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Rose Announces December Local Office Hours

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

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

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

Details for local office hours can be found below and on Representative Rose's website:

Friday, December 10, 2021

TIME: 10:00-11:00 am

LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building, 145 Cordell Hull Drive, Celina, TN 38551

TIME: 12:00-1:00 pm

LOCATION: Jackson County Library, 205 W. Hull Avenue, Gainesboro, TN 38562

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

TIME: 9:00-10:00 am

LOCATION: Overton County Administrative Building, 306 W. Main Street, Livingston, TN 38570

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False Alarm Leads To Lockdown

BRIAN WILMOTH
editor

A false alarm over an airsoft gun in the Livingston Academy parking lot led to a lockdown of the school on Thursday.

Overton County Director of Schools Donnie Holman said two alert students first noticed the gun.

"Two students notified their bus driver that they saw a gun in the parking lot here at Livingston Academy," Holman said in a statement. "The bus



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driver immediately notified LA administration."

Holman said staff quickly responded to the potential threat.

immediately."

According to Holman, both students and school staff did a good job in a stressful situation.

"School personnel responded appropriately," Holman said. "I cannot brag on them enough. Our students did as they've been taught to do, as well. Our students and school personnel acted just as we had practiced in our emergency plans and our safety plans."

Livingston Police Chief Greg Etheredge

said it took around 20 minutes for the situation to be resolved. He said eight officers from the LPD responded with support from the Overton County Sheriff's Department.

According to Etheredge, the suspected student was showing the airsoft gun to another student when the reporting students passed by. Etheredge said no malicious intent was present and no arrests were made.

Christmas Parade To Be Held

The 55th Annual Livingston - Overton County Christmas Parade was held December 11th.

The parade theme this year was Christmas at the Movies.

The Grand Marshall this year is Ollie the Otter. Ollie Otter was very excited to serve as this year's Grand Marshall in the annual Livingston Overton County Christmas Parade and was equally excited to meet all his friends in Livingston's Central Park immediately following the parade.

Ollie is the popular mascot, known across the country, representing the Ollie Otter Child Safety Foundation. Ollie travels currently in 10 states, visiting school age children and hosting fun and interactive pep rally style events demonstrating the proper use and importance of buckling up in child booster seats and seat belts.

Lifelong Overton County Resident, Carol Coleman founded this successful program 15 years ago following the tragic loss of several family members in motor vehicle accidents. Coleman states, "It all started here, and I am so proud of what so many people have done to help make this child passenger safety program one

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Beautiful Fall Weather



ENTERPRISE Photo / Brian Wilmoth

Fall Sunset – The sun goes down over Livingston's Central Park last Tuesday. Unseasonably warm weather gave way to thunderstorms on Monday and cooler temperatures are expected through the middle of this week.

School Funding Concerns Expressed At Town Hall

BRIAN WILMOTH
editor

School officials and community members expressed concerns over equitability and overall school funding at a town hall meeting Tuesday night.

The town hall at Jackson County Middle School was the last of eight across Tennessee, and the only one in the Upper Cumberland, to hear public concerns as the state prepares to institute a new, student-based funding formula to replace the 30-year-old Basic Education Program.

Governor Bill Lee announced in October that he wanted to start the process of finding a new way to fund K-12 education.

Tennessee Department of Education Commission Dr. Penny Schwinn was on hand to hear the concerns of those attending.

Jackson County High School Supervisor of Instruction Deb Whitaker expressed frustration over the lack of transparency thus far in the process.



Photo Courtesy of TDOE

Town Hall – Tennessee Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn addresses the crowd at a regional town hall meeting. The event was held to hear concerns from citizens as the state prepares to update how it funds K-12 education.

"I'm not averse to changing a funding formula, Whitaker said. "But I do like to have a little more information than I have right now."

Whitaker went on to say she hoped any new funding plan helps address the struggles of rural districts.

"I want to be sure, though, that what we've worked so hard to avoid, which is geography destiny, is something that is taken into consideration in whatever formula we

have. We have to do the same things that systems ten times our size do with one-tenth the number of people. We want the same thing for our kids that the biggest system in the state of Tennessee wants. But we're doing it with a lot less resources."

Retired Jackson County Schools Director Joe Barlow echoed Whitaker's equity concerns.

"I look at this as a positive," Barlow said, "I think it can be big positive for the state if everybody's

heart is in the right place and for the right reason, and that's all of our kids; all of our kids across the state have the same opportunity, and that all of our teachers are held up with the same opportunities, as well."

Upper Cumberland Development District Executive Director Mark Farley pointed to how an influx of funds for higher education helped the region. He said he believes the same results could be found by increasing funds for K-12 education.

"I go back a few years ago when Governor (Bill) Haslem rolled out the 'Drive to 55'," Farley said. "That injection of funding, what it did at the higher education level, in the Upper Cumberland, we track the statistics, that improved our educational attainment levels across the Upper Cumberland. I can't help but believe that if we have another injection of funding, more money coming into our communities, we'll see even greater growth in our

workforce."

Concerns over public money being funneled into private schools were also a concern at the meeting. Cookeville attorney Anne Austin said public tax dollars need to remain in public schools.

"There have been past attempts to siphon money off of these schools that need it so desperately to put it into private schools," Austin said. "That can't happen. We have to fund public schools fully."

Lee signed a law school voucher law allowing tax monies to be set-aside for students attending private schools. Even though multiple courts ruled the law unconstitutional, Lee still budgeted \$41 million for the program in 2020, a budget where planned teacher raises were cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Austin said that the BEP should be updated due to its age, but she added that since it has never

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Dad started Wayne's Grill as a "bucket list" dream. "I always wanted me a little place, son," he told me, as we were cleaning up the place after a light remodel, and it was a hit from Day One. Oh, how I wish he was here to see his dream become a legacy as we carry on his dream in his honor. We continue to try to improve and carry on with Dad's plans. I hope he would be proud, but most of all, he would want me to personally extend his personal "Thank You" to all that continue to support and stand by Wayne's Grill. He considered you all family, and so do we. Many blessings for the remainder of 2021 and continued blessings throughout 2022. We look forward to many more years of serving you.

Thank you
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Labor Dept. Proposing
New H-2A Rules

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking public comment on its proposal to modify the methodology used to determine the hourly Adverse Effect Wage Rates for the H-2A program. The proposed changes will better enable the department to meet its statutory mandate to ensure the employment of H-2A workers will not adversely affect the wages of workers in the United States similarly employed.

AEWRs are the minimum hourly wage rates the department has determined must be offered and paid by employers to H-2A workers and workers in corresponding em-



ployment, so that the wages of workers in the United States similarly employed will not be adversely affected. For field and livestock worker occupations, which represent the vast majority of agricultural jobs, the proposed rule continues to use the average annual hourly wage for field and livestock workers (combined) for the state or region, as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's

Farm Labor Survey. For all other agricultural jobs, which are not adequately represented or reported by the current FLS data, the department proposes to set the AEWRs using the statewide or national average annual hourly wages for the occupational classification reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Survey program. Where the job opportunity covers more than one occupational classification, the department proposes to set the AEWRs based on the highest wage for the applicable occupations. The NPRM is published in the Federal Register.

Chamber Announces
E-gift Card Program

Livingston Overton County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the new Local First E-gift Card. This is a community based digital gift card that makes it fun and easy to keep spending local. When you purchase a Local First E-Gift Card it can be used at any of the participating shops in our community. With this card, you can write a personal message and send to family, friends and colleagues via email, text, or physical copy. Recipients can choose to spend it at any par-

ticipating merchants in the Livingston, Overton County area. All - digital and always available on your phone, the Local First E-Gift Card is great for birthdays, holidays, teacher appreciation, coach gifts, or just to show your appreciation to a friend. Now you can give back to your community while celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day, and graduations coming up. To be added to our list of businesses to accept the new Local First E-Gift Card please contact Shannon Cantrell at the

Chamber of Commerce at 931-823-6421 or shannon@overtonco.com. It's an easy process and free to setup as a participating business in our community. This is a GREAT opportunity to give and to keep money local. Businesses participating so far are The Steel Coop, Stonehouse Day Spa, E B Gray Jewelry, Overton Department Store, 1806 General Store, Alara Ridge Farm, Ten Boutique, and Livingston- Overton County Chamber of Commerce.

Baxter Factory Expanding

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Anatolia Granite and Marble Corp officials announced that the company will expand its operations in Putnam County. "When a company expands in our state, it is a testament to the strength and skill of our workforce," Lee said. "I thank Anatolia for their continued investment in Tennessee and for creating high-quality manufacturing jobs in the Baxter community." Anatolia Granite and Marble will invest approximately \$567,000

and create 40 new jobs in Baxter. "We are excited to expand Anatolia Granite's operations in Baxter and realize that this expansion would not be possible without the leadership at the state of Tennessee and locally in Baxter and Putnam County," Anatolia Granite and Marble Corp President Temel Islamoglu said. "We have found a great community in the Upper Cumberland and look forward to continued partnerships and our company's future growth." Located at 445 Ward Mill Road, the company customizes natural stone slabs, such as granite,

marble, onyx and quartz, into processed countertops primarily used by building contractors and subcontractors. Anatolia's production process comprises computer programmed CNC machines, which process the stone slabs into custom made shapes that can be used as kitchen countertops, bathroom vanities or fireplaces. Over the last five years, TNECD has supported 10 economic development projects in Putnam County, resulting in approximately 1,500 job commitments and \$220 million in capital investment.

Price of Oil Tumbles on
COVID News

For the fourth straight week, the Tennessee gas price average declined - nearly two cents cheaper compared to last week. The Tennessee Gas Price average is now \$3.10 which is 7 cents cheaper than one month ago and \$1.20 more than one year ago. "It's too soon to tell if fears of a global economic slowdown caused by the Omicron variant will push oil prices lower for the long term," said Stephanie Milani, Tennessee Public Affairs Director, AAA - The Auto Club Group. "But for now, the upward pricing pressure due to tightened supply and high demand seems to have

abated, and that will likely result in pump prices stabilizing." 32% of Tennessee gas stations have prices below \$3.00. The lowest 10% of pump prices are \$2.87 for regular unleaded. The highest 10% of pump prices are \$3.39 for regular unleaded. Crude oil prices initially tumbled more than \$10 to \$68 a barrel on Friday after news of the Omicron COVID-19 variant broke. Meanwhile, consumers caught a little break as the national average price for a gallon of gas dropped to \$3.39, down a penny since last week. Today's national average of \$3.39 is a penny less than a month ago and \$1.27 more than a year ago.

Biden's announcement that the federal government will make available up to 32 million bbl of oil held in the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and accelerate the timeline for the sale of an additional 18 million bbl of SPR oil, as mandated by Congress. The effort is expected to be coordinated with the release of oil from other major crude consuming countries, including China, India, Japan, South Korea, and the U.K, to help reduce the price of crude. How much of a price impact, and how long the price relief at the pump will last, depends on the total amount of oil that moves into the market after the coordinated releases around the globe. For this week, crude prices could decline further if the global market begins to see an increase in supply from the joint releases or EIA's next report shows another increase in total domestic supply. Additionally, market watchers will keep their eye on the impact of the Omicron variant on the oil market. Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.



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Obituaries

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Maydene Bullock
Maydene Bullock, 88, of Hartford City, Ind. Funeral services were held Dec. 8 at Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City, Ind. The family has chosen cremation and her remains interred at Hartford City Cemetery at a later date.
She was born Feb. 21,

1933 in Livingston. She retired from Thompson Consumer Electronics (RCA) in Marion, IN.
She was preceded in death by: parents, James H. Bullock and Lola F. (Melton) Bullock; siblings, Ruby F. Daniels, Elizabeth Sells, Tom Bullock, Audrian Bullock, Idell Martin and Eula Finley.
Surviving relatives include: son and daughter in law, Kipling "Kip" J. and Jean Qualls of Saint Augustine, FL; granddaughter, Grace E. Quick; and several nieces and nephews.
Keplinger Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Debra Darlene Young
Debra Darlene Young, 63, of Hilham, passed away Dec. 3 at the Livingston Regional Hospital. Graveside services were held Dec. 6 at the Debra Young Family Cemetery in Turkeytown Community with Bro. Roger Gilbert officiating.

She was born Aug. 15, 1958 in Monahans, Texas. She worked in medical records doing medical coding.
She was preceded in death by: parents, Harold David and Margaret (Bolding) Nowak.
Surviving relatives include: daughters, Amanda Lynn Owens and Margaret Danielle Middleton; son, Richard Homer Middleton; brother, David Nowak; sisters, Janice Terrell and Shirlee Sawyer; 11 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.
Hall Funeral of Livingston was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Wayne Pierce
Larry Wayne Pierce, 75, of Monroe, passed away Dec. 3 from Cookeville Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Dec. 7 from the chapel of Speck Funeral Home with Bro. Steven Barlow officiating. Interment followed in the Beaty Cemetery.
He was born Nov. 20, 1946 in Gamaliel, Ky. He loved sports cars, going to car shows and trading on new cars.
He was preceded in death by: parents, Cladus

and Anna Lorene Short Pierce; wife, Donna Sue Pierce; and sister, Geneva Phy.
Surviving relatives include: brother, Troy Pierce of Cookeville; nephews, Tommy Phy and wife, Donna of Cookeville and Steve Pierce and wife, Cindy of Cookeville; niece, Jaclyn Cauthorne and husband, Tyler of Cookeville and Tammie Phy of Cookeville; and several cousins.
Speck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lillie L. Kennedy
Lillie L. Kennedy, 97, of Livingston, passed away Aug. 26 from her residence. A Celebration of Life Service was held Dec. 5 from the Cullom Church of Christ in Livingston.
She was born July 29, 1924 in Overton County. She was a member of the Cullom Church of Christ.
She was preceded in death by: parents, Marshall and Pearl Con-

atser Flowers; husband, Robert Kennedy; brothers, Oliver and James Flowers; sisters, Nellie Daniels, Opal Franklin, Mazel Melton, Hazel Flippin, Avis Knight, Valeria Combs and June Copeland.
Surviving relatives include: sister, Oma Jean Bowman of Huntland; and several nieces and nephews.
Livingston Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Toy Buying Tips When Shopping For Kids

Shopping for gifts for kids makes many shoppers nostalgic for their own childhoods. Few adults can forget the joy of finding the perfect gift under the tree on Christmas morning. Recreating that magic for a youngster can be as joyous for gift givers as it is for kids. That's especially so when shoppers make it a point to give safe, age-appropriate gifts.
Whether shopping for their own children or their grandkids, nieces or nephews, shoppers can keep these tips in mind to ensure they give toys that are as safe as they are fun.
Speak to Mom and Dad first

When buying for a grandchild, niece or nephew, shoppers should first ask Mom or Dad for suggestions. Parents will know which types of toys their children like, and they'll also know the child's level of maturity. Some kids may not be mature enough to play with otherwise age-appropriate toys, while others may be mature beyond their years and enjoy more complex toys than their age would suggest. Parents will know what makes a good toy and what doesn't.
Learn what to look for on labels
Toy labels are great sources of information, but shoppers must know what to look for. The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that toy labels include information about age-appropriateness (i.e., "Ages 3 & Up") as well as directions regarding how to use the toy. If

the instructions seem a bit complex for the child the item will be for, look for something else. Children's toy labels also include additional information that consumers may not be familiar with. For example, toys labeled "ASTM F963" meet the latest safety standards from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. An "ASTM D4236" label indicates the materials associated with the art toy have been reviewed and deemed safe by a toxicologist. More information about toy label requirements can be found at cpsc.gov. The AAP advises that electric toys should only be

given to kids if they include the UL label. That means the toy has been certified by the global safety certification company UL, LLC.
Avoid certain features
The AAP notes that toys that are loud, shoot objects into the air or contain small pieces pose a threat to children. Especially loud toys can damage children's hearing, while projectiles can increase the risk of eye injuries or choking. Toys with small pieces also pose a choking risk to young children who may try to put the pieces into their mouths.
Err on the side of caution
Consumers who are

uncertain about the safety of a given toy, even after reading its label, should err on the side of caution and only give toys they're confident won't pose a safety risk. Even toys that may seem safe could be dangerous to kids who might otherwise seem old enough. For example, the AAP advises against giving kids under 12 hobby kits and chemistry sets. That's because such kits may contain dangerous chemicals that even pre-adolescents are not old enough to handle safely.
Shoppers must consider a host of factors when looking for safe toys for kids this holiday season.



Tips For Buying – Whether shopping for their own children or their grandkids, nieces or nephews, shoppers can keep these tips in mind to ensure they give toys that are as safe as they are fun.



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To Cut Health Spending, Look Beyond Prescription Drugs

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Democrats are working day and night to get their budget bill over the finish line. It includes a host of long-overdue investments to expand access to child care and education and address the climate crisis.

The draft legislation also includes provisions to reduce drug costs in Medicare. But one key element of the proposal, letting the government set prices for brand-name medications, would cause investment into life science research to plummet and patients to lose access to breakthrough medicines.

It's no secret that Americans spend too much on health care. It's to their credit that Democratic lawmakers are trying to lower these costs.

Let's start with the good news for seniors. The legislation caps out-of-pocket spending for prescription medications at a manageable \$2,000 per year -- and it smooths out out-of-pocket costs over the course of the year, so that seniors on a fixed income don't see

midyear spikes. This reform makes sense and will set many seniors' minds at ease.

Unfortunately, the drug pricing proposal in the legislation pushes in exactly the opposite direction of greater access to treatments.

The idea is that the government will use its market power through Medicare as the biggest provider of prescription drugs to get the pharmaceutical industry to lower prices. These price controls will eventually extend to all brand-name medicines.

The knock-on effect of such price controls would be disastrous. Immediately, funds will dry up for research into new breakthroughs, as pharmaceutical companies begin computing how much they have to cut from their R&D budgets because of the revenue reductions price controls will bring.

It costs an estimated \$2.6 billion to develop a single new drug. Just 12 percent of medicines that enter clinical trials ever reach patients.

Outside investors will no longer be willing to dedicate billions of dollars to high-risk research projects if the federal government has the power to dictate cut-rate prices, and the drug pipeline will dry up.

Indeed, an analysis from a University of Chicago economist concluded that a similar drug-pricing plan could result in 342 fewer new drugs over the next 20 years.

The effect of price controls should also give pause to those concerned about health equity. Many medical problems have a disproportionate impact on Blacks, minorities and the LGBTQ community. New and better treatments proven "safe and effective" for all patients, such as those who have to manage HIV/AIDS, can diminish these inequities -- but only if the financing is available to get them out of the lab to those who need them.

Better approaches to cost-cutting are available. Legislation introduced in the House would bring greater transparency to the shadowy workings of Phar-

macy Benefit Manager corporations. PBMs serve as middlemen between drug makers and insurers. They negotiate discounts and rebates from pharmaceutical manufacturers to get their products favorable insurance coverage. Patients often know nothing about such discounts and end up paying their share of the cost based on the manufacturer's list price rather than the true price.

Those discounts and rebates should be passed on to patients. Like the out-of-pocket cap, such a requirement would reduce patient costs without harming innovation.

The budget bill is filled with important, must-pass initiatives -- including the out-of-pocket cap. But its current price-control component is dangerous to our future health. Congress should replace it with a provision that ensures drug maker discounts go to patients rather than padding the bottom line of insurance companies and PBMs.

Guy Anthony is the president and CEO of Black, Gifted & Whole.

EPA Announces Water Funding

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael S. Regan has announced funding for Tennessee in the amount of \$120,833,000 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in 2022.

"With President Biden's leadership and congressional action, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law has created a historic opportunity

to correct longstanding environmental and economic injustices across America," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "As leaders, we must seize this moment. Billions of dollars are about to start flowing to states and it is critical that EPA partners with states, Tribes, and territories to ensure the benefits of these invest-

ments are delivered in the most equitable way."

Nationally, this funding for states, tribes and territories is provided through EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. The funding will create jobs while upgrading America's aging water infrastructure and addressing key challenges like lead in drinking water and per- and

poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination. In a letter sent to Governors today, the Administrator encouraged states to maximize the impact of water funding from the law -- an unprecedented \$50 billion investment -- to address disproportionate environmental burdens in historically underserved communities across the country.

Veterans Service Groups Are Up and Running Again

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Is your local Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion up and running again? Many shut down over the past year due to COVID-19. Now, slowly, they're coming back. If you're eligible, this would be a good time to explore what they have to offer.

The DAV (www.dav.org) started back in 1920 and now has 1,300 chapters and over 1 million members. Its objective is to help disabled veterans and their families at no cost. In one year alone, the DAV provided nearly a quarter of a million rides to veterans going to doctor appointments. Last year, it helped veterans get over \$24 billion in benefits through assistance with Department of Veterans Affairs claims.

The VFW (www.vfw.org), with some 1.5 million members, was started back in 1899 to ensure that veterans got their rights and benefits. Eligibility includes either active duty or prior service with Hon-

orable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge with service on foreign soil or in a hostile area. Like the DAV, the VFW can help with filing a VA claim. If you've gone back to school, the VFW might be able to help with scholarships. If you're in a jam (food, rent, electric bill, for example), small cash grants (not loans) are available for members.

The American Legion (www.legion.org) has well over a dozen veterans programs including family and youth, community and national affairs. It was incorporated by Congress in 1919 as an organization devoted to mutual helpfulness with a focus on communities, patriotism and national security. Check the website for specific eligibility periods and posts near you. (There might be more than you think, with 15,000 scattered around the country.) One of the unsung benefits is the alliance between the Legion and USAA. Car insurance, bank account, credit card ... it's worth checking out.

Take a look at what these groups offer -- better yet, what you can offer them.

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Not many people know what it takes to run a library. Between the staff, the patrons, the building and of,course the books, there is much more than meets the eye. We here at the Millard Oakley Public Library and all of us here in Overton County have been fortunate to have a director who was more than equal to the task. As Library Director Cynthia Julian-Simmons has been the most forward thinking, hard working leader we could ask for. The items now available at the library include telescopes, musical instruments and portable wi-fi. Soon the library will have a privacy pod for online meetings. These are just a few of the way in which Cynthia has changed the library for the better. As of this week, Mrs. Julian-Simmons

will be leaving to pursue new challenges at another library. And while we here at this library know she will be hard to replace, we wish her only the best for the future.

Upcoming Events At The Library:
12/7 Tuesday Book Club Meeting 11:00am-12:00pm
12/7 Tuesday Overton Co. Historical Society Meeting 5:30pm
12/9 Thursday Pre-school Story Time 10:30am-11:30am
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
Flowers in the Attic by V.C. Andrews
The Immortalists

by Chloe Benjamin
Darker by E. L. James
The Christmas Wedding Guest by Susan Mallery
Santa Cruise by Fern Michaels
A Dog Called Jack by Ivy Pembroke
Adult Large Print Fiction
The Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans
All I Want from Santa by Lisa Jackson
Sleigh Bells Ring by RaeAnne Thayne
Audiobook Fiction
Tom Clancy’s Op-Center: Out of the Ashes by Dick Couch
The Burial Hour by Jeffery Deaver
Remains of Innocence by J. A. Jance
The Fall by John Lescroart
Apprentice in Death by J. D. Robb
Inspirational Fiction
Faith’s Mountain Home by Misty M. Beller
The Prince of Spies by Elizabeth Camden
A Breath of Hope by Lauraine Snelling

Westerns
Blood on the Land by Frank Bonham
The Troubleshooters by William W. Johnstone
Shackle by James D. Lucey
Halter-Broke by John Reese
Biography
Carrying the Fire by Michael Collins
SciFi/Fantasy Fiction
The Martian by Andy Weir
Non-Fiction
The Age of A.I.: and Our Human Future by Henry Kissinger
The Manager Mom Epidemic: How Moms Got Stuck Doing Everything for Their Families and What They Can do About it by Thomas W. Phelan
Star Talk: Everything You Ever Need to Know About Space Travel, Sci-Fi, the Human Race, the Universe, and Beyond by Neil deGrasse Tyson
Radio/ Tech Modifications & Alignment Controls, Volume 6B, Number 6B (Modifications for: Alinco, Stan-

dard, Yaesu, Others, CB radios) by ART SCI
Ten Adorable Teddy Bears to Knit: Plus all Their Clothes and Accessories by Rachel Borello
Gustave Courbet by Gustave Courbet
Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey
Over the Top: A Raw Journey to Self-love by Jonathan Van Ness
Runner’s World Race Everything: How to Conquer Any Race at Any Distance in Any Environment and Have Fun Doing It by Bart Yasso
The Sun and Her Flowers by Rupi Kaur
Juvenile Fiction
The Creakers by Tom Fletcher
Three Tales of My Father’s Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Juvenile Non-Fiction
What Is Anxiety? (Understanding Anxiety) by Caitie McAneney
Shrink Your Stress: How to Keep Calm by Gina Bellisario
Stress and Anxiety by Shannon Harts
What is a Panic Attack? (Understanding Anxiety) by Caitie

McAneney
Juvenile Biography
Joe Biden: from Scranton to the White House by Heather E. Schwartz
Kamala Harris: Madam Vice President by Heather E. Schwartz
Tween Fiction
Sophie Quire and The Last Story Guard by Jonathan Auxier
The Bootlace Magician by Cassie Beasley
Young Adult Fiction
13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher
The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen
Young Adult Manga
Tsubasa: WORLD CHRONICLE 1 & 2 by Clamp
DVD’s
PIXI Saves Christmas
Santa’s Boot Camp
Silver Bells Switchmas
What She Wants for Christmas
Miss Scarlet & the Duke
The Stand

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been adequately funded, there was no way to know if it needs to be updated or replaced altogether.

“We have to have equity in funding, and we need more funding,” Austin said. “Tennessee has a huge rainy day fund, and I understand there’s a lawsuit now, I’m an attorney so I’m attuned to those sort of things, and the state’s very concerned about that. We have a rainy day fund that can take care of that and if education is not what we spend it on, then I don’t know what we spend it on. There is

nothing more important than education.”

Education funding makes up almost a quarter of the state budget at \$4.8 billion. Tennessee currently ranks in the bottom five states in per-pupil spending. The state’s “rainy day fund” is currently around \$1.5 billion.

Lee’s review comes as the state prepares to defend itself in a lawsuit filed by over half of the state’s school systems over whether it allocates enough money to give students an adequate education. Shelby County schools originally filed the suit over six years ago

get with whatever that additional funding might be. One of the things that we would do is then, at the end of January, that would be presented that to the general assembly. They might pass it, they might not. If they do, there would be a longer runway for implementation.”

Schwinn said a total of 39 states have already moved to a student-based funding system.




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of the most successful in the country.

“Ollie is the character used in presenting an exciting and fun lesson to kids about the importance of buckling up that may just save their lives.”

Ollie the Otter in partnership with the Tennessee Road Builders Association (TRBA) was formed when Coleman’s husband Johnny was serving as President in 2006. The entire road building industry continues to provide financial support to this program as part of their construction zone



Carol Coleman:
Ollie Otter
Pathfinder

safety initiatives. Tennessee Tech University’s I-Cube Center serves as the media center, and program administrator to the Ollie the Otter Programs.

The Director of Tennessee Department of Highway Safety Office, Buddy Lewis said, “The passion of this lady, Carol Coleman, led to the development of one of the most successful

child passenger safety programs in the nation,. and we are proud to have been a leading supporter along with our partners at TRBA and Tennessee Tech. I am delighted that the folks in Overton County chose Carol and Ollie as their Grand Marshals.

For More information about Ollie please visit www.ollieotter.org.

CFMT Awards Grants

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT), a charitable organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in Middle Tennessee and beyond, announces \$2,664,888 in grants to 439 local nonprofit organizations as part of the 2021 annual grantmaking process.

The grants will benefit nonprofits in 32 area counties: Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Coffee, Cumberland, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Fentress, Franklin, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Warren, White, Williamson and Wilson counties.

The top awards categories were: Human Services (Children & Youth/Women & Men/Seniors/Emergency Needs) (24 percent of the grants), Arts and Humanities (17 percent), Education (15 percent), and Animal Welfare (12 percent).

“The Community Foundation is honored to connect generosity with need through these annual grants and through other avenues throughout the year, but we couldn’t have the impact we do without the many nonprofits offering solutions to our community’s needs and vital services to our neighbors,” said Ellen Lehman, president of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. “Thanks to the generous support of our donors, and the work

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A Brown Paper Bag For Christmas

*Looking
Backward
By Phoebejane
(Emily Sells)*

It seems like the Christmas holidays sure are a lot more complicated than they used to be. Stores are filled with shoppers on the Friday following Thanksgiving in an effort to get in on all the sales offered on that particular day. Several years ago, shoppers were shown on the news camped out overnight in front of stores offering items that were much in demand then. Even decorating for Christmas is nothing like it used to be. I can remember when decorating outside the home consisted of nothing more than a wreath on the front door. A real live Christmas tree, usually a cedar, a family member had gone out in search of, was cut and brought back to the house to be decorated. It was always placed in the front window of a home if at all possible. A favorite thing to do during the holidays in the '50's and '60's was for a family to pile in the car and drive around town looking at the beautifully decorated tree through the window of a home. I guess that part might still be observed, but the decorations aren't just seen through the window of homes, they're in the yards, on roofs, just about everywhere.

I remember too the church Christmas programs held at the little First Baptist Church that used to sit where a computer business is now between East Main and Mofield streets. A cedar tree was placed in front of the baptismal pool and was decorated with all kinds of handmade decorations made by all the children's Sunday School classes. The children always put on a Christmas program, usually on a Sunday night before Christmas each year. Parts for plays were always memorized by the children. But probably the most enjoyable part of those Christmas programs was getting that little brown paper bag each person present received on the way out of the church following the program. Inside that little brown paper bag was an apple, an orange, a banana, or maybe a tangerine, some nuts, some orange slice candy, chocolate drops, or maybe some peppermint sticks too. Everyone looked forward to getting that little brown paper bag. That was a big part of Christmas. Things were simple. Not a lot of fuss and bother, or so it seems looking back on it now.

I had a Great-Aunt whose name was Olive Draper. She lived in East Tennessee, and every year, she mailed out Christmas cards she had made by hand. Each year, she came up with a new design that topped off the one sent the year before. I have a collection of these cards that I consider priceless treasures. Taking the time to make Christmas cards is something else we're certainly far too busy to do nowadays, but what a nice way to be remembered years later by a great niece or another family member or friend. A lasting impression left by such a simple

gesture. Here are some favorite Christmas memories about holidays from years gone by. These were shared with me several years ago

Linda Hicks ... "Looking back, I'm sure Mama and Daddy listened with sadness each Christmas as I and my four siblings pored over the Western Auto Christmas catalog. Of course they could not afford the things we asked for—things like Red Flyer wagons, walking bride dolls, huge doll houses, etc. But one Christmas, when I was around eight years old, I remember telling Mama that I wanted Santa to bring me a new jumping rope (because the plow-line rope I had been using was rather frayed). I remember the surprise in her voice as she said, "Honey, is that all you want for Christmas?," and when I said yes, she said, "Well, Old 'Santy' just might bring you one!" And sure enough, to my total delight, there was a new jumping rope in the big paper bag of goodies left by Santa. It had red wooden handles with jingle bells attached. I pulled it out and began jumping amidst the gifts received. I remember Mama smiling and telling me there were other things in the bag as well—a coloring book, apples and oranges, etc. But I just kept jumping! I was an innocent child then and did not realize the significance of my delight with that Christmas gift. Later as a mother, I have watched my children enjoy Christmas gifts down through the years—and also watched them not always receive what they had asked for—I realize that my joy made my mother so happy that Christmas! And that memory continues to make me happy even now!"

Sheila Pemberton ... "When my sister and I were about nine and ten years old, we asked Santa for a record player and records. We were fortunate growing up because even though our parents didn't have much money, we usually got what we had asked Santa for. I remember waking up on that Christmas morning to the song "Wake Up Little Susie" by the Everly Brothers. My sister and I jumped up and ran straight to the front room. (I have a living room now, but back then, we had a front room, and I don't really know when this changed.) Sure enough our wish had been granted!!! There it was, a real record player and several records. It was a small one that played 45's and 78's. It wasn't a self changer, but we didn't care. We loved changing the records. I don't remember any of the other records, but I can still hear that record player playing "Wake up Little Susie". Oh yes, it came with an extra needle. I remember my Dad telling me it was a "diamond needle" I was very impressed."

Venita Lightsey - "I especially remember a couple of Christmas gifts I got on separate holidays. One was a big doll dressed in a blue satin dress with a blue satin bonnet. Another gift was a giant size box of Crayola crayons. These two gifts stand out in my mind as wonderful and made those Christmas



Homemade Card - A handmade Christmas card from the 1950s made by Olive Draper.

days especially happy ones. I remember also the year we got a silver sparkler pom-pom tree with the color wheel. I have the box from another one of these type trees that came from Livingston Variety Store on the square in Livingston and sold for \$5.99. A smaller version of the silver pom-pom tree was sold at Lay's 5 & 10 for \$3.99. But my very favorite part of the Christmas season when I was growing up was Paul Hembree's candy barber poles. Some of the small grocery stores sold this type of candy on a punch board. Whatever amount of money was punched on the punch board was the price of a barber pole. Boxes of peppermint candy that also came in other flavors like vanilla always bring back some favorite Christmas memories for me too."

Sharon Paul ... "My fondest Christmas mem-

ory is not about the gifts, but the cutting of our Christmas tree. My sister, Pam, and I were up early to eat breakfast, do our chores, and then off we went with Daddy and Mama to cut the tree. Mama would pack us a brown bag lunch. We walked all over that little farm until Mama would say, "That's the one!" Daddy would cut the tree down and home we went. My mother made everything about Christmas so special."

Virginia Harris ... "When anyone mentions Christmas memories, I never think about a gift or a toy. My first memory is standing by the most beautiful tree (cedar) and watching a bubble light. And always, tangerines ... there is no way to explain the wonderful taste and smell of a tangerine to a grandchild who has oranges all year! Yes, the sights and smell are my

memories of Christmas. Not very exciting, but precious to me!"

Carol Coleman ... "One Christmas gift I especially remember was the one when I asked my parents for a watch. I was very happy when I opened a gift, and sure enough, there was the watch I had asked for. But my happiness at getting exactly what I wanted didn't last long. My brother and sister both got several presents that Christmas, but I only got the one gift. In the long run, I was very disappointed to just to have to sit and watch while they opened their gifts when I only had the one. I have a lot of happy memories about the Christmas seasons I had growing up. One was always spending some time with two of our neighbors, Miss Callie Sells and Miss Floy Sells, who lived nearby. Miss Callie never married, and very late in life, Miss Floy married the principal of the grammar school here in Livingston, Mr. Thrasher. These two ladies were like second grandmothers to me. Every Christmas, they always baked cookies for me. One year when I was around five years old, I got to go to school with Miss Floy one day near the Christmas season. She was teaching that year at Ruth Chapel, a school that was located on old Highway 42 in the area known as Twin Oakes now. That particular day, she asked me to come up in front of the class and sing "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." I'll never forget that day. Other of my very favorite memories are the time spent in the home of my grandparents, Noah and Mommie Maynard. My grandfather, who died when I was only four years old, was the minister at Al-lons Baptist Church and I remember going there for Christmas services, but only after he had passed away. The nativity story was always told during these services and each

person got a gift of fruit wrapped in white paper with a bow on top. I always looked forward to going to Mommie Maynard's home to visit with two of my aunts, Aunt Marge and Aunt Liz. Mommie Maynard had a type of cactus plant that always bloomed around Christmas. This bloom was quite special in that it resembled a baby in a manger after it opened up. Aunt Marge, Aunt Liz and I would sit up all night sometimes just to watch as the bloom opened. Going to my Ledbetter grandparents for Christmas is another favorite memory. Part of a meal at their house was sweet potatoes Grandpa Ledbetter baked in ashes of the fireplace, and our Christmas tree was always a cedar that came from Grandpa Ledbetter's farm. Probably the most exciting part of Christmas for my family was a trip to Nashville to see the Christmas parade. This was something my father always did for us at Christmas. While we were there, we would go to Harvey's Department Store and see all the wonderful Christmas decorations. Two of my very favorite things to eat at Christmas are English walnuts and peppermint candy. I still enjoy eating these two things together even today.

I was lucky enough to live only one block from the town square and always got to go to the movies. I especially remember the Christmas movies about Sun Valley, Idaho, the beautiful Christmas music, and the sleigh rides. Best of all would be the walk home from the movie when there was a big snow on the ground. But the best part of my Christmas memories comes from the love I still feel from my family. That's really what Christmas is all about. My wish for everyone is to make those kind of memories for your children and grandchildren to carry with them always."

Pictures From The Past



Pictures From The Past - First Baptist Church was formerly located on East Main and Mofield Streets in Livingston.



Take Precautions During The Holidays

GREG ETHEREDGE
Livingston Police Chief

As Christmas time is approaching, LPD would like to remind folks that not everyone is in the giving spirit during this time of year. There are a few grinchers out there that can spoil your holiday season. However, there are some simple precautions that can help reduce these risks.

When you are out shopping, whether it is in Livingston or elsewhere, please remember to lock your vehicles up when going into the stores and restaurants. Please don't leave your purses and wallets laying in the vehicle. When you have

packages and other valuables try and cover them up so the would be grinch won't see them and try to take advantage of the situation.

During the past few months, we have had several vehicles stolen in and around Livingston and the Upper Cumberland. Most of the thieves gained access to the vehicles because the keys were left inside and they simply drove off with them. LPD and OCSD has been successful in recovering most of the stolen vehicles and recovered several more that were stolen Putnam County. So, please try to keep your vehicle secure.



In addition, when traveling away from home, please don't post on social media that you're going to be out of town. Often times, thieves scan social media to take advantage that the residents are out of town. We also strongly encourage residents and business owners to make use of technology and video cameras in and around their property. Video is

so important these days to law enforcement and has helped us be very successful in solving crimes. Video can also give you peace of mind in that may systems allow you to monitor your home or business from you cell phone and even alert you when activity is detected. It can be a small expense for peace of mind.

We are very blessed to live in our community. Our neighbors watch after each other and the patrol officers are doing a great job keeping our streets safe, but, unfortunately, things can, and do, happen, and we just want everyone to have a safe and Merry Christmas this year.

Moscrip Made His Mark

DALE WELCH
Putnam County Historian

Maj. Robert John Moscrip made his mark on maps, plats, and lives all across America, winding up his last marks along the Upper Cumberland.

Moscrip was born on Jan. 4. 1844, in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, to Robert and Eliza Fairchild Moscrip. Of Scottish descent, he was at least the third generation "Robert," on his father's side. His father, a merchant, moved the family to Omaha, Nebraska, where the young Robert and his siblings graduated private school, in Bellville, Neb.

As the Civil War began, Moscrip joined the Union Army and attained the rank of major. He also obtained a degree in civil engineering.

When Reconstruction began, as early as 1865, Gen. U.S. Grant placed Moscrip on the payroll of the new Union Pacific Railroad as a civil engineer and surveyor. The purpose was to build a transcontinental railroad across the United States along public lands, meeting up with the west coast. Three railroad companies were charged with building the 1,911-mile of tracks. The Western Pacific Railroad Co. built 132 miles of track from the Oakland Wharf, in San Francisco Bay to Sacramento, CA; the Central Pacific Railroad Co. built 690 miles from Sacramento eastward to Promontory Summit, UT; the Union Pacific Railroad Co., where Moscrip worked, built 1,085 miles westward from Council Bluffs and Omaha, Neb. to meet up with the Central Pacific Railroad, in Utah.

Though a civil engineer, Moscrip was not a surveyor, the job for which he was hired. No problem! Another former Union soldier, "Buffalo Bill" Cody took him under his wings and taught him the trade. All those miles were quite the adventure. Though surveying across public lands, the Native Americans hadn't got the message. At one point, Moscrip was captured by a band of natives. Native scouts that had been hired by the railroad found out where he was being held and rescued him in the night.

Six miles of track were laid per day, using 400 tracks per mile. Each spike was struck three times. On May 10, 1869, a one-word telegraph was received that said, "Done." During the ceremony of the laying of the golden spike, at Promontory Summit, in Utah territory, Maj. Robert Moscrip was there. Travel that once took six months by wagon now only took six days by steam locomotive.

After all the notoriety with the Transcontinental Railroad project, Moscrip was in high demand and began working for several railroad companies: Union Pacific, 1865-1871; Canadian Southern. 1871-72; the division engineer of the Texas Pacific, 1873-74; division engineer with the UP & OSL, 1875-81; as a local engineer, he built the Utah Northern, from Franklin, Idaho to Butte, Montana, 1882-85; was a division engineer for the Missouri Pacific, 1887-1901; and chief engineer of the Nashville & Knoxville Railroad, 1884-1901; and chief engineer in charge of opening coal lands on the Cumberland Plateau for the Crawford Coal & Coke Co., 1901-05.

On March 28, 1874, in Omaha, Neb., Moscrip married Emma Slightam. As Emma followed him from job to job, their children were born all over the country. Their seven children were born in Nebraska, Idaho, Texas, and Tennessee. Their last daughter, Emma lived to be 109.

When Alexander Crawford, founded the Nashville & Knoxville Railroad, in 1884 it was an attempt to open the coal and iron ore areas in Middle Tennessee to the Northeastern U.S. Though it was called the Nashville & Knoxville Railroad, it was only built between Lebanon and Standing Stone. The section from Lebanon to Gordonsville opened on Aug. 11, 1888; and to Cookeville, in 1890. Crawford died that year, but his sons continued it. Mostly being built by prison labor, Moscrip engineered the rail up the steep climb to Standing Stone, by Aug., 1893.

With the progress of track coming up the mountain, the Cumberland Mountain Coal Company, a group of 10 investors, bought property from T.J. Whittaker that contained coal. The company was interested in building a new company town to provide housing and commercial ventures for the workers. They hired Maj. Moscrip to lay out the new town. A contest was held to name it. Moscrip won! The new town was to be named "Monterey," which meant "King of the Mountains" and coal was king.

Unfortunately, while topping the Plateau, Moscrip brought the rails right through the Standing Stone. The stone was believed to be carved into a "dog-like" shape by Paleo-Indians 1,500 years before. The Mound Builders were sun worshipers and their idols set toward the rising or the setting sun. The Standing Stone set toward the setting sun. Maj. Moscrip got into quite a bit of trouble for blowing the ancient structure up. But, there was no 24-hour news feed or social media. Moscrip's great grandson, John Moscript (the "t" was added by Maj. Moscrip's daughter-in-law later) said that his great grandfather had said that there wasn't any other way. The Improved Order of Redmen took a portion of the remnants, had it engraved and set on a lighthouse-shaped pedestal next to the current Monterey Library.

Moscrip continued engineering the railroad tracks out the Crawford Branch into Overton County.

That line opened by 1894. He was also hired to open coal lands for the Crawford family up to 1904. A female contractor was hired, which was unheard of at the time, to build a portion of that line.

Moscrip later served as a City of Cookeville alderman, where he was said to have made the first map of Cookeville, naming several of its streets. The family lived right next to the Cookeville City Cemetery, not far from the Cookeville Depot. On a train trip to Nashville, Moscrip was severely injured when the train derailed, in Buffalo Valley. He survived that, but died on June 30, 1917, in a Nashville hospital after a stroke. He is buried in the Cookeville City Cemetery, in what would have been his back yard.

Surveying the quickest route across the county was his trade. He left his mark across most of it. His dedication cut travel time from months to days across America and from a week to hours from Monterey, the town he named, to Nashville.

County To Get New Extension Agent

Overton County Extension with the support of Overton County Executive and commissioners are happy to announce the job opening for a new Tennessee State University, TSU, Extension Agent position. The person filling this role will be working with the youth in Overton County.

The successful candidate will be a member of TSU and Overton County Extension. This position is 100% 4-H Youth Development. This position will be responsible for planning, implementing, evaluating, and reporting county extension 4-H educational programs especially in the context of outdoor recreation, wildlife, forestry, equine, and other programs as needed in the county. In addition, this position includes planning, executing, and evaluating programs, events, and activities through traditional



4-H clubs, project groups, educational workshops, camps, conferences, and special interest classes. Program delivery methods will involve volunteer recruitment, site and home visits, phone calls, workshops, newsletters, media, etc. The Extension Agent will develop and maintain good public relations with educational officials, collaborative agencies, program sponsors and elected and appointed officials. This position will plan, execute and evaluate the 4-H programs based on County, State and Federal Programs and clientele needs. He/She will per-

form other related duties as required by county and regional, and state extension administrators.

The minimum qualification includes Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences, Education or other closely related discipline. Knowledge and understanding of the extension programs. We will be looking for strong interpersonal skills and ability to work both individually and with teams. Someone with good communication skills both written and verbal. This person should have a good future vision for youth with the ability to lead youth, demonstrate self-reliance, market programs and document impacts.

This person will need to be able to plan, implement and report with other Extension Agents, Specialist and Administration both in the county, region

as well as state. Additionally, Tennessee State University complies with TITLE IX and is an affirmative action employer. Candidates will be considered for employment without discrimination for any on-merit reason such as race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, handicap or veterans' status. Inquiries regarding these regulations may be referred to: OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, Tennessee State University. Plus, would only be hired after a clear background check.

We encourage interested persons who meet the qualifications to apply. You will be asked to provide a resume with references, cover letter and transcript. Use the following link to learn more and apply <https://pa220.peopleadmin.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset>.

Oral History of Wildfires

"For future generations, I think it's really important for them to understand that in times of trouble, people do come together," said Fran Day, of the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, recalling the Chimney Tops 2 wildfires that in 2016 ravaged the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and surrounding communities. Her video-recorded comments are part of an oral history project undertaken by the University of Tennessee Libraries in partnership with the City of Gatlinburg and the Anna Porter Public Library in Gatlinburg.

Over the past few years, Rising from the Ashes: The Chimney Tops 2 Wildfires Oral History Project collected around 140 audio and video interviews with individuals who experienced the devastating and tragic wildfires. This November marks the fifth anniversary of the wildfires, and the Rising from the Ashes project will soon make those interviews available on the UT Libraries website.

"This project documents one of the most momentous events in modern Tennessee history—in the voices of those who lived it," said Steve Smith, dean of the Libraries. "The col-



Courtesy of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Wildfire History – The Chimney Tops 2 Wildfires burn in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 2016. An oral history of the natural disaster will soon be available online.

lected stories document more than tragedy, however; they testify to the resilience of the human spirit. Our team is honored to help preserve these stories for history, study, learning, and research."

Fourteen people perished in the Chimney Tops 2 fire, more than 200 were injured, and thousands were forced to evacuate. Over 17,000 acres were burned, and nearly 2,600 buildings and homes were damaged or destroyed.

The oral histories include interviews with those who lost homes and

businesses, first responders, recovery specialists and representatives from charitable and volunteer organizations, government officials, fire and forestry experts, scientists, artists, lawyers, journalists, clergy, health care and mental health professionals, educators, and many others.

The interviews are preserved for posterity in the UT Libraries' Betsey B. Creekmore Special Collections and University Archives.

UT Libraries is also engaged in a grant project

funded by the National Endowment for the Arts that will use art to raise awareness of the wildfires and the emotional and environmental scars left in their wake. The artwork will be featured in forthcoming exhibits and programming with the artists. The project aims to demonstrate interesting and meaningful uses of archives and special collections to bear witness to historical events, to engage the community, and to foster understanding and healing from disasters such as the Chimney Tops fires.

Sports

Golden Eagles Rally To Top Lady Toppers

THOMAS CORHERN
TTU Sports Information

When the Tennessee Tech women started the contest trailing 11-1 then 17-6 against Western Kentucky on Saturday, the Golden Eagles proved they still had quite a bit of fight in them.

Instead, the Tech women battled back with a few runs of their own, including a late 8-0 run in the fourth quarter to propel themselves past the hosting Lady Toppers 76-72 at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Now Tech (3-5) will look to build momentum with the victory heading into Thursday's matchup against Western Carolina.

The victory showed that some of the lessons the Golden Eagles have endured through this stretch are creating dividends, learning from those mistakes and learning to play past them.

Turnovers created issues early on as WKU forced Tech into six first-quarter turnovers, then eight more before half-time. Even through that pressure, the Golden Eagles were resolute. Then, in the second half, Tech's ball-handling improved, giving up the ball just five times in the third and just once in the final 10 minutes.

WKU (5-4) got 33 points from Meral Abdelgawad as she was 13-for-18 from the field, 2-for-2 from beyond the arc and 5-for-6 from the charity stripe. She also pulled down 11 rebounds in the effort. Macey Blevins was the only other WKU double-digit scorer with 11 points, going 3-for-9 from 3-point range.

Tech turned the Lady Toppers' physical advantage to a disadvantage, drawing 23 fouls in the contest and earning 32 shots at the line. The Golden Eagles were 23-for-32 in all, including an 8-for-10 night for Anna Jones and 7-for-11 effort from Kesha Brady.



Photo Courtesy TTU Sports Information

Comeback – Tennessee Tech's Megan Clark puts up a shot against Western Kentucky Saturday. The Golden Eagles shook off a cold start to pick up a 76-72 road win.

It wasn't just a great night at the line though. It was clutch efforts all around for the Golden Eagles.

Mackenzie Coleman was on fire and created some issues inside for the Lady Toppers. Coleman ended the day 9-for-13 from the field, while also pulling down six rebounds, stealing three balls and blocking another.

Megan Clark was 2-for-4 from 3-point range, but the biggest one probably came at the 5:37 mark in the fourth quarter as she drained a trey to contribute to Tech's 8-0 run in the waning moments of the game. Clark ended the game with 14 points as she was 4-for-8 from the field and 4-for-5 from the stripe. She was the most efficient player in the contest, earning a plus-16 rating on the NCAA box score.

Jada Guinn led the team in rebounds, pulling down seven boards – four offensive – as she also dishd out four assists, two steals and blocked a shot.

Jones and Brady drew the ire of the WKU foul assault, combining for 21 of Tech's 32 free throws. Eight of those contributed to Jones' 15 points, while Brady ended with nine,

just shy of double-digits.

Tech was whistled 13 times for fouls in total as the Lady Toppers were 11-for-13 from the line.

For the game, the Golden Eagles finished with a great 50.0 shooting percentage, knocking down 24 of their 48 shots. Tech had an improved night from long-range, hitting five of 13 tries, surpassing WKU's average allowed per game.

Tech, even with the slow start, was 7-for-13 from the field in the first quarter, and only saw slight dips in the second and third, hitting 5-for-12 and 6-for-13 respectively. The Golden Eagles took their fewest shots in the fourth quarter with only 10 tried, knocking down six.

The Lady Toppers, however, saw their percentage drop significantly in the second half. After hitting from a 51 percent rate in the first two quarters, WKU was 12-for-30 in the final 20 minutes, including 6-for-16 in the final stanza, 37.5 percent.

After an 11-1 WKU run to open the contest, Tech climbed back within five at 17-12, using a 6-0 run to chip away, then after the Lady Toppers pulled back out by nine – 21-12 – Tech used a 7-0 run to close out the first

quarter, WKU leading 21-19.

There wasn't much headway either way in the second quarter as both teams scored 14 points. In the second, Tech tied the game on a Coleman layup in the paint, then took the lead on a Brady free-throw and again on a Jones 3-pointer off of an offensive board by Guinn. Tech led by as many as five points in the quarter, but WKU retook the lead and held the 35-33 advantage at the intermission.

The Golden Eagles outscored WKU 22-20 in the third, sending the game into the final quarter knotted up at 55-55. In the fourth, Tech outscored the Lady Toppers 13-5, including an 8-0 run as Coleman hit a layup, Clark drained a three, Jones hit a layup and Guinn knocked down the front end of two free throws before WKU scored again with 3:27 remaining.

The late surge proved to hold as the Lady Toppers cut it down to three points twice – on a pair of Abdelgawad free throws with 90 seconds remaining, then a Blevins 3 with 17 ticks left. Late-game fouls were able to support Tech's effort and the Golden Eagles left Diddle Arena with the victory.

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Pickett County High School at Livingston Academy Dec. 16

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Tulahoma High School	21
Elizabethton High School	14

CWD-Positive Deer Found In Weakley County

A deer harvested in Weakley County has tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD), according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The CWD-positive deer changes Weakley County from being a high-risk CWD county to a CWD-positive county.

Deer carcass exportation and wildlife feeding restrictions have been in effect since the county became high-risk due to the proximity of a positive deer in Henry County and remain in effect. There are no changes to hunting regulations at this time. The only change for Weakley County will be the change from high-risk to positive. The location of this positive does not affect the CWD status of any other counties. For more information on rules and regulations visit CWDinTN.com.

"Hunters have a great opportunity to help in the fight against CWD by continuing to hunt and have their harvest tested. Through our Replacement Buck program, positive deer do not count against your bag limit and through the Fight CWD Incentive program, hunters will receive a voucher to cover meat processing fees for their next deer harvest," said Stephanie Durno-Karns, assistant chief, game species program.

The positive deer was harvested between Dresden and the Henry County line. Weakley County had been classified as a high-risk county since early September when a deer was confirmed CWD-positive in Henry County near the border of Henry and Weakley counties.

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission instituted deer carcass transportation and wildlife feeding restrictions to positive and high-risk counties to best manage CWD in the state. Supplemental feeding of wildlife is banned in high-risk and positive counties, therefore placement of grains, salt products, and other consumable products for wildlife is prohibited. The ban does not apply to feed placed within 100 feet of a residence, feed placed in a manner not accessible to deer, or feed and minerals as the result of normal agricultural practices. Food plots are still legal in affected counties.

MIKE LEHMAN
TTU Sports Information

A defensive struggle between the Tennessee Tech and Evansville Davidson calmly converted the try to make it a four-point game. Playing tenacious defense on the ensuing inbounds play, the Golden Eagles forced a turnover by the Purple Aces and took advantage of the new possession.

Neither side led the contest by more than eight at any point during the day, with Evansville taking the largest advantage of the game with 5:32 left to play at 46-38. Both sides traded blows over the next three minutes, but the purple and gold finally looked to break through as the clock began to wind down.

Trailing by seven with 2:14 on the clock, returning junior guard Jr. Clay cut into the paint and dropped in a floater to trim the deficit to five. Evansville was called for flopping for the second time in the contest, resulting in

a technical free throw for Tech.

Returning sophomore guard Keishawn Davidson calmly converted the try to make it a four-point game. Playing tenacious defense on the ensuing inbounds play, the Golden Eagles forced a turnover by the Purple Aces and took advantage of the new possession.

Clay found Davidson open from deep, and the Murfreesboro, Tenn. native buried the triple, bringing Tech to within a point. Evansville hit a dagger on the following turn with the ball, answering a make from downtown that propelled the home squad back to a four-point lead.

"It was a hard-fought battle in both halves," Tech head coach John Pelphrey said. "Once again, we put ourselves in the position to compete for a win under four minutes. We made

some big plays there to cut the lead to the one, both defensively and offensively. We had a little bit of a breakdown there with our rotations and gave up a three. We just need a little more leadership, a little more fundamentals, and maybe two more stops in each half."

Both sides struggle to convert throughout the contest, with Tech being held to 37.0 percent from the floor and 33.3 percent from 3-point range on the day. Evansville converted slightly better, shooting 42.3 percent from the field, but just 27.6 percent from distance. The Golden Eagles made 15 turnovers while the Purple Aces turned in 11.

"Once again, I thought offensively we moved the ball and got to some good places," Pelphrey explained. "We just weren't able to finish, so we'll have to look at that a little

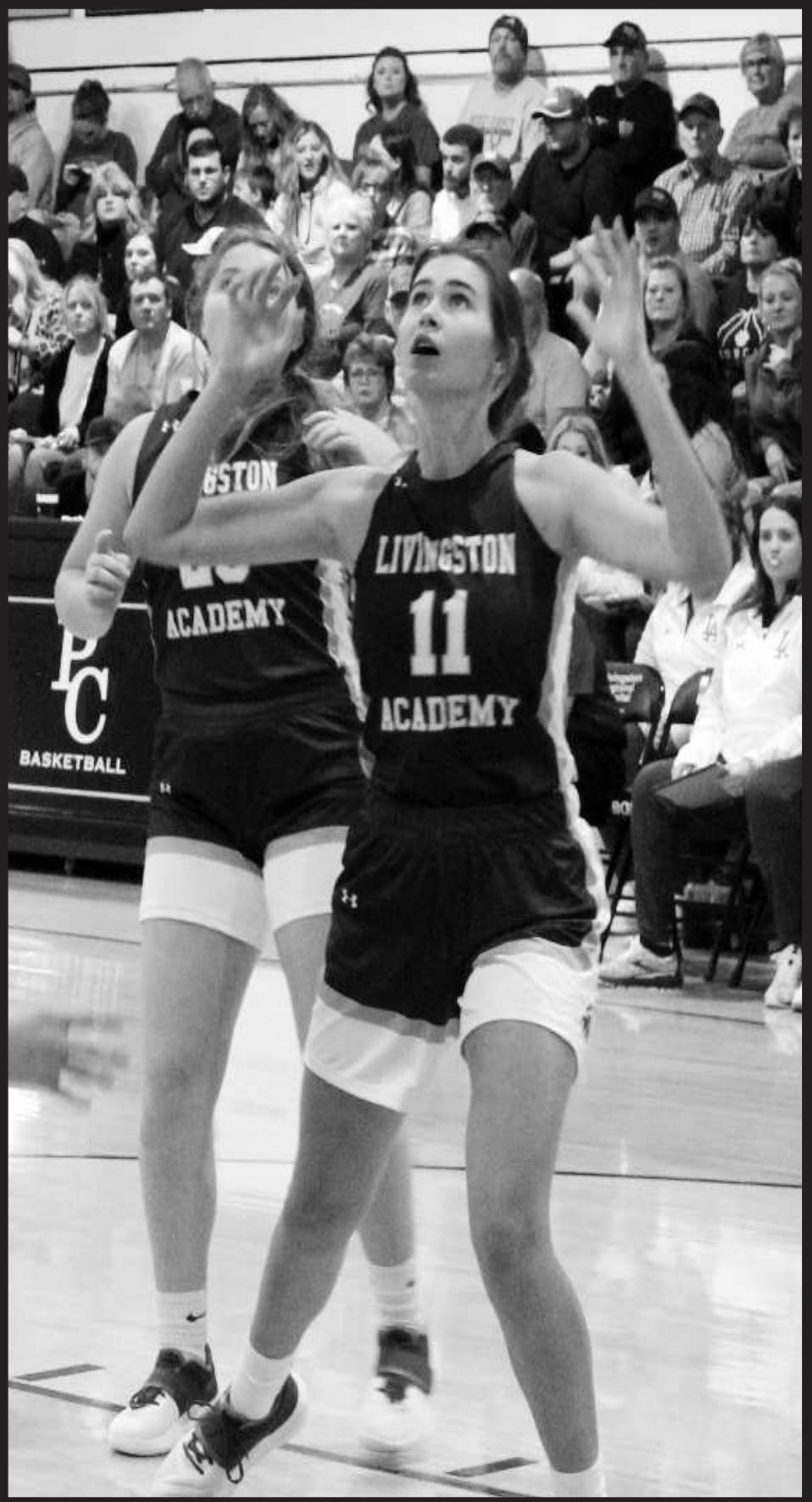
bit. We need to have a little more concentration, especially being around the basket."

Clay led the purple and gold with 15 points and three assists in the contest. Graduate transfer John Pettway added 10 points on 5-for-7 shooting off the bench. Amadou Sylla hauled in a game-high nine rebounds while Diante Wood and Shandon Goldman each chipped in seven boards.

"We're going to keep at it and stick with the process," Pelphrey expressed "This is part of building a program and building a team. This has been a tough schedule and we were able to come on the road, in a tough spot, and give ourselves a chance."

Tech will head to Cullowhee, N.C. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 for a road tilt with Western Carolina for its next match-up. The two squads will tip at 6:00 p.m. CT.

Go Wildcats!



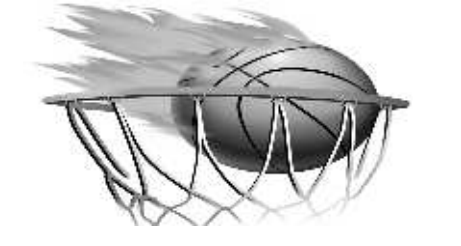
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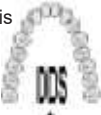
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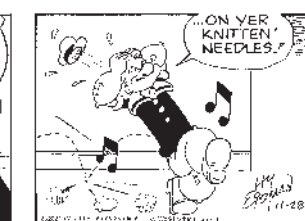
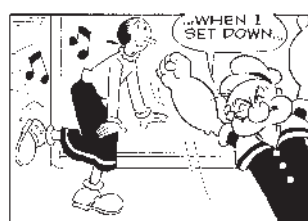
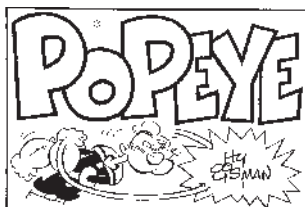
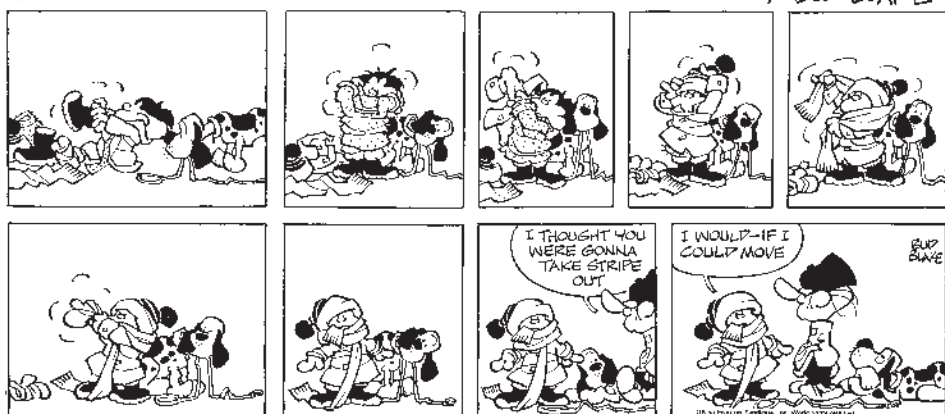
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ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Dig deep into matters of the heart this week, Aries. Explore ways to nurture a relationship or push it to the next level. Don't hold back on love.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
You may rediscover your love for a good book this week, Taurus. Ask others what they're into and peruse the best-sellers lists for even more inspiration.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you often trust your instincts regarding money, but this week you'll be even more in tune with your finances. Your income could increase soon.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, some shake-ups at work could be on the horizon. Right now there's no telling what will happen, but preparation can ensure you're ready for whatever comes your way.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you have been thinking about changing jobs or taking up a new profession, now is the time to lay that groundwork. A new opportunity could surprise you.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, radical changes to your life are just around the corner. A big move or career change will shake things up for you and anyone in your household.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Someone connected to your job may be doing things you don't agree with, Libra. It's a sticky situation that requires patience, finesse and caution.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, channel much of your energy this into making solid partnerships this week. This way you can call on your network whenever you need advice or a helping

hand.
SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, research opportunities for a new business opportunity or promotion at your current place of employment. Now is a great time to take the next step in your career.

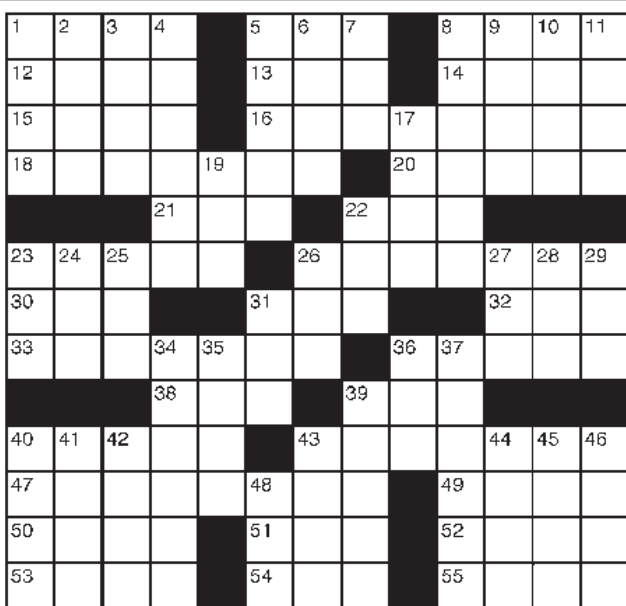
CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, a midweek burst of energy makes a project you have been working on suddenly seem like a piece of cake. Enjoy the fruits your labors.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Repairs around the house may be on your mind, Aquarius. Once you tackle these issues, you can focus on more recreational tasks. Enjoy the well-deserved R&R.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, creative project could take up much of your time this week. You'll be so caught up that the real world may pass you by for a bit.

CROSSWORD

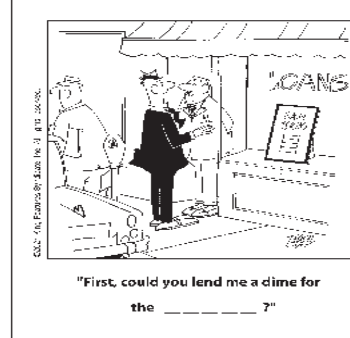
- ACROSS**
- 1 Alum
 - 5 Spell-off
 - 8 Pit
 - 12 Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
 - 13 Approves
 - 14 Satan's forte
 - 15 Leading man?
 - 16 Landlocked Mideast territory
 - 18 Disney's Ariel, for one
 - 20 Van Gogh venue
 - 21 CBS logo
 - 22 Mimic
 - 23 Wedding VIP
 - 26 "I'm No Angel" actress
 - 30 '60s chic
 - 31 Green shade
 - 32 Cattle call
 - 33 "The Great Gatsby" setting
 - 36 Self-reproach
 - 38 Stop -- dime
 - 39 "... voyage!"
 - 40 Skater Ohno
 - 43 Within earshot
 - 47 Oater setting
 - 49 Author Bellow
 - 50 Within (Pref.)



- DOWN**
- 1 Glitz partner
 - 2 Carousel, for one
 - 3 Winged
 - 4 Darkened
 - 5 "Let's Dance" singer
 - 6 Scratched (out)
 - 7 Curved letter
 - 8 Semitic language
 - 9 Cameo shape
 - 10 Queue
 - 11 BPOE members
 - 17 Carton sealer
 - 19 Nay undoer
 - 22 Motorist's org.
 - 23 Upscale auto
 - 24 Shad product
 - 25 Egos' counterparts
 - 26 Jo's sister
 - 27 Brit. record label
 - 28 Fa follower
 - 29 Youngster
 - 31 Links org.
 - 34 Ratted out
 - 35 Sufficient, old-style
 - 36 Deity
 - 37 Gender-neutral
 - 39 Montana city
 - 40 Dazzles
 - 41 Freshener scent
 - 42 Shoppe description
 - 43 Unrepaired
 - 44 Lip soother
 - 45 Garage job
 - 46 Panache
 - 48 Conceit

STICKELERS

- Can you match these authors with their well-known books?
- 1. "The Scarlet Letter" a. Jack London
 - 2. "The Call of the Wild" b. Jonathan Swift
 - 3. "Heart of Darkness" c. Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - 4. "Gulliver's Travels" d. Jane Austen
 - 5. "Pride and Prejudice" e. Joseph Conrad



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

Head	GRADER		
Blend	LEMING		
Pad	BATTLE		
Corrected	TREES		

TODAY'S WORD

Even Exchange

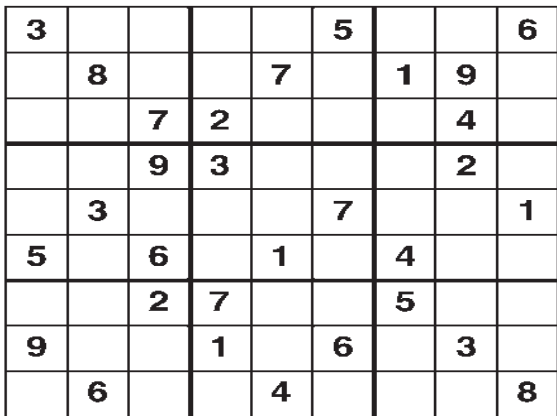
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Wave's high point | S | Sneaked around | P |
| 2. Bower of trees | ___ B ___ | Enthusiasm | ___ D ___ |
| 3. Highly intelligent | ___ I ___ | Muscular | ___ W ___ |
| 4. Screech loudly | C | Small river | T |
| 5. School level | ___ D ___ | Shred, like cheese | ___ T ___ |
| 6. Defeated one | ___ S ___ | Recluse | ___ N ___ |
| 7. General layout | T | Prom dress | L |
| 8. Traveler's inn | ___ O ___ | Mantel piece | ___ E ___ |
| 9. Gold medalist, e.g. | ___ N ___ | Frosty's season | ___ T ___ |
| 10. Be the first to create | N | Buy stocks and bonds | S |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



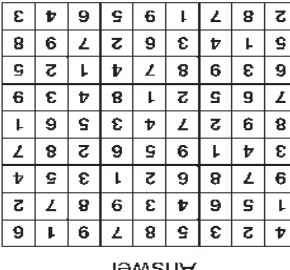
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



- Even Exchange**
- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Horser, Hoofe | 5. Cheese, Cheese |
| 2. Tonic, Tonic | 6. Grand Card |
| 3. Tonic, Tonic | 7. Tonic, Tonic |
| 4. Tonic, Tonic | 8. Tonic, Tonic |
| 9. Tonic, Tonic | 10. Tonic, Tonic |

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SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
VANILLA
1. Flange; 2. Flange; 3. Invest; 4. Detain

Agriculture

Common Fig: Ficus carica

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Tennessee gardeners often consider the common fig, *Ficus carica*, as not well suited to the majority of the state’s growing conditions. While many common figs are indeed best grown in Zones 8 to 10, several cultivars now possess cold hardiness and can be successfully grown in Zones 7, 6 and even 5 when properly sited and managed. The term ‘hardy’ refers not only to the limbs’ increased ability to sustain winter conditions, but more importantly to the roots’ ability to survive cold temperatures.

Ficus carica cultivars ‘Brown Turkey,’ ‘Improved Celeste,’ and ‘Hardy Chicago’ are all touted for improved cold tolerance. In growing seasons following mild winters many cultivars, including those listed here, have the ability to produce two crops. The first crop, grown on previous year’s wood, is referred to as the breba. This crop is usually smaller and less flavorful than the main crop, which matures later in the summer on current year’s growth. In some cases, the breba may be the only crop that has adequate time to develop. In colder zones and exposed sites, it is common for the above ground plant parts to be injured and even killed to the ground by harsh winters, but two qualities in particular give these cold hardy cultivars a leg up. The cold

hardiness of the roots ensures that the plant will survive, and their classification as a short-season producer (90 to 100 days to maturation) means that a crop can be produced on new wood the following season. These qualities provide an obvious advantage in colder climates with shorter growing seasons.

While proper cultivar selection is non-negotiable, proper siting also plays an important role. Placement near a south or southwest facing wall or structure can provide protection from harsh winter wind, give access to high light, and even provide radiant heat. These conditions come together to create an ideal microclimate. Obviously, while not everyone will have this ‘ideal fig paradise’ in his or her landscape, we can still make figs work for you! If no structural protection is feasible, young plants can be caged and surrounded with straw, hay or leaves for added protection from fluctuating cold temperatures. A final option is to grow fig plants in very large containers and move the plants to a more protected area, like a garage, during the winter months.

‘Brown Turkey’ is one of the most common cultivars on the market and it’s reliable. ‘Improved Celeste’ is from the breeding program at Louisiana State University and is often referred to as Sugar Fig because of its sweet flavor. It also has been noted for heat

tolerance. ‘Hardy Chicago’ is likely the most cold tolerant with above-ground portions hardy down to 10 F and roots to 20 degrees below zero.

Contrary to popular belief, the fruits of common fig do not require internal pollination by a specialized wasp. The fruits of *Ficus carica* are parthenocarpic (fruit develops without fertilization) and therefore do not require multiple cultivars to set fruit. As fruits mature, look for three signs of ripeness: color change from green to brown or purple, softened fruit and hanging fruit. Figs are used in a variety of dishes, from sweet desserts to savory meat and cheese combos. For the staff of the UT Gardens, Jackson, a favorite pairing is fresh fig with goat or cream cheese on crackers or toast and drizzled with honey!

Ficus carica collections at UT Gardens, Jackson, include ‘Giant Green Italian,’ ‘Pete’s Honey,’ ‘LSU Purple,’ ‘Violet de Bordeaux,’



Plant Of The Month - Fig trees can flourish in Tennessee climates when the cultivar and planting site are chosen with care. Photo by C. Scott, courtesy UTIA.

Final Pandemic Payments For Timber Harvesters

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will begin issuing final pandemic assistance payments to timber harvesters and timber hauling businesses through the Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers (PATHH) program starting next week. In total, \$200 million will be provided to loggers and log trucking businesses who experienced a gross revenue loss of at least 10% during the period of Jan. 1 through Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the period of Jan. 1 through Dec. 1, 2019. This support is part of USDA’s broader Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative.

“We know loggers and truckers felt the financial burden of the pandemic,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “This included lack of access to wood processing mills, which caused major disruptions to the logging industry. We made initial payments as we enrolled customers in PATHH and are happy to now finalize payments to provide this much needed assistance.”

“We are grateful for the partnerships with other USDA agencies to recognize the tremendous need and to mobilize quickly to assist loggers and log truckers adversely impacted by the pandemic,” said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. “The American Loggers

Council, Intertribal Timber Council, National Association of State Foresters, and Forest Resources Association were critical to helping us better understand the impacts and tailor a program that best serves these two sectors that are critical to forest management across the country.”

Eligible PATHH applicants must have derived at least 50 percent of total gross revenue from timber harvesting and/or timber hauling. Specifically, eligible activities included cutting timber, transporting timber and/or the processing of wood on-site on the forest land, such as chipping, grinding, converting to biochar or cutting to smaller lengths.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized up to \$200 million for PATHH. FSA issued initial payments up to \$2,000 as applications were approved. Now that signup has ended and FSA has evaluated remaining funds, FSA has started to issue second payments to those applicants whose calculated payment amount was over \$2,000.

Based on the number of actual PATHH applications filed, FSA will be required to lower the payment limitation for PATHH from \$125,000 to \$75,000 and apply a payment factor of 70.5%

across all calculated payments to ensure program outlays do not exceed the available funding. These provisions were previously outlined in the Notice of Funding Availability in the event the revenue loss reported exceeded available funding.

As USDA looks for long-term solutions to build back a better food system, the Department is committed to delivery of financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers and businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19 market disruptions. In addition to the funding USDA is issuing today, the Department has provided a broad range of support to America’s farmers and ranchers as part of its Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative, including:

More than \$19 billion in Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) payments, including a fourfold increase in participation by historically underserved producers since the program reopened in April 2021.

Approximately \$270 million in payments to contract producers of eligible livestock and poultry.

Over \$43 million in assistance for those who had to depopulate livestock and poultry due to insufficient processing access (Pandemic Livestock

‘Hardy Chicago,’ and ‘Celeste.’ At the UT Gardens, Knoxville, you can see ‘Brown Turkey,’ ‘Celeste,’ ‘Panache,’ and an unnamed heirloom from George Washington’s father-in-law’s plantation in Virginia.

I hope that this brief plant profile provides some enlightenment and inspires you to try *Ficus carica* in your own landscape!

The UT Gardens includes plant collections located in Knoxville, Crossville and Jackson. Designated as the official botanical garden for the State of Tennessee, the collections are part of the UT Institute of Agriculture. The Gardens’ mission is to foster appreciation, education and stewardship of plants through garden displays, educational programs and research trials. The Gardens are open during all seasons and free to the public. For more information, see the Gardens website: utia.tennessee.edu/state-botanical-garden.

Cattle Report

Smith County Commission Livestock Weighted Average Report for 11/19/2021 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
	11/19/2021		
Total Receipts:	526	643	1,011

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

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

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	235	235	165.00	165.00	
7	300	300	150-159.00	156.46	
9	420-445	423	146-154.00	146.94	
1	475	475	146.00	146.00	
26	500-525	519	145-155.00	152.18	
38	570-598	587	136-143.00	140.86	
4	649	649	133.00	133.00	
45	660-698	671	135-142.25	140.47	
13	720-736	729	129-140.00	134.02	
6	770-785	778	131-137.00	133.97	
1	820	820	120.00	120.00	
3	840	840	128.00	128.00	
4	856	856	128.00	128.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	420	420	133.00	133.00	
2	635	635	121-124.00	122.50	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	245	245	133.00	133.00	
7	314	314	141.00	141.00	
23	350-376	369	125-137.00	135.13	
70	450-493	466	128-140.00	134.42	
4	454	454	141.00	141.00	
53	524-532	527	125-133.00	129.83	
80	559-592	583	126.50-133.00	128.93	
13	624-633	627	120-129.00	126.20	
10	615	615	131.00	131.00	
35	650-686	666	115-127.00	125.02	
4	730-740	733	115.00	115.00	
7	716	716	124.00	124.00	
1	760	760	115.00	115.00	
12	795	795	122.50	122.50	
3	862	862	105.00	105.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	605-610	607	115.00	115.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
17	375-378	376	145-156.00	153.40	
36	458-473	461	140-149.00	146.95	
42	513-525	524	134-146.50	145.92	
28	576-590	579	129-137.00	135.25	
28	655-665	663	127-130.50	129.88	
23	753-764	763	106-112.00	111.23	
6	863	863	91.00	91.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
8	443	443	133.00	133.00	
2	470	470	125.00	125.00	
7	500-510	501	120.00	120.00	
10	561-563	561	113-114.00	113.80	
6	650-680	660	108-113.00	111.28	

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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:
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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

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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.

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



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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.

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Once logging onto the site, one can see photos and descriptions as well as the timeline of the individual items to be sold. It will also explain how to set up an appointment for inspection of the items. These items for sale will be listed for bidding beginning on December 10th and will run thru the next 30 to 45 days depending on the item.

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16 OZ.

WISCONSIN CHEESE PARTY SLICES

599

16 OZ.

QUALITY PRODUCE AT GREAT PRICES

BEST CHOICE RUSSET

POTATOES

299

10 LBS.

WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY HONEY CRISP APPLES

179

LB.

CRISP BROCCOLI CROWNS

249

LB.

LARGE SWEET CANTALOUPE

2/5

ROMA TOMATOES

199

FAMILY PACK - LB.

FRESH RED CHERRIES

699

LB.

FRESH SEEDLESS GRAPES

169

LB.

FRESH SWEET

STRAWBERRIES

2/\$5

1 LB.

FRESH SLICING CUCUMBERS

69¢

EACH

FROZEN FAVORITES

TONY'S

PIZZA

12"

199

SARA LEE PIES

499

34 OZ.

PEPPERIDGE FARM BREAD

299

6-8 CT.

BREYERS ICE CREAM

2/7

48 OZ.

BIRDS EYE VEGETABLES

99¢

10-14 OZ.

FURLANI'S FROZEN BREAD

179

4-6 CT. / 10 OZ.

HUNGRY MAN ENTREES

2/7

15-16 OZ.

TOTINO'S PIZZA ROLLS

699

48 OZ.

PICTSWEEET ROASTING VEGETABLES

2/6

11-20 OZ.

WILD MIKE'S PIZZA

499

36-38 OZ.

BAGEL BITES

2/4

7 OZ.

MARY B'S BISCUITS OR OPEN KETTLE DUMPLINGS

299

8-24 CT.

DELI / BAKERY

JOHN MORRELL CHOPPED

HAM

SLICED THE WAY YOU WANT!

299

LB.

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FIELD MEAT BOLOGNA

229

LB.

KRETSCHMAR TURKEY BREAST

549

LB.

KRETSCHMAR GOUDA CHEESE

599

LB.

KRETSCHMAR HAVARTI CHEESE

599

LB.

PAULY'S HOT PEPPER CHEESE

399

LB.

KING'S

HAWAIIAN ROLLS

12 CT.

299

JJ'S

PIES

4 OZ.

59¢

EACH