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## Federal Aid Granted For Nine Tennessee Counties

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced that President Joe Biden has granted an emergency declaration and will make federal assistance available to nine counties impacted in the state's tornado outbreak on Dec. 10, and Dec. 11.

The emergency declaration makes Cheatham, Decatur, Dickson, Dyer, Gibson, Lake, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley counties eligible for federal funding reimbursement for emergency measures taken in response to the disaster.

The declaration further directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide direct operational assistance, if necessary, to the declared counties.

In its response to Gov. Lee's granting the declaration, FEMA indicated additional designations for assistance may be made available on further evaluation.

Gov. Lee also requested FEMA assistance for debris removal in the declared counties and said the state would seek a Major Disaster Declaration for qualifying jurisdictions, after local officials are able to complete a thorough assessment of storm damage.

Tennessee experienced two lines of severe weather beginning Friday evening and into Saturday morning as a mass of warm, unstable air moved across the state. The storms produced at least seven tornadoes across west and middle Tennessee, claimed four lives in the state, and left more than 150,000 people without power at the severe weather's peak.

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency has made a recovery web page available in an effort to help storm survivors find resources and support.

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BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

"I don't know how I made it back with this," Carl Masters of Hilham said as he pulled the small card out of its envelope.

Masters served in an Anti-aircraft battery with the U.S. Army from May 1951 until April 1953. He primarily served in Suffolk, England helping guard Lakenheath Air Force Station during the Cold War.

"This is the menu we had in Christmas of '52," Masters said. "We ate from a mess kit over there. We lived out in the field and we didn't have a mess hall. We had a tent that was the mess hall."

On the menu that Christmas Day: olives, celery sticks, sweet pickles, spiced tomato juice cocktail, roast turkey with celery dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, buttered green beans, tomato salad with Thousand Is-



**Christmas Dinner** – This card lists the menu for the Christmas dinner at Lakenheath Air Force Station in 1952. Carl Masters said he is surprised the card made it home from England. The dinner was served in a mess kit and was eaten in the field.

land dressing, ice cream, fruit cake, hot mince meat pie, Parker House rolls, butter, coffee, tangerines,

salted nuts, and assorted candy.

Masters said enjoying the holiday meal in the field was just part of the hard life serving at the base.

"When I first got there, we slept in an underground bunker," Masters said with a laugh. "Then we graduated to a tent, and we were just flying."

"After they put us in tents, the chow truck would come around, pick us up, and haul us to the mess hall," Masters said. "It was sandy there on that base, and when the wind would blow, it would blow sand through the cracks in that tent, and we couldn't eat our food."

Although Lakenheath is a Royal Air Force base in southeast England, to this day it is exclusively staffed by U.S. Personnel, who have had a presence there since 1946.

"The US had it leased and they kept B-52

bombers and jet fighters," Masters said. "We were in a ring around that base guarding it with the guns."

Masters said the daily routine was a grind, but he did not mind since he was young.

"We stayed on those guns from daylight to dark," Masters said. "We had to be out there at first light and we left at the last light of day."

Being short on staffing, Masters said the workload was larger than it should be.

"We were always short on men," Masters said. "We were supposed to have 12 men on that gun section and we used eight or nine, and we'd have to pull guard duty three or four times a week, walking around at night guarding those guns. That was awful."

Masters said on those

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# Christmas In The Field

# Stadium Purchases Approved

BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

The Overton County School Board approved two more purchases for the new Livingston Academy Football Stadium.

After last month's approval of stadium bleachers, the board approved \$292,365 for LED lighting for the stadium and \$82,000 for a scoreboard at its monthly meeting Dec. 14.

For both items, the board used a familiar company to expedite the process.

"This is another one we go through Source-

well, which is a state-approved company," Hayes said. "Based on the lead time, we went ahead and worked with this company. We had originally budgeted for \$325,000 for lighting. Shockingly, it came in at \$292,000, which is much better. This is with a 14 color, different multicolor options, so if they want to do different colors."

Minnesota-based Sourcewell is a cooperative purchasing vendor. By using Sourcewell, the board can circumvent a potentially lengthy bidding process. Cooper

Lighting Solutions will provide the lighting for the stadium.

The scoreboard will be provided by Nevco through Sourcewell.

However, the board decided it wants to explore the possibility of having a LED video scoreboard. Board Member William

Abston said he met a vender at a recent meeting and was interested in the different options available with a video board.

"I would like to see us go with the video board," Abston said. "We can tie that in with our STEM. We can have communication class out there doing dif-

ferent things on the field during ball games. We can do tons of different things and events that all the kids can participate in by using a video scoreboard instead of just a plain one like we have."

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## Award Winners Announced



**Holiday Awards** - The Envision Livingston Beautification Award Holiday Edition winners for 2021 have been announced. The business winner (above) is Southern Belle Boutique at 201A N Church Street with owners Diane Copeland and Rebecca Gunnels. The residential winner (below) is the home of Debbie and David Gunnels (he is not in the photo) at 550 Ironwood Avenue.



## Barlow Announces Candidacy

Shane Barlow has informed the Livingston Enterprise that he is a candidate for election to the office of Overton County Sheriff.

Hello everyone, I am Shane Barlow from Hilham, Tenn.

I am asking for your vote and support in the upcoming Republican Primary May 3, 2022 and your continued support and vote Aug. 4, 2022 General Election for Overton County Sheriff.

I grew up and was raised in Overton County and take pride in calling Overton County my home.

I reside in Hilham with my wife Crystal Hayes Barlow in the same house my grandparents Leonard and Ova Barlow built over 45 years ago.



I have many ideas and visions on where I would like to see the Sheriff's Department go.

One of the many things I would like to change is the number of Deputies on the road and cut down on response time for calls. I know firsthand having worked as a past Deputy and Sergeant of Overton County with only myself and one other Deputy on duty to cover the entire

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# Unemployment At Pre-Pandemic Levels

BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

The state unemployment rate has dropped to the lowest level it was before the COVID Pandemic began in March 2020.

According to the latest data in from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the unemployment rate in November was 4-percent. The new seasonally adjusted rate is down 0.2 of a percentage point from October and it matches that March 2020 rate.

In a statement, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee placed the economic growth on the efforts of the entire population

“Thanks to the hard work and resilience of Tennesseans, our state’s strong economic recovery has accelerated back to pre-pandemic levels for unem-

ployment and GDP,” said Gov. Lee. “This significant milestone is a testament to our fiscally responsible approach and commitment to meaningful work. While we continue strengthening our workforce, Tennessee families and businesses will enter the New Year in a new, hopeful chapter for our state’s economy.”

According to Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, shoppers returning to stores and spending money have fueled the economic growth. The state’s inflation-adjusted gross domestic product grew 5.6 percent in 2021 and is projected to continue growing in 2022 at 4.2 percent.

“The economic recovery has been incredibly strong so far, and the Tennessee economy seems to be on solid footing,” said Larry Kessler, research associate professor in the Boyd Center and proj-

ect director for the 2022 Economic Report to the Governor of the State of Tennessee. “Real GDP has already recovered to pre-pandemic levels due to a strong surge in consumer spending. Employment in the state has been a little slower to recover, but we expect job levels to recover by the first half of 2022.”

Tennessee experienced its highest unemployment ever in April 2020 when the rate spiked to a historic 15.8-percent.

Unemployment also dropped nationwide in November. The seasonally adjusted rate for the month came in at 4.2-percent, down 0.4 of a percentage point from October’s rate. One year ago, the national rate was 2.5 percentage points higher.

The state will release the latest county unemployment rates on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

## Lefevre Named Station Manager For WCTE

WCTE PBS has announced Craig LeFevre as the new Station Manager.

LeFevre has been an employee of WCTE PBS for 17 years working in various engineering roles. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the role of Station Manager including the extensive station infrastructure understanding, FCC compliance experience, and technical grant writing.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and an MBA in Management Information Systems, both from Tennessee Technological University, and he completed the Alabama Broadcast Association Engineering Academy.

Having served as Director of Technical Op-



Craig LeFevre

erations for WCTE since 2016, LeFevre will be working closely with the station’s leadership team in implementing the new three-year strategic plan, while also being responsible for guiding the station’s content and services, business and compliance issues, financial matters, profitability, and sustaining and building strategic alliances and partnerships.

LeFevre’s new role

will support the station’s President and CEO while fostering a culture that inspires excellence, diversity, equal opportunity, and a welcoming work environment.

“It’s exciting to have an internal candidate with so much experience step into this role who has the enthusiasm needed to lead our teams into the next phase of WCTE’s growth,” said Avery Hutchins, President and CEO. “With projects like ATSC3.0 (NextGen TV), and the Datacasting Pilot on the horizon, we are experiencing the many advances of broadcast television very quickly, and Craig is just the person that can lead the station through these very technical and new advances. I couldn’t

be happier with how our station teams are coming together, and the depth and breadth of new talent on our staff is pushing WCTE PBS’ mission forward in new and exciting ways.”

WCTE Central TN PBS has served the Upper Cumberland 40+ years as the region’s premier storyteller and is the only television station in a 75-mile radius of Cookeville, TN., making it a strategic partner in education, health services, government, arts and music. WCTE is a 501(c) 3, and is owned and operated by the Upper Cumberland Broadcast Council. WCTE Central TN PBS is one of only 350 PBS member stations nationwide.

## Gas Prices Keep Dropping

Tennessee gas prices are still falling as 2.5 million Tennesseans prepare to set out on a holiday road trip. Tennessee Gas Price average declined three cents last week. Drivers are now paying an average price of \$3.00 a gallon for gasoline, which is 17 cents less than the 2021 high – set back in October.

“Holiday travelers are getting the gift of falling prices at the pump, though these prices surely aren’t falling as fast as many would like,” said Stephanie Milani, Tennessee Public Affairs Director, AAA - The Auto Club Group. “Travelers are poised to pay about a dollar per gallon more than they did last year. Even still, after many decided to stay home and play it safe in 2020, it appears that higher gas prices will not be a big deterrent. AAA forecasts a strong 28% rebound in road trips compared to last year.”

Quick Facts:

62% of Tennessee gas stations have prices below \$3.00

The lowest 10% of pump prices are \$2.73 for

regular unleaded

The highest 10% of pump prices are \$3.35 for regular unleaded

Pump prices fell again last week as crude oil prices wobbled—neither rising steadily nor falling rapidly. The national average for a gallon of gas dipped three cents to \$3.30.

Today’s national average of \$3.30 is 11 cents less than a month ago and \$1.09 more than a year ago.

Crude prices are falling due to growing market concerns that the omicron variant of COVID-19 will lead to a decrease in fuel demand as governments around the globe consider measures to curb transmission rates. If sustained, these lower oil prices will reduce the cost of producing gasoline – thus further reducing prices at the pump.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad, and Android. The app can also map a route, find discounts, book a hotel, and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

## Labor Dept. Helping With Compliance

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced that its Wage and Hour Division will present virtual compliance seminars for contracting agencies, contractors, unions, workers and other stakeholders to provide information on Executive Order 14026, “Increasing the Minimum Wage for Federal Contractors.” The Federal Contract Minimum Wage Executive Order applies across the country and its territories and does the following:

Increases the hourly minimum wage for workers performing work on or in connection with covered federal contracts to \$15 beginning Jan. 30, 2022.

Continues to index the federal contract minimum wage in future years to inflation.

Eliminates the tipped minimum wage for federal contract employees by 2024.

Ensures a \$15 minimum wage for workers with disabilities performing work on, or in connection with, covered contracts.

Restores minimum wage protections to out-fitters and guides operating on federal lands.

The training is the latest in the division’s ongoing efforts to increase awareness and improve compliance with federal prevailing wage requirements among employers performing work on federal construction or service contracts. The seminar will include video training on the order’s requirements that participants may view



at their convenience followed by an interactive webinar with a live Q&A session. Alternatively, the division will offer this interactive webinar on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27, 2022, and participants may register for either date.

“The Federal Contract Minimum Wage Executive Order is good for the economy and makes progress towards reversing decades of income inequality,” said Acting Wage and Hour Administrator Jessica Looman. “This rule increases federal contracting efficiency through a boost in worker productivity, reduces turnover and absenteeism, and decreases training and supervisory costs. The increased earnings growth resulting from this Executive Order will help essential federal contract workers now and in the future.

Seminar attendance is free.

For more information on Executive Order 14026, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, and other federal wage laws related to government contracts administered by the division, please call the department’s toll-free helpline at 1-866-4US-WAGE (487-9243) or visit the Wage and Hour Division.

## Market Recap



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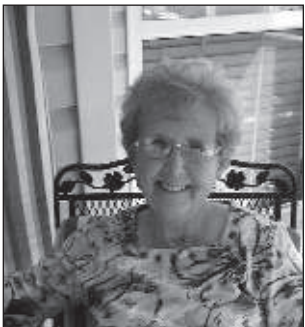
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# Obituaries

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**Grace Garner**

Grace Lee Garner, 82 of Chattanooga, passed away Dec. 18. Funeral services will be held Dec. 22 in the chapel of Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Owens officiating. Interment will be Dec. 27 at Duggan-Smith Cemetery in Livingston.

She was a kindhearted person. She made homemade cookies for the homeless and would take people

in need into her home. She was an avid churchgoer and a master quilter, winning first place and several awards at quilt shows.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Ottis and Callie Lee; husband, Robert "Bob" L. Garner Jr.; sister, Frances Polly Franklin; and brother, Bobby Jean Lee.

Surviving relatives include: daughter, Melinda Clark; son, Robert LeBron Garner; sisters, Claudine Lee and Thelma Dearing; brothers, Keith Lee and Jerry Lee; grandchildren, Lydia (Brian) Richard and Linda Simmons; great grandchildren, Dylan and Bo Richard; and several nieces and nephews.

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



**Harley James (Jim) Sells**

Harley James (Jim) Sells, 87, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 15 at his residence. Funeral services were held Dec. 18 from the chapel of the Hall Funeral Home of Livingston with Bro. Jonathan Ledbetter officiating. Interment followed in the Sells Cemetery in Monroe.

He was born July 7, 1934 in Livingston. He was a general construction worker for many years working with W & O Construction Company and Webb Electric. He proudly served his country in the Army and National Guard. He was a member of Free Communion Church of Christ but

most recently Livingston Church of Christ. He was an avid sports fan, had a passion for gardening and loved to load up his friends and family with produce each summer.

He was preceded in death by: parents, R.M. and Willette (Bowers) Sells; wife, Bobbie Sell; and siblings, Fred Sells, Ethel Holman and an infant brother.

Surviving relatives include: sons, James D. Sells and Joyce and Mark Sells and wife, Tammie; grandchildren, Lindsey Loftis and Graham Sells; great grandchildren, Judah Loftis, Matilda Sells and Lorelai Sells; and a host of other family and friends.

Pallbearers were James Sells, Mark Sells, Graham Sells, Jonathan Loftis, Danny Sells and Danny Langford. Honorary pallbearers were Louis Oakley, John Umbarger, Riley Johnson and Rick Maynord.

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

**Steven Charles Robbins**

Steven Charles Robbins, 50, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 16 from Livingston Regional Hospital. There are no services scheduled at this time.

He was born Nov. 9, 1971 in New York. He loved remodeling homes and ATV and dirt bike racing. He was always a hard worker.

He was preceded in

death by: parents, Charles Edward and Jill Carol Robbins.

Surviving relatives include: uncles, Jessie Robbins of Allons and Carl Robbins and wife, Judy of Lebanon; several cousins; half sisters, Trista Land and Jessica Robbins of GA; and half brother, Brady Robbins of GA.

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

**Charlie Dale Reagan**

Charlie Dale Reagan, 65, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 18. Funeral services were held Dec. 21 from the chapel of Livingston Funeral Home with Bro. Timmy Ray officiating. Interment followed in the Franklin Cemetery.

He was born Sept. 19, 1956 in Livingston. He worked construction and carpentry most of his adult life. He was Baptist in faith, had a great sense of humor and loved making people laugh. He was known for his woodworking and making the best garden in the neighborhood.

He was preceded in

death by: parents, James Carlie and Ethel Johnson Reagan; wife, Donna Kay Franklin Reagan; and sisters, Rose Copeland and Betty Speck.

Surviving relatives include: sons, Shawn Reagan and ex wife, Amy of Livingston and Brian Reagan and wife, Courtney of Livingston; and grandchildren, Becky, Ashley, Conner and Briley Reagan.

Pallbearers were Shawn Reagan, Brian Reagan, Conner Reagan, Ralph Brown, Chris McCormick and Jamarley Parrigin.

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

**Linda J. Smith**

Linda J. Smith, 73, of Hilham, passed away Dec. 18 at her home. Funeral services will be held Dec. 22 from the chapel of Livingston Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Phillips officiating. Interment will follow in the Maxwell Chapel Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 27, 1948. She retired from Parker Seals, enjoyed talking on the phone to family and friend, loved going to Pigeon Forge and spending time with family.

She was preceded in

death by: parents, Huel and Pauline Langford Hawkins; brother, Douglas Hawkins; grandson, Matthew Peek; and son in law, Victor Hill.

Surviving relatives include: companion, Brian Schmidt; daughters, Tammy (Mike) Wallace and Tonya Hill; grandkids, Brittany Peek, Hailey Smith and Lane Hill; great grandkid, Gunner Smith; sister, Kaye Hawkins; brother, Lawrence Hawkins; and several nieces and nephews.

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



**Melissa Coffman**

Melissa Coffman, 56, of Rickman, passed away Dec. 16 at Saint Thomas West in Nashville. Funeral services were held Dec. 19 from the chapel of the Hall Funeral Home of Livingston with Bro. Eric Fox and Bro. Bobby Roberts officiating. Interment followed in the Monroe Cemetery.

She was born May 14, 1965 in Livingston. She was a member of the Rickman First Freewill Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife to her husband, a loving mother to her son and her stepchildren.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Andrew "Spud" and Faye (Smith) Parsons; and brother, Ron-

ald David Parsons.

Surviving relatives include: husband, Jeff Coffman; son, Jacob Parsons and wife, Tara; step son, Jeffrey Coffman; step daughter, Ashley Coffman; grandchildren, Brock Parsons, Myles Parsons, Maddox Bilbrey and Hallie Parsons; brothers, Greg Parsons and wife, Barbara and Scott Parsons and girlfriend, Melissa Hibbard; nephews, James Parsons and wife, Marcie, Josh Parsons and wife, Haley, Thomas Parsons and wife, Katelyn, Ridge Parsons and wife, Isabeau and Kason Parsons; nieces, Esparanza Woody and husband, Will, Jodi Parsons and Alyssa Goff; and a host of great nieces and nephews, along with a host of other family and friends.

Pallbearers were James Parsons, Heath Parsons, Josh Beaty, Thomas Parsons, Ridge Parson, Jeffrey Coffman and Kason Parsons.

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

**Robbie Dean Prichard**

Robbie Dean Prichard, 95, of Rutherford County, passed away Dec. 14 from St. Thomas West in Nashville. Services will be conducted at a later date.

She was born Oct. 30, 1926 in Pickett County. She loved cooking, sewing and reading. She always enjoyed flower arranging and cake decorating.

She was preceded in death by: parents, William McKinley and Ada Taylor Johnson; husband, Lester Prichard; brothers, Welmer Johnson, Bennie Johnson and Ed Johnson; sister, Janice Hutchinson; sister in law, LV Johnson; and brothers in law, Charles Franklin and Jerry Wells.

Surviving relatives include: daughters, Burnice Banaszak of Murfreesboro; son, Paul Prichard and wife,

Marie of Milwaukee, WI; grandchildren, Brad Banaszak and wife, Jennifer, Jeff Prichard, Danny Prichard and wife, Kim and Terry Banaszak and wife, Missy; great grandchildren Jacen Prichard, Myliyah Prichard, Isabelle Prichard, Jada Prichard, Landen Prichard, Tim Banaszak, Maia Prichard and Kai Prichard; brother, Aaron Johnson and wife, Reba of Cookeville; sisters Christene Franklin of South Carolina, Aleen Reeder and husband, Duel of Huntsville, AL and Lura Wells of Hermitage; sisters in law, Marilyn Johnson of Livingston and Sandra Johnson of Winchester; brother in law, Tommy Hutchinson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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

**Louise Speck Ruppel**

Louise Speck Ruppel, 70, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 17 from Livingston Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Dec. 21 from the chapel of Speck Funeral Home with Bro. Jason Robertson officiating. Interment followed in the Good Hope Annex.

She was born Jan. 15, 1951 in Livingston. She graduate Livingston Academy in 1968 and was a member of the Livingston First Baptist Church. She enjoyed riding motorcycles and taking care of her many dogs. She enjoyed

life to the fullest, good or bad she made the most of everyday.

She was preceded in death by: parents, A.B. and Hazel Garrett Speck.

Surviving relatives include: aunt, Jewel Richardson Rouljac and husband, Bishop Emmanuel of South Gate, MI; and several close cousins and friends.

Pallbearers were David Langford, Danny Langford, Gary Lee Threat, Cody Langford, Collin Langford and Levi Groce.

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

**Harold C. Cantrell**

Harold C. Cantrell, age 75, passed away Thursday, December 16, 2021, at his home in Oak Ridge. Harold was born, November 11, 1946, to the late Coy and Odene Stout Cantrell. He graduated from Livingston Academy in 1964. On June 6, 1967, he married Rita Franklin and they had one son, Mark Ethan Cantrell, of whom Harold was always so proud. Harold was the handiest man around who could and would fix almost anything. His grandchildren, who he absolutely cherished, always said, "Grandpa can fix ANYTHING!" This skill pro-

vided a lifetime career as a maintenance professional. Harold was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carl and J.E. Cantrell; and sister, Linda Cantrell. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Rita Cantrell; son, Mark Ethan Cantrell; grandchildren, Emily and Garret Cantrell (all of Oak Ridge); and sister, Fay West and husband, James of Livingston, TN. As per Harold's final wishes, no services are planned. An online guestbook is available at [weatherfordmortuary.com](http://weatherfordmortuary.com).

**Weatherford Mortuary** was in charge of arrangements.

## Card Of Thanks

Just a note to say "Thank You" to everyone who called, texted, sent cards and flowers.

"Thank You" for all the kind words spoken and all the prayers for our family during the loss of our Mother. We appreciate every act of kindness shown.

In Christian Love,  
The Family of Wanda Faye Thrasher



**James Ricky Stamps**

James Ricky Stamps, 60, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 13 at Livingston Regional Hospital. Funeral services were Dec. 16, from the chapel of the Hall Funeral Home of Livingston with Bro. Mark Neely officiating. Interment followed in the Good Hope Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 4, 1961 in Livingston. He was a truck driver for the town of Livingston for many years. He was a

member of the Christian Community Church.

He was preceded in death by: father, Luther Stamps.

Surviving relatives include: wife, Jean Stamps; daughter, Sonya Swallows and husband, Jayson; sons, Dewain Upchurch and wife, Rita, Michael Hayes and wife, Kel-lie and Anthony Hayes; mother, Betty Stamps; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchild; sisters, Tina Dixon and husband, Bruce, Rita Daniels and husband, Adam and Rachel Stamps; mother in law, Reba Upchurch; a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends; and a special friend, Annette Norrod.

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

**Inis Alene Reagan Harris**

Inis Alene Reagan Harris, 82, of Livingston, passed away Dec. 15 from the Celina Health and Rehab Center. Funeral services were held Dec. 17 from the chapel of Speck Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Fellowship Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 3, 1939 in Overton County. Baptist in Faith, she enjoyed flowers, going to thrift stores, gospel and country music and having a good time at anything she did. She loved everything about Christmas from decorating her home, to cooking and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by: parents, Elbert and Dollie Collins Reagan; husband, Paul William Harris; daughter, Rita Faye Taylor; granddaughter, Casandra Marie Vaughn; brothers, E.C. Reagan and J.B. "Bunk" Reagan; and sister, O V Kyle.

Surviving relatives

include: daughters, Anita Kay Hill and husband, Ronnie of Chesterfield, IN and Sandra Vaughn and husband, Danny of Allons; sons, Jackie Wayne Taylor and wife, Pam of Chesterfield, IN, Bo Taylor and wife, Pam of Russell Springs, KY and Bobby Taylor and wife, Kim of Livingston; grandchildren, Michelle Danforth, Matthew Taylor, Brittany Pratcher, Kirstie Taylor, Michael Taylor, Ashley Breeding, Brandon Vaughn, Levi Vaughn, Austin Taylor and Aleigha Taylor; 12 great grandchildren; sisters, Ellen Morris and husband, Dennis of Allons, Pearl Vaughn of Allons, Linnie Ray and husband, Leanord of Allons and Maxine Smith of Cookeville, TN.

Pallbearers were Austin Taylor, Brandon Vaughn, Levi Vaughn, Danny Vaughn, Kevin Carmack and Ronnie Hill.

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



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# Somehow, Some Way, May This Be A Christmas Worth Remembering

GLENN MOLLETTE  
special to the *Enterprise*

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren't doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn't really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn't get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all.

Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid's feet during the winter was a common sight.

Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys' bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week.

It was a while before President Johnson's 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don't remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He was out of work for several months and in those days, we didn't have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christmas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in

the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas.

The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal difficulties may have disabled you. Millions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life.

Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America's paychecks like an unchecked malignancy.

The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring difficult travel, taxes to be paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow's trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We never forget their story and their plight, it's truly a Christmas worth remembering.

We are going to remember this Christmas, no doubt. Somehow, someday, with God's help and each other, may this be a Christmas worth remembering.

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## Helping Business Survive

RAUL ARCOS HAWKINS  
special to the *Enterprise*

Small businesses face challenges on a daily basis and the holiday season is no exception.

With the stress that comes with the holiday season, some small business owners become vulnerable to predatory lenders who target them with loans that seem too good to be true. However, small business owners can access many resources to make sure they don't fall victim

to a predatory loan.

As with any loan, research is key. For example, before applying for a loan, the business owner should research current interest rates to get a good sense of what they should expect. If a lender is offering something excessively higher, that's a red flag. Additionally, predatory lenders often promise one type of loan or a certain interest rate, but then give the business owner a different loan or a higher interest

rate. Sometimes, the higher interest rate won't take effect until a few months into the loan.

While tempting, if a lender promises to extend an offer without checking the business owners' credit history, steer clear. Credit checks are used to evaluate the owner's ability to pay off the loan within reasonable terms. A lender who avoids this step may offer a loan the business can't afford and lock them into a cycle of debt.

## Boot-Camp for Veteran-Owned Businesses

### VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Last summer, the Department of Veterans Affairs brought together 80 women veteran business owners for a six-month boot camp hosted by PenFed and the VA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). The goal: teach them how to grow their businesses.

The education they received was like a fast-tracked MBA with hands-on classes in product/market analysis, business development and more. At the end of the six months there was a pitch competition to win a grant for their business.

The Veteran Entrepreneur Investment Program (VEIP), in collaboration with PenFed, has much to offer veterans who already have a business up and running.

To learn more about PenFed, go to [veip.penfedfoundation.org](http://veip.penfedfoundation.org). Read about its various programs, especially the Master's Program start-up fundraising accelerator. Application deadline for the Spring 2022 program is Jan. 30. The eight-week program is part of an intensive one-year Master's Program.


Classes are open to veterans and their spouses who own businesses, and include fundraising coaching, mentor matching and investor deal day.

If you don't qualify for the Master's Program because you don't have the required number of years running your business or because you haven't even started your business, there is other help for you.

The Small Business Administration offers support, grants, low-interest loans and more to veteran owners of small businesses under the "Patriot Express" program. Search the VA website ([va.gov](http://va.gov)) for small business. Look carefully at the eligibility requirements, such as that the business needs to be more than 51% veteran-owned. Look for information at the OSDBU website.

If your location to open a business is flexible, check the VEIP website ([veip.penfedfoundation.org](http://veip.penfedfoundation.org)) for its list of top cities for veteran entrepreneurs. Find out which locations top the list in categories such as growing economy, support for veterans and ability to start a business. Don't miss the list of emerging cities to get ahead of the curve.

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Overton County area.

Drug use and activity is also a big problem and concern of mine. If you haven’t been personally affected by it, you know someone who has. Whether that is someone stealing from you, a family member, or a neighbor. I believe the best way to combat drugs and drug activity is by dedicating

“Stadium”  
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Board Member Gilpatrick said some of the costs of the scoreboard could be deferred through sponsorships. Hayes also pointed out that with a video board, more sponsorships could be obtained in the future.

“If we go with the video option, we can just

a drug team that uses surveillance, neighborhood tips, search warrants and other methods to bring those guilty of such criminal activity down.

When kids can’t play outside because there is a house on their street that has and keeps an unusual amount of traffic frequently at all hours of the day and night, it’s time for a change.

I plan to start a pro-

add that on there,” Hayes said. “We’ve put \$300,000 contingency money for the project, anyway, when we bid that out.”

The board will also include two play clocks, a wireless microphone, and built in sound system.

“They told us there’s going to be no problem hearing at the other end,”

gram to educate young persuasive minds on the dangers and consequences of their actions from drug use and other criminal activity altogether so that they know they have other alternatives and help.

When drugs are being discovered in our elementary schools it’s past time we took a stand and changed directions.

I also plan to put into place more training for

Hayes said. “You’ll probably hear it three streets over.”

Hayes said he was pleased with how lighting and scoreboard purchase has played out.

“When you look at lighting and scoreboard combined,” Hayes said. “We saved \$33,000 on lighting and overspent

not only the Deputies but the Corrections Officers, as well. I believe you are only as good as your training and education you receive.

Early voting starts April 13 and I would be honored to have the opportunity to become your Sheriff. Together we can make Overton County safe again.

That you very much for your vote and support.

\$2,000 (on the scoreboard), we’re still \$31,000 to the good when you look at the whole project.”

Hayes said the board can go back to Nevco and quote a price on the video board and if the board decides to pursue the option, that cost could just be added to the funds already approved.

# Sheriff Warns Of Scams

JOHN GARRETT  
Overton County Sheriff

The Overton County Sheriff’s Office has been made aware of scams involving financial institutions in Tennessee.

The scam involves a text or e-mail message that informs the victim that there may be irregular charges to their bank account. When the victim replies “no” to the message, it sets up a Samsung pay account and the scammer is able to get money from the victim’s bank account.

Also, there are scams that involve emails or calls telling people that someone had purchased something they didn’t authorize or that they are owed a refund. Then, they have you call a spoofed number and they ask you to log into your financial account information and ask for permission to remote access into your computer. Legitimate companies already have you account information and would already have your financial information if you purchased something from them.

Please be aware of these types of scams and DO NOT reply to these messages. Please contact your financial institution or business contact by phone or in person to assure yourself that the message is or is not a scam.

It is the Overotn County Sheriff’s Office wish that everyone has a Merry Christmas without being caught by a scam. Please protect your personal information this holiday season.

# Celina Approves Raises For EMS, Elected Officials

BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

EMS workers in Clay County are close to receiving a pay increase after the Celina’s Board of Aldermen approved an increase at last week’s meeting.

The Clay County EMS committee has already approved the \$1 an hour pay raise. The measure still has to pass a final approval from the Clay County Commission.

According to City Recorder Jeannie Lee, the pay increase will cost the county around \$4,300 each month.

While the EMS situation has been described as “critical”, the crisis has been alleviated with some new hires, previous employees returning, and the state loosening rules allowing EMT students work.

In addition to the raise for EMS workers, the board approved increasing pay for Aldermen and the Mayor beginning with the next term beginning in 2025.

Compensation for Alderman will increase from the current rate of \$50 monthly to \$300 per meeting.

As for the Mayor’s pay, the changes would increase it to be equal to two-thirds of the county mayor’s salary, which would be around \$32,000.

Celina Mayor Luke Collins said the new pay structure would be similar to other counties in the area, including Pickett and Overton counties.

# National Guard Celebrates Birthday

Soldiers and Airmen with the Tennessee National Guard gathered at Smyrna’s Volunteer Training Site on Dec. 13 to celebrate and honor the 385th birthday of the National Guard in a way that only the country music capitol of the world can.

Columbia Nashville Recording Artist Kameron Marlowe performed for more than 300 Tennessee Guardsman during a birthday celebration and cake cutting ceremony to honor the long and storied history of the Guard; America’s oldest military branch.

“385 years ago today, citizens of the Massachusetts Bay Colony came together and raised America’s first regiments for the common defense of the colony,” said Maj. Gen. Jeff Holmes, Tennessee’s Adjutant General. “They were the first Citizen-Soldiers who were willing to sacrifice their lives at a moment’s



**Happy Birthday** - Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth Simmons, Spc. Dakota Richardson, Master Sgt. Anderson Young, Maj. Gen. Jeff Holmes, and Columbia Nashville Recording Artist Kameron Marlowe use a ceremonial saber to cut a cake celebrating the National Guard’s 385th birthday at Smyrna’s Volunteer Training Site, Dec. 13. (Photo by retired Sgt. 1st Class Edgar Castro)

notice. Their legacy continues with the men and women who are on the front lines today, serving around the globe and at home, protecting us from foreign threats, natural disasters, and helping those in need.”

During the ceremony, Marlowe played his new single “Giving You

Airlift Wing to join him for the ceremonial cake cutting. It is customary for the oldest and youngest service member in attendance to cut the cake with a ceremonial saber. Young, the senior Guardsman in attendance, represented the Guard’s past, while Richardson, the most junior Guardsman in attendance, represented the Guard’s future.

“It was an honor to participate in the ceremony,” said Richardson. “I’m proud to be a member of an organization with such a strong history of helping those in need.”

For nearly two years, thousands of Soldiers and Airmen with the Tennessee National Guard have answered the nations and state’s call. Guardsmen have supported tornado relief, civil unrest, flooding, hurricanes, the COVID-19 pandemic, and deployments around the globe.

# Correctional Officers Getting Salary Increase

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has announced a competitive 37% salary increase for new Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) correctional officers amid nationwide staffing challenges, effective Dec. 16.

“As we face staffing shortages across the country, rewarding officers with competitive pay will ensure we recruit and retain the most highly qualified individuals in our workforce,” said Gov. Lee. “These Tennesseans play a crucial role in ensuring public safety and we remain committed to valuing their important work.”

The 37% salary increase for new TDOC correctional officers will raise annual starting pay to \$44,500. Current security staff will receive a minimum 15% pay increase.

Additionally, TDOC provides a competitive benefits package includ-

ing:

- Insurance coverage and retirement benefits
- Paid holidays and vacation
- Tuition reimbursement and college degree programs
- Equipment and uniforms provided
- Overtime/compensatory time pay

TDOC will continue to offer a \$5,000 hiring bonus and part-time opportunities for current or retired law enforcement to meet staffing needs.

“The men and women who work in facilities across Tennessee are dedicated public servants,” said TDOC Interim Commissioner Lisa Helton. “This salary increase makes our agency more competitive in attracting new talent and is a well-deserved raise for those currently serving our state.”

Individuals interested in a TDOC career can find more information and apply here.



## Wanting What You Can’t Quite Have

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

- Christopher Simon

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

1 Timothy 6:6-8

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Christmas Memories

Looking Backward  
By Phoebejane  
(Emily Sells)

Traditions change, and as time goes by, some things we used to do for the holiday season become only memories. One of those traditions that doesn't seem to be a part of Christmas anymore is going out and scouring the countryside for just the right tree. Cedar trees were most often used to brighten homes for the holidays, and occasionally, a pine tree would find its way into some homes. Since artificial trees have come along, or buying one from stores that have real trees, has made going out looking for a tree no longer a part of the Christmas holidays. The following is a story about a family who always went in search of just the right cedar tree to brighten the home during the Christmas season. The father in this family was very particular when it came to finding a tree to bring home to the small house they lived in. Sometimes the search could take an entire day, and the three children in this family, along with their mother, would come home completely worn out after the search was finally over with. The long-sought-after-absolutely-perfect tree nearly always took up most of the floor space in the living room of their tiny home, but to that family, it was a beautiful sight when the lights were plugged in each night.

One particular year, after that perfect cedar tree was finally located and had made its way into their home, the mother, along with help from the kids, strung together a box of Trix cereal to make a garland. They had a lot of fun

making this very colorful addition for the tree, but one morning just a day or two after the Trix garland was placed on the tree, the mother noticed the string wasn't as long as it was when first placed there. The next day, the string was even shorter. No one in the family could figure out what was going on until the father solved the mystery. By looking closely at the string, he discovered the reason the string was slowly disappearing. It was because a mouse was visiting the tree each night after the family had gone to bed. After the goodnights were said and the lights were all out, the mouse would come out from wherever his hiding place was and climb up in the tree where he helped himself to the beautiful, and evidently very tasty, homemade garland. That must have been a real treat for that little mouse who had to look forward with gleeful anticipation to that adventure each night. The parents didn't have the heart to set a trap for him, and by the time Christmas came and went, the mouse had managed to eat almost the entire garland.

Several years later, the time for the usual search for that perfect tree rolled around. By this time, the family had moved from their small home to another, but larger, house. The family, along with the addition of a granddaughter, loaded up in the car and drove out in the countryside to look for a tree. This was the first time the granddaughter had got to participate in the search for the tree, and after getting snagged several times by saw briars, she let it be known that looking for a Christmas tree would never be included in her favorite Christmas memories. Since the mother in the family preferred a pine tree simply because the limbs are a lot more sturdy when it comes to hanging decorations, the search ended after not one tree, but two, nice pine trees got a stamp of approval from the father. The bigger one was placed in the dining room of the home, and the smaller of the two went



in the living room. The mother was happy to see the smaller tree even had one little pine cone, or so she thought anyway. That particular year, the granddaughter was spending the holidays with the grandparents. The small tree, that had what was thought to be a pine cone, was placed on a table in the living room. On Christmas morning, as the granddaughter was opening her gifts, she noticed some creepy crawlers underneath the table the tree sat on. She asked her grandmother to come and look at these long-legged insects, and as they looked closer, not only were these creatures under the table, they were on the wall, on the curtains, just about everywhere around the small Christmas tree. The grandmother sent her granddaughter to get the grandfather, and being the nature expert that he was, he right away recognized these insects for what they were ... baby praying mantis. And he also knew there had to be an egg sack somewhere on the tree. What the grandmother thought was a small pine cone turned out to be the nest of the baby praying mantis. There were dozens of these little insects that were forced into an early hatch by bringing

the little pine tree indoors, and pushing into fast forward what normally takes Mother Nature many months to do. Just in case someone who reads this is not familiar with what a praying mantis is, some of the information available about them is as follows:

"Praying mantis have a triangular-shaped head with a large compound eye on each side. They are the only insect that turn from side to side in a full 180-degree angle. Their eyes are sensitive to the slightest movement up to 60 feet away. They have straight, leathery forewings and very powerful jaws used for devouring prey. They have ultrasound ears and strong, spiny front legs held together in a praying manner. In the bodies of some species of mantis, there is a hollow chamber. Recently it has been discovered that these hollow chambers provide the mantis with a means of detecting bats, one of their most feared predators. Apparently, the mantis in flight will drastically change its flight pattern (often hurling to the ground in a spiral) when the mantis hears certain frequencies of sound. Praying mantises are terrific pest exterminators. They keep down the population of bugs that are a threat to farming. A master of disguise, the praying mantis can be an able assistant to farmer and gardener."

Needless to say, there was little that could be done but to get out the vacuum cleaner and remove the surprise Christmas guests. And I'm sure when that family happens to go in search of a Christmas tree again, it will certainly be closely inspected to make sure a pine cone is really a pine cone, and not an incubator containing dozens of sleeping insects. The many trips made in search of just the right tree, along with having unexpected Christmas guests one particular year, will no doubt be among the happy memories (minus the saw briars) for that family for many years to come.

Tragic Monroe Tornado In 1933

PAULA STOVER  
Overton County Museum

Everyone who has lived in Overton County for a long time have heard the horror stories of the devastating tornado that tore through the areas surrounding Monroe on the night of May 9, 1933.

The tornado completely destroyed several homes and left nineteen people dead with many others injured. We have all heard the stories about chickens that were still living but completely without feathers, straws sticking through fence posts, sticks driven through car and truck tires, bark stripped from

trees, a hen sitting on a nest of unbroken eggs in the corner of a chimney and a house was completely blown away, etc. What this story will focus on is the tragedy of the Una Cole family.

Una Allen Cole was born August 18, 1893 and was the son of John and Martha (Wright) Cole. On December 23, 1916, Una at age twenty-three married Hattie Lee Hoover, daughter of W.H. and Sulie (Watkins) Hoover of Allons. Una and Hattie had one son, Magnus Cole born October 12, 1917. Hattie died of tuberculosis a year later on December 17, 1918.

At the time of Hattie's death, Una was already in Europe as part of the American troops during World War I. Una Cole was a member of Co. H, 326 Infantry, enlisting October 1917. He was transferred to Co M, 11th Infantry and embarked on April 24, 1918 to France where he was severely wounded twice in fighting in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Upon his discharge, he was listed as 15% disabled because of injuries to his arm. He was discharged April 22, 1919.

After returning home, he resumed farming in the Monroe/Dog Walk area of Overton County. The young widower with a two-year-old son soon married Mary "Ellen" Pryor, born June 2, 1901, the daughter of James and Martha Shewmake Pryor. Una and Ellen welcomed six more children to their family over the next few years: Carrie, born April 11, 1920; Edith, born March 28, 1923; Morris, born January 15, 1925; Marion, born June 27, 1927; Martha Ruth, born January 8 1930; and Anna Deane, born July 8, 1932.

The sky was hazy on Tuesday, May 8, 1933 and the humidity and heat were fierce as the Cole family finished their day on the farm with chores, eating supper and turning in for the night. When shortly after midnight on Wednesday, May 9, a destructive and deadlyEF4 tornado developed and touched down in northern Overton County and surrounding counties. The storm moved for



about twenty minutes from near Eagle Creek to near Byrdstown, leaving death and total destruction in its path. The twister moved in a zig-zag pattern, a quarter of a mile wide, taking everything in its path.

The entire family of Una and Ellen Cole were swept from their beds as their home, barn and outbuildings were completely destroyed.

As the storm left as suddenly as it appeared, the community gathered their lanterns and prepared to check on their neighbors. As friends, relatives and neighbors searched in the dark for the wounded and the dead, by daylight they realized they needed help and Troop A, 109th U.S. Calvary was sent for. The troops were stationed just outside Cookeville at the old Calvary Barn on Hwy 70 (near present day Johnson's Nursery). The troops helped secure the area to help prevent looting and to aid in the search for the injured and the dead. A nurse employed by Overton County gathered supplies of cotton, bandages and antiseptics, and, since the roads were impassible, rode a mule

to the Bethsaida community to help with the injured. There was no hospital at that time, so the injured were treated where they lay and were moved to neighboring homes to be cared for. The dead were transported to Blount Funeral Home in Livingston (present day Speck Funeral Home).

Funerals for the victims of the tornado were held over the next several days in nearby cemeteries. Among the dead were Mr. & Mrs. Roy (Boss) Lacy, Mrs. Mary Reeser, Ed Hopkins and daughter Barbara Hopkins, Miller Allred, Nan-nie C. King and daughter Epsie King, Haskell Ray Reagan, Hershel Phillips, and the entire family of Una Cole.

The Una and Ellen Cole family of nine were laid to rest in the Red Hill Cemetery, near where they lived. The WPA were in the area and were sent to dig one long trench in which eight caskets were placed, in one mass grave. Una Allen Cole age 39 and a survivor of WWI, Mary Ellen (Pryor) Cole age 31, Magnus Cole age 15, Carrie Cole age 13, Edith Cole age 10, Morris Cole age 8,

Marion Cole age 6, Ruth Cole age 3 and Anna Cole age 10 months. The baby Anna was placed in the same coffin with her mother. One single headstone marks the burial of the entire family. Their names are inscribed on the back side and the inscription reads, "Circle unbroken but not forgotten."

Una Allen Cole was a member of the Eagle Creek Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. He had a flag draped over his casket and members of the local American Legion as well as the Masonic Lodge held brief ceremonies. The funeral was attended by about 1,000 people and was conducted by Rev. John Coleman and Rev. Henry C. Geiger. A local quartet of W. Hardin Winningham, Joe Swallows, Floyd Davis and Carlos Garrett provided the music.

Some can remember, and most of us were not living when that terrible tragedy occurred that killed a total of thirty-six, nineteen of them from Overton County, and injured eighty-seven. But the tornado of May 9, 1933 is still talked about to this day and remembered with horror and loss.

If anyone has any pictures of this Cole family and especially of Una Cole, the Overton County Museum would like a good copy for the World War I exhibit. He fought for his country and was wounded twice and deserves to be remembered.

Pictures From The Past



Margaret "Kitty" Ledbetter

Born 8-20-1871 to Elijah Washington Ledbetter and Annalisa Garrett, she was raised at Nettle Carrier in Overton County, Tennessee. Kitty married Richard Anderson Winningham and they had ten children: Ona, Dona, Ernest, Mary, Lou, Jim, Lester, Voncia, Elijah, and Charlie. Kitty died 7-7-1937 in Overton County, Tennessee.



# Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.  
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as com-



Virginia O'Hanlon

pared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would

be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on



Francis Pharcellus Church

Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



## Library Closing For Christmas

### At Your Library



**Upcoming Events At The Librar**  
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**  
I Still Dream About You by Fannie Flagg  
Striking Range by Margaret Mizushima  
Fear No Evil by James Patterson  
Almost Just Friends by Jill Shalvis  
**Westerns**  
Ralph Compton: The Trail's End by E.L. Ripley  
The Seven Men at Mimbres Springs by Will Henry  
**Adult Non-Fiction**  
Outlander Kitchen: The Official Outlander Companion Cookbook by Theresa Carle-Sanders  
Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders by Joshua Foer  
The Bucket List: North America: 1,000 Adventures Big and Small by Kath Stathers  
**Inspirational**  
The Blended Quilt by Wanda E. Brunstetter  
The Debutante's Code by Erica Vetsch  
A Season of Change by Beth Wiseman  
**Adult Biography**  
Going there by Katie Couric  
**Magazine**  
Consumer Reports Magazine  
**Juvenile Fiction**  
Merry Pinkmas! By Victoria Kann  
Finding Home by Karen Kingsbury  
Magic Tree House #33: Narwhal on a Sunny Night by Mary Pope Osborne  
The Galveston Hurricane, 1900 by Lauren Tarshis  
**Children's Fiction**  
Tiny Reindeer by Chris Naylor-Balsteros  
Mr. Watson's Chickens by Jarrett

Dapier  
Santa Jaws by Bridget Heos  
The World Below the Brine by Walt Whitman  
**Juvenile Non-Fiction**  
Christmas by Rachel Hamby  
Geology Lab for Kids: 52 Projects to Explore Rocks, Gems, Geodes, Crystals, Fossils, and Other Wonders of the Earth's Surface by Garrett Romaine  
On This Day: A History of the World in 366 Days by DK  
**Tween Fiction**  
Trapped in a Video Game by Dustin Brady  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot by Jeff Kinney  
Enola Holmes and The Black Barouche by Nancy Springer  
**Juvenile Graphic**  
Barb the Last Berzerker by Dan Abdo  
Cat Kid Comic Club. Perspectives by Dav Pikey  
**Juvenile Biography**  
Lizzo (African American Superstars) by C. R. McKay  
Zendaya (African American Superstars) by Therese M. Shea  
**Young Adult Fiction**  
Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo  
The Gilded Wolves by Roshani Chokshi  
Legendborn by Tracy Deonn  
**Young Adult Graphic**  
Stranger Things: Into the Fire #3 by Jody Houser  
**Young Adult Manga**  
Tokyo Ghoul: re. 5, 7 & 8 by Sui Ishida  
**DVD's**  
Gunsmoke: The Thirteenth Season, Volume One  
Gunsmoke: The Thirteenth Season, Volume Two  
Star Trek Discovery. Season Three  
Mare of Easttown  
The Miniaturist  
On Wings of Eagles  
Saved by Grace  
Tooth Fairy 2  
The Passion of the Christ.  
Snatch  
Atlantic Crossing  
**Adult Audiobooks**  
Deep Down, Second Son, & High Heat: Three Jack Reacher novellas by Lee Child  
Home by Harlan Coben  
Guilt by Jonathan Kellerman  
Fuzzy Navel by J. A. Konrath  
Wonderment in death by J. D. Robb

## Bring A Bit Of Spring Color Indoors

MELINDA MYERS  
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Pot them up, give them a chill and enjoy spring flowering bulbs indoors or outside on a patio, deck or porch. This is a great way to enjoy any bulbs that didn't make it into the ground this season or take advantage of late season discounts on bulbs.

Larger flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, and alliums put on quite a display in your home or in a window box or container. Add some smaller bulbs like crocus, squill, and grape hyacinth to the mix for added beauty.

All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix, and a few bulbs. Shorter varieties work well or give taller varieties a bit of support with twigs or decorative stakes when displaying indoors.

Cover the bottom of the container with soil. Set several bulbs, pointed side up, on top of the potting mix. Set the tallest bulbs in the center surrounded by shorter varieties when creating a mixed garden. Place tulips with the flat side of the bulb facing out for a better display. Cover the bulbs and fill the container with potting mix.

Enjoy weeks of colorful flowers by selecting a variety of bulbs that bloom from early through late spring. Layer the bulbs to maximize your planting space. Place larger bulbs on top of the soil layer at the bottom of the container. The tallest of these will go in the center skirted by shorter varieties to maximize the display.

Cover this first layer of bulbs with potting mix, leaving just the tip of the bulbs exposed. Add smaller bulbs like squill, crocus and grape hyacinth bulbs to the next level. Plant them close together between the tips of the larger bulbs. Cover this layer with soil, leaving



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

**Spring Colors** - A container with drainage holes, potting mix, and a few spring flowering bulbs planted pointed side up is all you need to create a colorful indoor garden.

enough space for watering.

Water the freshly planted container thoroughly, then move it to a cool location, about 35 to 45 degrees for at least 12 to 15 weeks. This cold period is needed to initiate flowering in these bulbs. A spare refrigerator or in colder regions, an unheated garage works well. Or if the ground hasn't frozen, sink the pot into a vacant space in the garden. This works for those gardening in areas where winter temperatures are cold enough to provide the needed chill. Mulch the soil once the ground starts to freeze with evergreen boughs. This will make it easier to remove the pot in early spring.

Eliminate this step by purchasing pre-chilled bulbs. These have received the needed cold treatment and are ready to pot up and grow indoors or outdoors in warmer regions.

Check stored bulbs regularly for early sprouting and move to a colder location if needed. Water the bulbs in storage whenever the soil is thawed and dry.

Once the cold treatment is complete, you can move the forced bulbs to their final location where you can enjoy the spring flowers. Place the container in a cool location with bright indirect light indoors. Water thoroughly as needed and watch for flowers to appear in about four weeks. Remove one pot a week from cold storage to extend your enjoyment.

Monitor spring growing conditions before moving forced bulbs into outdoor planters. Once the weather is suitable for bulbs to sprout and grow outdoors, it is safe to move forced bulbs into the landscape.

When they are done flowering, you can compost the bulbs or for those suited to your growing conditions add them to the garden. Remove the faded flowers and water the plants like your houseplants or other container gardens. Fertilize with a dilute solution of flowering plant fertilizer or apply a low nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer. This helps replenish the nutrients used in flowering.

Move indoor forced bulbs outdoors as soon as the danger of frost has passed. Those in containers outdoors can remain in the pots until the foliage fades or the garden is ready for planting. Or store the bulbs in a cool dark place for summer and plant in fall with other hardy bulbs. Then be patient as it can take two years for these to flower.

Forcing spring flowering bulbs is a great way to add beauty to your indoor décor, patio, balcony, or deck. They also make a great gift for gardeners of all experience levels.

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



# Willow Grove Marina Celebrates Anniversary

The first Clean Marina flag to fly over any marina in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District and Cumberland River Basin was at Willow Grove Marina located on Dale Hollow Lake in Clay County, Tennessee.

Fifteen years later, with long-term family and staff carrying on the effort, Willow Grove Marina completed its recertification as a Clean Marina for a third cycle.

Corps officials met with the Willow Grove Marina owners and staff Nov. 29, 2021 and held a ceremony to present the Clean Marina flag to mark their renewed achievement and commitment to taking care of the environment.

“I’ve raised my son Blake around this marina,” says Mickey Ledbetter, owner operator of Willow Grove Marina. “I can’t express how wonderful it feels to look back and see his photo in the original clean marina flag raising from 2005. Blake, along with loyal staff, have seen the marina improve and have been a part of the efforts to grow in the Clean Marina Program.”

According to Park Ranger Sondra Carmen, Dale Hollow Lake’s Clean Marina coordinator, the Clean Marina Partnership is a voluntary pro-

gram implemented by the Nashville District and its watershed partners to promote environmentally responsible marina and boating practices.

“The clean marina program is for those marina operators that want to go above and beyond in their operation by following management measures to reduce water pollution and erosion, promote environmentally sound boating practices, and encourage water safety,” said Carmen. “There is a checklist with seven different sections that each qualifying marina must meet. In the case of Willow Grove Marina, they have exceeded every one of them.”

Since initial certification, Willow Grove has proved its dedication to environmental sustainability by changing out old fuel storage tanks for those with modern safety features, partnering with an environmental company to procure enhanced gas guzzler devices to keep excess spills from the lake, adding dog cleanup stations, replacing old fluorescent lighting with new LED fixtures, and much more.

“The marina staff is awesome,” said Mickey. “They are all trained on our clean marina practices and they go the extra mile to work with our custom-



**Celebrating** - Environmental Protection Specialist Phillip Harrell, Realty Specialist Duane Bryson, Willow Grove Marina Manager Michael Maxwell, Willow Grove Marina employee Blake Ledbetter, Willow Grove Marina owner Mickey Ledbetter, Dale Hollow Lake Park Ranger Sondra Carmen, Biologist Daniel Clark, and Realty Specialist Lori Neubert pose proudly with the Clean Marina flag Nov. 29 to celebrate Willow Grove Marina’s re-certification in the Clean Marina Program at Dale Hollow Lake in Celina.

ers to encourage them to keep the marina harbor clean and safe. Through their feedback, we will also be moving to a new commercial mass text service which will not only allow us to communicate regularly with our customers but will also allow us to share info on our Clean Marina efforts.”

Phillip E. Harrell, environmental protection specialist from the Nashville District, and a participant of the re-certification inspection team, bragged on the efforts and actions of the staff at Willow Grove Marina.

“From an environmental standpoint, the Clean Marina status indicates that the marina team is committed to protect

natural resources from pollutants such as fuel, oil products, and other hazardous chemicals. It shows that the marina not only meets environmental requirements but exceeds what is required,” said Harrell.

“I really think the program is a cool thing,” said Blake Ledbetter. “I was exposed to this at a very young age and clean marina comes naturally to me. I did not know it was such a thing and assumed all marinas were kept up to the same standards as we are. Then when I visit other marinas at other places and at other lakes, I saw the state some others are in and it’s so different to see.”

The manager for the

marina, Michael Maxwell, is a well-known scuba diver at Dale Hollow Lake and has observed how diving activities on the lake has increased in recent years because of the pristine and clean water in the lake, which is why taking care of the environment with a clean marina is so important.

“Dale Hollow Lake has the best water quality in the region,” continued Maxwell. “The water is so clear year-round and makes for an enjoyable diving experience. I take great pride knowing that our marina is making a positive impact on keeping the waters clean and pure.”

Of the 15 marinas on Dale Hollow Lake, Wil-

low Grove is the only one that provides dive tank refill service.

“Protecting the lake we love is what we are all about,” exclaimed Mickey. “Dale Hollow Lake is a part of all our lives at the marina. The staff loyally returns year after year and our customers are so supportive. We are all honored to care for the lake and be a part of the Clean Marina Program.”

Fifteen years and going strong, Willow Grove Resort & Marina continues its legacy as one of the cleanest marinas in the Cumberland River Basin. The team there excels in proactive clean boating outreach with marina patrons and visitors. Through their efforts to recertify, they are recognized for exemplary action and commitment to pollution prevention and water resource protection in and around the marina basin.

The Willow Grove family are excited to continue to fly the Clean Marina flag.

For more information on clean marinas in the Nashville District visit <https://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Clean-Marina-Program/>. To connect with Willow Grove Marina visit <https://willowgrove.com/>.

## “Field” *Continued From Page 1*

guard nights, he and his fellow soldiers got no sleep before their primary duty of manning the guns. On other nights they sometimes had to reposition the guns, which meant two days without sleep.

Despite all the hard work, Masters said he still has a few good memories of his time in England.

“I was lucky in December of ‘52,” Masters said. “I got a three-day pass and I went to London



**Carl Masters**

by myself.”

While in the big city, Masters said he had an unexpected experience.

“I was in a restaurant one day, walking along,

and went into eat,” Masters said. “I walk by and I see this guy sitting in a booth, and I looked at him. I went on down and thought, ‘I know guy.’

“I turned around and came back, and he was looking at me and he said, ‘Are you from Tennessee?’

“I said, ‘Yeah, Livingston.’”

The gentleman Masters ran into in a random restaurant half-a-world away was a former high school classmate named Ed.

“We stayed together that night, New Years Eve in 1952,” Masters said. “We got out and had a blast.”

Masters said he can look back fondly on his service and is grateful for his time overseas.

“I’m proud of my Army service,” Masters said. “I learned a lot in there. You learn a lot in the military that you don’t learn out here. I didn’t go to any formal school, but living out there in the field like that, you learn.”

# Eldridge Preparing To Retire

BRIAN WILMOTH  
editor

Clay County Director of Schools Matt Eldridge is in his final days as the county’s top educator.

Eldridge announced his intention to retire at the September school board meeting. His last day is Dec. 31.

In his final meeting with the board, Eldridge voiced his appreciation for everyone working with Clay County Schools.

“I thank you for the past five-and-a-half years of you all working with me,” Eldridge said. “It’s been wonderful. I thank Jerry Strong for bringing me seven years ago. I appreciate that.

“For the last five-and-a-half, you all have worked with me,” Eldridge said. “Guys it’s been my pleasure. Y’all have been so wonderful to work with. The staff, the principals, everybody in the school system has been wonderful to work with. You all want the best for the kids, and it’s been evident to show that.”

Eldridge said he was thankful get better acquainted with people he had known for a long time.

“I’ve known many of you for a lot of years,” Eldridge said. “But I haven’t ‘known you’ known you, and you are wonderful people. You’re just like down-home people.”

Working in a positive environment was one of the benefits Eldridge said his job brought.

“I thank you for what you’ve done for me and Vickie,” Eldridge said. “It’s made our lives great when you come home happy every day and work with good people.”

Eldridge said he hopes the board continues to put Clay County students first.

“I want you to keep doing what you’re doing,” Eldridge said. “You make decisions based on what’s best for the kids - what you think in your heart is best.”

Board member Nathan Sherrell was among a number of board members that thanked Eldridge, saying he had done an excellent job.

“I’ve been through three different directors while I’ve been here on this board,” Sherrell said. “And you came along at a time we really needed you. You were a breath of fresh air, you were a change of pace, and it benefited everyone in this whole county from the taxpayers, to the faculty, to the students, and it’s been a pleasure to work with you. Someone that will listen. And we didn’t always agree on everything, but we always felt common ground. I appreciate you very much.”

Earlier in the meeting, the Clay County School Board approved a contract for Eldridge’s successor. Former Clay County General Sessions Judge Diana Monroe agreed to a two-year contract late in November.

Eldridge said he has been working with Monroe, preparing her to take over at the beginning of the New Year. He said they have been traveling around the county meeting with faculty and staff, including riding some of the bus routes in the county.

Eldridge is a graduate of both Livingston Academy and Tennessee Tech University, and also served as the Director of Overton County Schools from 2009 until 2013.

In addition to his years as an administrator, Eldridge was the head coach of the Livingston Academy football team for ten seasons, from 1996 until 2005, winning LA’s only state football championship in his final season.

# 55th Overton County Chirstmas Parade



Photos Submitted





High School Basketball  
Livingston Academy Girls

Last Week's Games

Livingston Academy 78  
Macon County High School 37

Livingston Academy 66  
Pickett County High School 44

Coming Up

Livingston Academy vs Meigs County Dec. 22  
Livingston Academy vs Gwynedd Mercy (PA) @  
Carolina Inventional in Charleston, S.C. Dec. 28

District 7-4AAA Standings

	District	Overall
Cumberland County	2-0	4-4
White County	2-0	8-1
Livingston Academy	1-0	9-1
Stone Memorial	1-1	4-5
Upperman	0-1	7-1
Dekalb County	0-2	5-4
Macon County	0-2	0-9

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Livingston Academy vs Eagleville Dec. 30  
Aflac Christmas Classic at Watertown, Watertown, Tenn.

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Turkey Hunt  
Applications Open

The application period for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 2022 Spring Turkey Quota Hunts is open through Jan. 12.

Applications are available and will be accepted at any TWRA license agent, TWRA regional office, or online at gooutdoorstennessee.com. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 12. Mailed applications will not be accepted.

The areas available for the hunts are listed on the instruction sheet. Hunters have up to 13 choices but will be drawn for only one. Applicants may not use the same hunt code more than once. There is a total of 13 hunts listed and five youth-only hunts. No person may apply more than once. A computer drawing will be held to determine the successful applications based on the priority drawing system.

Youth hunters (ages 6-16 by the date of the hunt) may submit one application for the regular quota hunt and one application for the youth-only quota hunt.

A permit fee will not be charged to Annual Sportsman, Lifetime Sportsman license holders, or seniors with an Annual Senior Sportsman License.

For all other license holders, the cost is \$12 per permit plus the \$1 agent fee. There is a \$2 fee if application is made on the Internet. When applying at a license agent, hunters must remain at the location while the application is processed. Hunters will receive a receipt with a confirmation number when the application is complete.

Hunters with Internet access may apply for a spring turkey quota hunt online by visiting https://quotahunt.gooutdoorstennessee.com. Once the Internet site has been accessed, hunters can follow the on-screen directions.

The 2022 statewide spring turkey season is April 2-May 15. The statewide Young Sportsman Hunt is March 26-27. For the counties in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV) Unit consisting of Dyer, Lake, Lauderdale, Shelby, and Tipton counties, and Giles, Lawrence, Lincoln, and Wayne counties in southern Middle Tennessee is April 16-May 15. The Young Sportsman Hunt in those areas is April 9-10.

Division II Basketball  
Tournament Returning To TTU

The TSSAA has announced that the 2022 TSSAA Division II Blue-Cross Basketball State Championships will return to Hooper Eblen Center on the campus of Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville.

Division II Class AA will play first with semifinals on Thursday, March 3rd and finals on Saturday, March 5th. The Division II Class A tournament will take place on Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th.

“TSSAA has had a long-standing working relationship with Tennessee Tech and the city of Cookeville, and their efforts to step up at the last minute to pull off the 2021 championships did not go unnoticed,” said Emily Crowell, TSSAA Assistant Executive Director. “We received nothing but positive feedback from participating teams and spectators alike, and we are excited to continue to work with Cookeville as a host of our state championships.”

Tennessee Tech stepped in as the host in



Photo / Cookeville-Putnam County Chamber of Commerce

**State Tourney** - The Division II State Basketball Tournament is set to return to Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center in Cookeville. The tournament will run Thurs. March 3 to Sat. March 5. Times will be announced later.

2021 after county-wide COVID restrictions prevented the tournament from remaining at Lipscomb University.

“We welcome any opportunity to show prospective students, student-athletes, families and fans what Tennessee Tech and Cookeville is all about,” TTU Athletic Director Mark Wilson said. “From enthusiastic greeters to a first-class venue with LED lighting and floor projection, we work hard to make the Eblen Center the premier environment for student-

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Game times and ticket details will be published in January 2022. As always, the NFHS Network will provide live video streaming of every game through NFHSnetwork.com and the NFHS Network apps. TSSAA Network audio coverage and live stats will be available at TSSAAsports.com. Championship games will also be carried on a statewide network of television stations which will be announced at a later date.

State Announces Bill  
Dance Lakes



Photo / Larry McCormack

**Signature Lakes** – Tennessee is working with fishing legend Bill Dance to improve some of the state's lakes. The \$15 million investment will improve fishing conditions in a number of lakes throughout Tennessee.

Signature Lakes highlights the importance of lakeside tourism with premier fishing opportunities and we believe this project is especially important as communities recover from the recent storms.”

“I'm unbelievably humbled and excited to be involved in such a helpful project that will benefit so many people and our natural resources in my great home state of Tennessee,” said Bill Dance. “You can bet your favorite lure this project will definitely have a ripple effect for a mighty long time, not only giving the weekend fisherman, but tournament anglers a wonderful fishery as well, thanks to the great state of Tennessee and my friends at TWRA.”

Bill Dance Signature Lakes includes nine large reservoirs with a proven track record for quality

fishing for a variety of fish. In partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority, reservoirs will receive new or upgraded best-in-class ramps to improve public access for both recreational and tournament anglers. Each of the 18 lakes will see such above-water upgrades as courtesy docks, ample parking, additional access points, fishing piers and signage, to name a few. Several smaller lakes, many of which are located within Tennessee State Parks, will be managed intensively by TWRA for Bill Dance approved family fishing with regular stockings to ensure the best chance for success.

Each lake was selected by agency partners and Bill Dance for its ability to be a destination fishing location and provide quality fishing fun for avid anglers as well as families. Endorsed by Bill Dance Outdoors, proj-

ects are slated to begin in 2022 and near completion by fall of 2024.

The Bill Dance Signature Lakes at launch are as follows:

1000 Acre Lake, Huntington, TN (Carroll County)

Brown's Creek Lake, Natchez Trace (Henderson County)

Chickamauga Lake, Harrison Bay State Park & Chester Frost Park (Hamilton, Rhea, Meigs, McMinn and Bradley Counties)

Dale Hollow Lake, North Central TN (Clay, Pickett, Fentress and Overton Counties)

Douglas Lake, East TN (Jefferson, Sevier and Cocke Counties)

Fall Creek Falls Lake, Fall Creek Falls State Park (Van Buren County)

Herb Parsons Lake (Fayette County)

Kentucky Lake, Paris Landing State Park (Henry, Stewart, Houston, Benton, Decatur, Perry and Humphreys Counties)

Lake Acorn, Montgomery Bell State Park (Dickson County)

Lake Woodhaven, Montgomery Bell State Park (Dickson County)

Norris Lake, Northeast TN (Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger and Union Counties)

Old Hickory Lake, Middle TN (Sumner and Davidson Counties)

Pickwick Lake, Pickwick Landing State Park (Hardin County)

Pin Oak Lake, Natchez Trace State Park (Henderson County)

Reelfoot Lake, Reelfoot Lake State Park (Lake and Obion Counties)

Tim's Ford Lake, Tim's Ford State Park (Franklin and Moore Counties)

Travis McNatt Lake, Big Hill Pond State Park (McNairy County)

Watauga Lake, Northeast TN (Johnson and Carter Counties)



# Go Wildcats!




*The Livingston Academy Lady Wildcat will travel to Charleston, SC for the Carolina Invitational on Dec. 28.*

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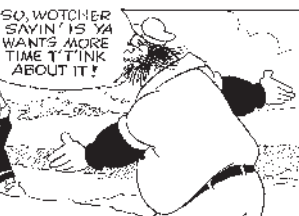
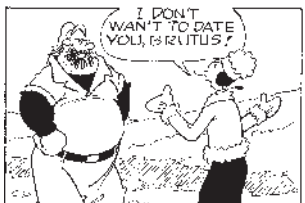
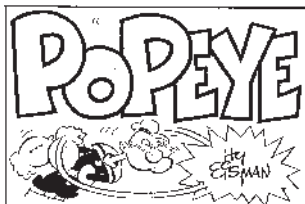
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# HOROSCOPES

**ARIES**  
Mar 21/Apr 20  
Aries, the stars have been keeping you on your toes lately. There has been much going on but somehow you have been able to wade through it all like a rock star.

**TAURUS**  
Apr 21/May 21  
Others are asking you to stretch yourself beyond normal limits, Taurus. Do your best, but weigh the effects that this could have on your overall well-being.

**GEMINI**  
May 22/Jun 21  
Aim to be honest and direct with others as much as you can this week, Gemini. If you can prove you are trustworthy, then more people are likely to follow you.

**CANCER**  
Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, you may be introduced to someone who is the ideal partner for you at work. This pairing can lead to the successful completion of projects new and old.

**LEO**  
Jul 23/Aug 23  
Prioritize your actions to maximize peace and quiet, Leo. You have been under pressure lately, so take every opportunity to enjoy some quiet time.

**VIRGO**  
Aug 24/Sept 22  
Virgo, your intuition is telling you that there are tensions growing at home or at the office. You will have to find ways to diffuse any situations that may grow out of control.

**LIBRA**  
Sept 23/Oct 23  
Continue to lean into an optimistic mindset, Libra. It will enable you to be a bright light when others are feeling a little down. Boost good moods.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct 24/Nov 22  
You are naturally compelled to look deeper into any circumstance you find yourself in, Scorpio. Always dig below the surface to unveil the truth, even if it takes work.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov 23/Dec 21  
Be direct about any frustrations you may be harboring, Sagittarius. Share your feelings with others who are willing and able to help. Releasing this burden will prove liberating.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22/Jan 20  
This week is packed with cosmic action, Capricorn. All of this energy has you a bit restless. Rest easy, as you will soon figure out how to juggle your personal and professional lives.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you're on a truth-seeking mission and you're ready to question everything you see. Take a step back and figure out your strategy, which will require finesse.

**PISCES**  
Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, try to smooth over something that has been a thorn in your side for some time. Keep at it and you'll persevere.

## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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

- |                          |             |                     |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Bracelet bauble       | M           | Grid                | T           |
| 2. Use one's ears        | ___ _ _ _ E | Boxer Sonny         | ___ _ _ _ O |
| 3. Aesop's story         | F ___ _ _   | Kitchen furniture   | T ___ _ _   |
| 4. Cup in tennis         | ___ _ _ S   | Biblical king       | ___ _ _ D   |
| 5. Clothes bin           | ___ _ _ P   | Carpenter's tool    | ___ _ _ M   |
| 6. Football maneuver     | ___ A ___ _ | "___ Me Elmo"       | ___ I ___ _ |
| 7. Bullwinkle, e.g.      | ___ O ___ _ | Mickey or Minnie    | ___ U ___ _ |
| 8. Tire repair item      | ___ T ___ _ | Scorched and dry    | ___ R ___ _ |
| 9. Put icing on the cake | ___ _ S ___ | Forward facing      | ___ _ N ___ |
| 10. Cook slowly          | ___ A ___ _ | Black-and-blue mark | ___ U ___ _ |

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

U	S	B				M	C	S			
B	L	E	U			N	E	A	P	S	
T	E	N	A	M		E	R	R	A	T	A
S	T	A	N	D	U	P	C	O	M	I	C
P	A	R		E	T	A	I	L		F	R
H	A	I	L			A	L	E	X		
S	C	U	L	L		S	A	L	E	S	
S	T	U	D			A	T	M	S		
I	R	S		S	I	N	A	I		A	P
S	I	T	U	P		S	T	R	A	I	G
P	O	T	A	T	O		B	R	A	D	S
M	A	S	O	N		L	O	T	S		
H	M	O				E	N	E			

Even Exchange  
Answers  
1. Recent Repeat  
2. Crown, Clock  
3. Nancy, Nanny  
4. Sydney, Sidney  
5. Raven, Rave  
6. Bazzy, Bazoon  
7. Great, Grean  
8. Motion, Notion  
9. Raven, Rave  
10. Flame, Flake  
11. Crunch, Crutch

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals L

U A R E F D D F Y B R O Y F R M B F L

O J V F W J L S W S R U Y V R U E, U X K F O O

S J K M J K E L O R S U D O W F F G O F G D

A E S U G X.

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

See how long it takes you to unscramble this plural word of 18 letters. The two letters extending from the grid are the first and last letters of the word.

I	E	E	S
R	A	S	T
T	I	O	E
R	N	P	N

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## SCRAMBLERS

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

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CryptoQuip  
answer  
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Sticklers Answer  
1) diurnal  
2) apology  
3) pescetarian

SCRAMBLERS  
solution  
1. Sharp 2. Please;  
3. Kale; 4. Grass  
Today's Word  
CHEAP







# Community Calendar

## Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

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

## Relative Caregiver Program Support Group Meeting

Are you raising a rela-

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

meeting. For housing assistance, while caring for minor child contact Myra Walker at 931-432-4111.

## Homeless Advocacy

Homeless Advocacy for Rural TN (HART) has a homeless/homeless prevention referral line for 18 counties that include the Upper Cumberland. HART has funding available to help with rent and utilities for the homeless people/families and those at risk of losing

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

## Head Start Closures

The L.B.J. & C. Development Corporation Head Start Centers will be closed through January 3, 2022. Children will

return to the Head Start Centers on January 4, 2022. Staff will return for in-service training on Jan 3, 2022.

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

## Convenience Centers Closed

All Overton County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will be closed

Dec. 24 & 25 for Christmas. Will reopen Dec. 27.

All Overton County Solid Waste Convenience Centers will also be closed Saturday, Jan. 1. Regular business hours will resume Monday, Jan. 3.

## Livingston Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the Livingston Mayor and Board of Aldermen will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at Livingston City Hall.

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## LEGAL

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

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

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of December, 2021, Letters Testamentary, in respect to the estate Melvin Spencer, deceased who died on November 17, 2021, were issued to the undersigned Debbie S. Payne by the Chancery Court/Probate Division of Overton County, Tennessee.

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

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

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

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

This the 13th day of December, 2021.

Debbie S. Payne  
Executrix for said Estate of: Melvin Spencer  
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Chancery Court/Probate Division  
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- Toll limitation service for qualifying low-income customers
- Broadband Internet access service which includes the capability to send data to and receive data from the Internet, but excludes dial-up service.

Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corp. provides basic single party residence (with unlimited local usage) and basic business service for rates which range from \$22.34-\$39.99 for residential customers and \$27.50-\$36.99 for business customers. Broadband Internet access service is provided at rates which start at \$49.99 per month for residential customers and \$69.99 per month for business customers. Twin Lakes would be pleased to provide you with specific rates for your area upon request.

Twin Lakes offers qualified customers a Lifeline Service Discount. Lifeline is a non-transferable, federal benefit that makes monthly phone or broadband service more affordable. Eligible households may apply the monthly Lifeline discount on either voice (home or wireless) or broadband (home or wireless), but not both. The current discount provided under Twin Lakes Lifeline service is \$9.25 per month for broadband with a minimum speed of 25/3 Mbps subject to certain exceptions or \$5.25 per month for voice-only service for each month the customer qualifies.

A household is eligible for the Lifeline discount if the customer's annual household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. You may also qualify for the Lifeline program if a customer, a dependent, or the customer's household participates in one or more of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income;
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit.

Twin Lakes is an active participant in the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. The EBB Program is a temporary program designed to help Americans afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of December 31, 2021, qualifying households enrolled in the EBB Program will begin transition to a longer-term Affordable Connectivity Program. The Affordable Connectivity Program will reduce support and supplant the EBB Program, while continuing to provide eligible households with a discount on broadband service.

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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