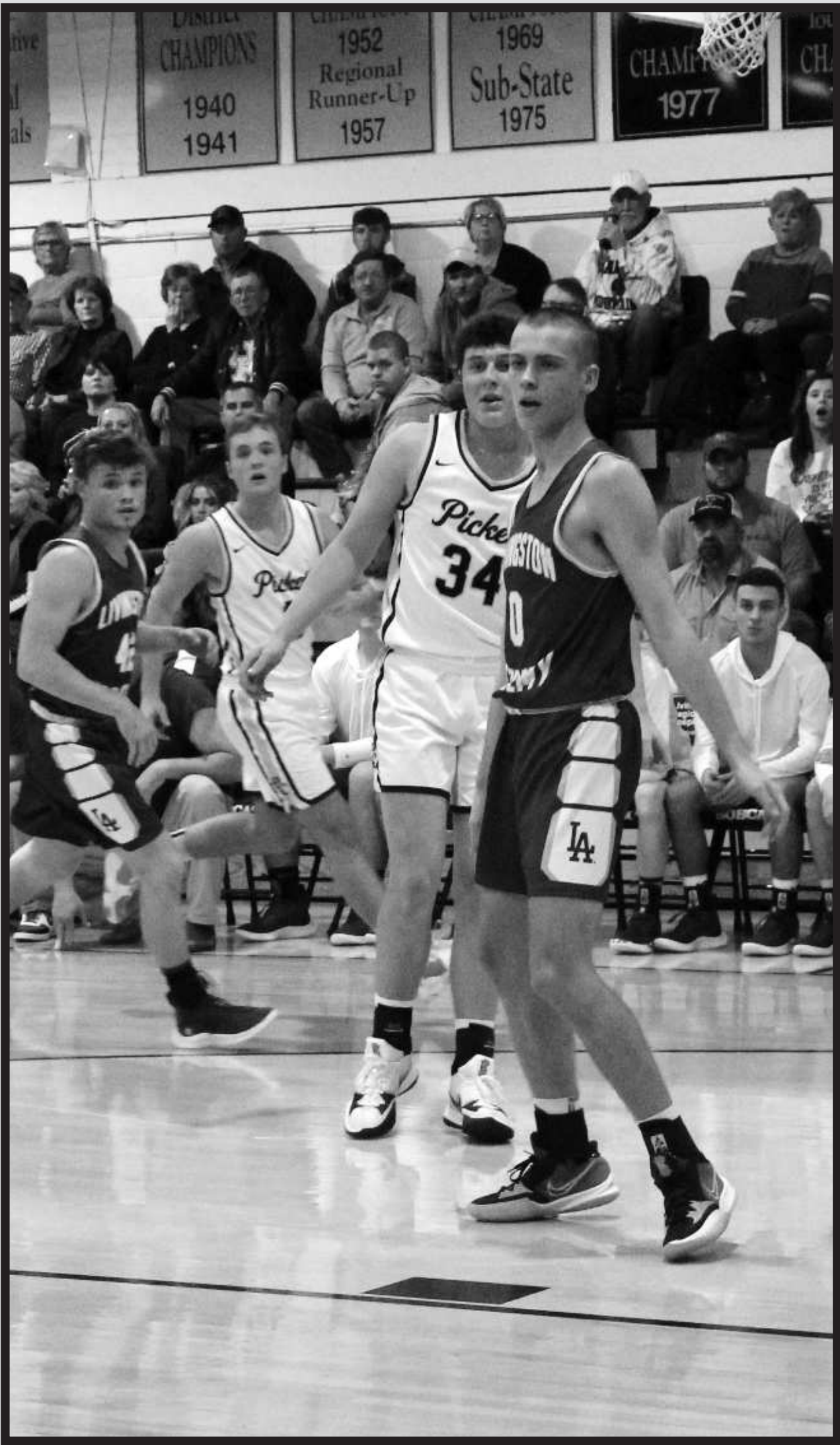
The Lady Vols connected their longest scoring run of the game in the fourth quarter with an 11-point swing, but Tech countered late with a seven-point run of its own. The result was a 20-13 quarter of its own in favor of Tennessee.

The size and physical presence of the Lady Vols showed in the contest as Tennessee blocked 10 shots, including four for Tamari Key, collected 53 rebounds to Tech's 27 and dominated the paint 52-22. The Golden Eagles persevered though – Tech allowed just four steals, kept fouls down to 10 and only giving Tennessee seven shots from the charity stripe.

Key ended the game with a double-double, dropping 11 points and collecting 11 rebounds, but it was Alexis Dye leading the way with 20 points on 10-of-15 shooting and nine rebounds. Tess Darby also collected 12 points, going 4-for-6 – all 3-pointers.

Jordan Horston, Tennessee's leading scorer and rebounder entering the contest, was held to nine points on 4-of-11 shooting and five rebounds.

Go Wildcats!



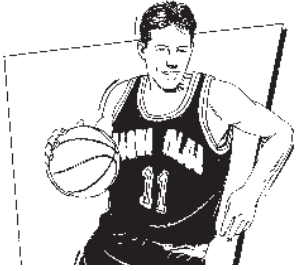
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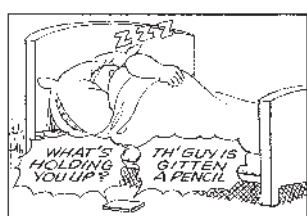
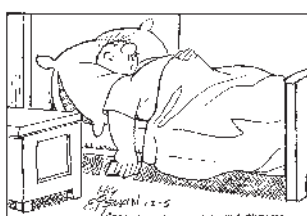
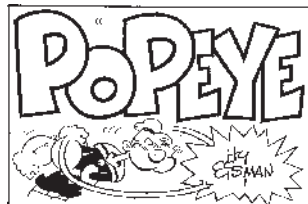
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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20

Relationships will be easy for you this week, Aries. You will be in tune with the vibe of the people with whom you interact on a daily basis and can push interactions further.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21

Remember to take lessons from those who have blazed trails before you. Taurus. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Explore some tried and true strategies.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your desire to re-model or redecorate your home could come to the forefront this week. Be careful to set a budget; otherwise, you run the risk of overspending.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22

You may be lacking some self-confidence in the romance department right now, Cancer. Phone a friend and get the pep talk you

need to realize you've got what it takes.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may tempted to turn off your phone this week, as the idea of a device-free day is enticing. Take a brief time out from technology each day.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you feel backed into a corner, try not to lash out but understand others' opinions and why they may be questioning you. Listen and you'll find a solution.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, it's unlikely you can check everything off of your list this week. Don't let that get you down, however. You will accomplish a lot. Measured progress is still progress.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may be known for being serious much of the time, but it's alright to be goofy and playful once

in a while. Engage in some entertaining antics.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Stand up for what you believe in this week, Sagittarius. Others will be inspired by your actions and may join in support of the cause you've championed.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

The pressure on you has been tremendous lately, Capricorn. You may want to treat yourself to a well-deserved rest. The break will quickly rejuvenate you.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

This is a good time to pursue your dreams, Aquarius. Make a list of smaller steps that will help you achieve your goals and then put the plan into action.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20

You can't avoid every poor situation that comes your way, Pisces. Don't run and hide, but step up and face the music.

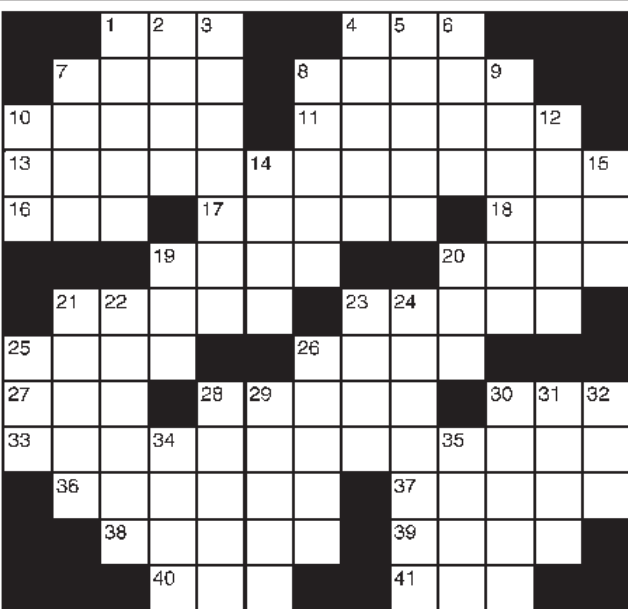
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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

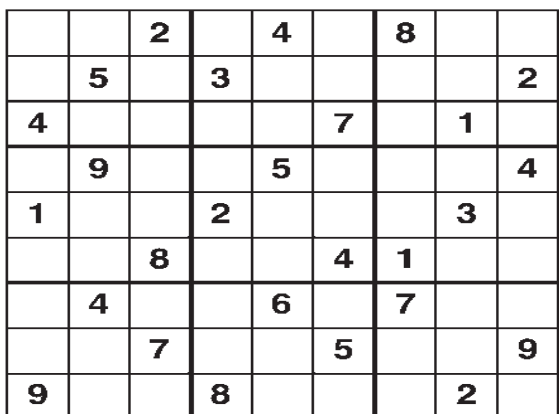
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| 4. Australia's largest | Y | Actor Poitier | I |
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| 6. Twirler's stick | ___ _ _ _ T | Breakfast meat | ___ _ _ _ C |
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Weekly SUDOKU

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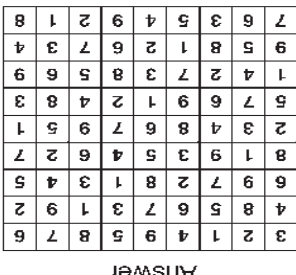
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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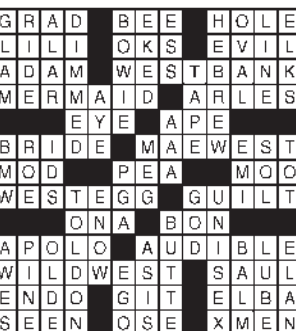
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See this week's answers in next week's edition of the Sentinel



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Answer

Even Exchange

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Great, Great | 10. I've, I've |
| 2. Arden, Arden | 11. I've, I've |
| 3. Arden, Arden | 12. I've, I've |
| 4. Arden, Arden | 13. I've, I've |
| 5. Arden, Arden | 14. I've, I've |
| 6. Arden, Arden | 15. I've, I've |
| 7. Arden, Arden | 16. I've, I've |
| 8. Arden, Arden | 17. I've, I've |
| 9. Arden, Arden | 18. I've, I've |

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: C equals T

TJRB CJR WRWAR XHBMGRF
JXO CTM IMNDBFO, CJR AXLF
NMBDGIJ HDLR CJRN CJR CJXGF
FRIGRR.

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Here are some trivia questions:

- Animals that are active at night are nocturnal; if they are active at twilight, they are crepuscular; if they are active during the day, they are diurnal.
- What word ending in -ology is the word which means "the study of honeybees"?
- What do you call a person who eats fish but no other meat?

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"He must be considering marriage — he's started taking me to restaurants."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag.

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| Acute | |
| HARPS | |
| Charm | |
| ELAPSE | |
| Said | |
| LEAK | |
| Rude | |
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| TODAY'S WORD | |

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CryptoQuip
answer

Sticklers Answer
1-c, 2-a, 3-e, 4-b, 5-d

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
3. Tablet; 4. Reset
1. Regard; 2. Mingle;
solution

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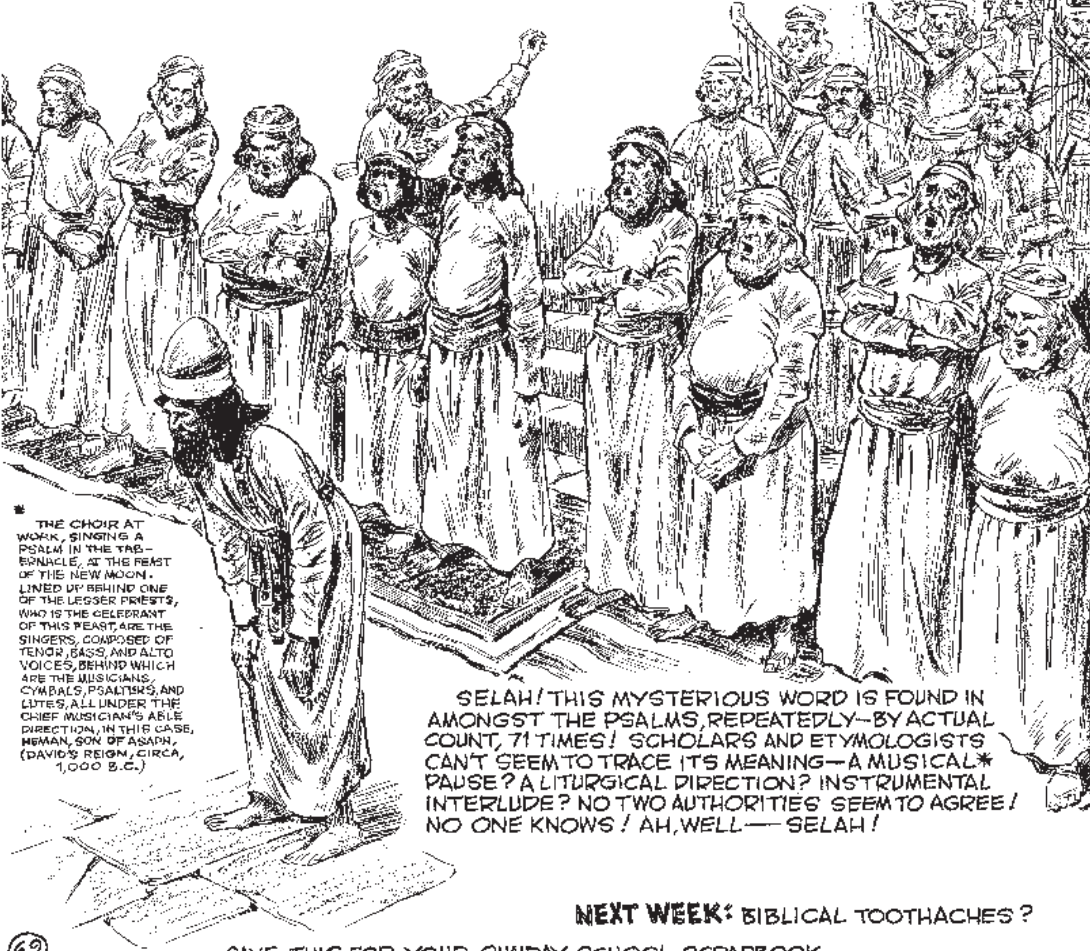
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* THE CHOIR AT WORK, SINGING A PSALM IN THE TEMPLE, AT THE FEET OF THE NEW MOON. LINED UP BEHIND ONE OF THE LESSER PRIESTS, WHO IS THE CELEBRANT OF THIS FEAST ARE THE SINGERS, COMPOSED OF TENOR, BASS, AND ALTO VOICES, BEHIND WHICH ARE THE MUSICIANS: CYMBALS, PSALTERS, AND LUTES. ALL UNDER THE CHIEF MUSICIAN'S ABLE DIRECTION. IN THIS CASE, NEHAN, SON OF ASAPH, (DAVID'S REIGN, CIRCA, 1000 B.C.)

SELAH! THIS MYSTERIOUS WORD IS FOUND IN AMONGST THE PSALMS REPEATEDLY—BY ACTUAL COUNT, 71 TIMES! SCHOLARS AND ETYMOLOGISTS CAN'T SEEM TO TRACE ITS MEANING—A MUSICAL PAUSE? A LITURGICAL DIRECTION? INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE? NO TWO AUTHORITIES SEEM TO AGREE! NO ONE KNOWS! AH, WELL—SELAH!

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Relative Caregiver Program Support Group Meeting

Are you raising a relative child or need housing assistance? For more information on assistance and support, please con-

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

The Stephens Center Parent-Child Connection

Fall 2021, Series II: Wednesdays 1 p.m. un-

til 2:30 p.m. Sessions are held at the Stephens Center, located at 616 North Church St., Livingston. Certificates will be awarded to parents attending eight sessions within the series. There is no charge for PCC sessions. December 15: "Make-Up Session" For more information, call 823-6432.

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The L.B.J. & C. Development Corporation Head Start Centers will be closed December 20, 2021 through January 3, 2022. Children will return to the Head Start Centers

on January 4, 2022. Staff will return for in-service training on Jan 3, 2022.

The L.B.J. & C. Development Corporation Head Start Central Office will be closed December 23, 24, 27, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

Commodity Distribution

The Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) will hold a commodities distribution for Overton County (Livingston) on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the Overton County Fairgrounds. Sign-up will be

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SCV Meeting

SCV Myers-Zollicoffer Camp 1990 meets Thursday, December 16th, 6PM-8PM, American Legion Post 004, 121 South Church St, Livingston TN. Author Roberta Adams shares a true family story of Rebecca Moffatt and her individual struggles and courage during the Civil War. Her story has survived, being told orally from generation to generation. Info (931)783-3767.

Legion Dance

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ESTATE OF: Junior Beechboard (deceased) CASE NO. 21-PR-102

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December, 2021, Letters Testamentary, in respect to the estate Junior Beechboard, deceased who died on November 17, 2021, were issued to the undersigned Dorvin Allen Shelton 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 of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if he 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 a copy 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 6th day of December, 2021.

Dorvin Allen Shelton
Executor for said Estate of: Junior Beechboard

Dorothy B. Stanton,
Clerk & Master
Chancery Court/Probate Division
Post Office Box 127
Livingston, Tennessee 38570

(931) 823-2536
Julie E. Officer
Attorney for the Estate

P.O. Box 636
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12-7, 12-14 2TP

OVERTON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, PROBATE DIVISION NOTICE TO

LEGALS

CREDITORS ESTATE OF: Melvin Spencer (deceased) CASE NO. 21-PR-104

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of December, 2021, Letters Testamentary, in respect to the estate Melvin Spencer, deceased who died on November 17, 2021, were issued to the undersigned Debbie S. Payne 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:

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

This the 13th day of December, 2021.

Debbie S. Payne
Executrix for said Estate of: Melvin Spencer

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December 31, 2020			
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
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Restricted cash equivalents		101,487.89	
Certificates of deposit		632,124.84	
Accounts receivable		59,341.63	
Prepaid insurance		6,359.46	
Net pension asset		34,875.93	
Interest receivable		1,083.67	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$	977,026.01
CAPITAL ASSETS - (net)			2,475,261.41
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred cost of pension	\$	9,582.94	
		\$	3,461,870.36
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
LONG-TERM DEBT - net of current portion	\$	53,180.15	
			199,781.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	252,961.56
DEFERRED INFLOWS FROM RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pension	\$	7,137.00	
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	\$	2,271,181.81	
Restricted for debt service		101,017.45	
Restricted for pension		34,875.93	
Unrestricted		794,696.61	
			3,201,771.80
EAST FORK UTILITY DISTRICT OF OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE			
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION			
Year ended December 31, 2020			
Operating revenue	\$	633,742.65	
Expenses		558,113.97	
OPERATING INCOME		\$	75,628.68
Other income (expenses):			
Interest income	\$	2,919.45	
Interest expense		(8,909.31)	
INCOME BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		\$	69,638.82
Capital contributions:			
Tap fees in excess of cost	\$	6,041.00	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		\$	75,679.82
Water rates as of December 31, 2020:			
Residential:			
First 1,500 gallons		\$27.61 minimum bill	
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