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## Crockett EMS begins restructuring

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Crockett County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has seen and will continue to see changes in their department over the coming weeks.

EMS Director John Copeland was terminated from his position with Crockett County EMS on Thursday, January 7.

"I appreciate the community and employees for supporting the ambulance service and me, especially during the pandemic," said Copeland. "Over the last few years we have overcome great adversity. Keeping the ambulance service owned by the taxpayers that utilize its services is one of my proudest accomplishments for our community. The employees have worked hard, especially during these trying times. I want the employees and community to know I'm here for them any time."

Stephen Sutton, who started his career in Crockett, is filling in as interim director while the county works on restructuring and organizing efforts.

"We are looking to take a different direction at EMS and get our facility and ambulances back up to par," said Mayor Gary Reasons.

Crockett EMS will be working on medical equipment repairs; ensuring ambulances are stocked with appropriate medications and equipment and maintained accordingly.

Building and clerical restructure will also be included in the upcoming changes.

"We will be making some changes to some of our equipment and the way we operate," said Reasons.

Sutton is currently implementing a six phase plan including:

- Phase one: Acquisition of necessary EMS equipment
- Phase two: Necessary repairs to EMS station
- Phase three: Clinical excellence and education
- Phase four: Billing, reimbursement and financial sustainability
- Phase five: Expand the life-saving first responder program and build bridges to develop community support
- Phase six: Support the total EMS system of partners from 911, to dispatch, to fire services, to first responders, to EMS, to Emergency Management Agency, to law enforcement and rescue. Whatever can be done to help.

Some phases will be worked concurrently. Changes are being made for the betterment of Crockett EMS after an internal investigation that showed areas where improvement could be made for the communities benefit.

"Crockett EMS will become the clinical leader of prehospital medicine by deploying video laryngoscopes, Sapphire IV pumps, automated CPR machines, institution of rapid sequence intubation to ensure those who need an airway get an airway, Revel ventilation, Zoll X cardiac monitors and defibrillators, new ambulances being ordered with Stryker loading systems, continuous end-tidal CO2 monitoring, rapid transmission of 12 lead EKG directly to the ED, activation of cardiac cath labs for PCI, early activation of medical helicopters for rapid transport to comprehensive care, and a cadre of new protocols and medications designed to provide the highest level of prehospital medicine," said Sutton. "We do not have a hospital in our county therefore it is critically important that our providers have all the necessary tools and resources to save your life. We are committed to doing this in the most economically feasible ways and have the full support of your elected officials for which we are very thankful."

The county is implementing these changes through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that was awarded in September for ambulance service improvements. They will be looking to hire a new director in the coming weeks as restructuring continues.



## Campbell appointed assistant district attorney of the 28th Judicial District

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District Attorney General Frederick H. Agee welcomes back Jerald Campbell to the 28th Judicial District (Crockett, Gibson, and Haywood Counties) District Attorney General's Office. Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Campbell is a native of Haywood County and resident of Gibson County. He is a veteran prosecutor who has over two decades of legal experience and has tried over 50 jury trials.

"I hired Jerald Campbell because of his experience, compassion for people

and a strong work ethic," said Agee. "He is also a resident of the 28th Judicial District so he is living with the people we serve every day and that is also important to me."

Agee stated, "Our office is proud and blessed to have ADA Jerald Campbell back. We will rely on his experience as a skilled trial prosecutor with upcoming matters involving violent offenders. He has spent his entire life and professional legal career in West Tennessee and he understands the criminal justice issues within our rural communities. Campbell cares about people and doing what's right."

## Governor Bill Lee announces intervention for Tennessee students; Crockett identifies student needs

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On Thursday, January 14, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced special session legislation addressing K-12 student learning loss and the adverse effects on Tennessee students' proficiency in reading and math after extended time away from the classroom due to COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has disrupted every aspect of education and we are on the cusp of severe consequences for our students if we don't act now," said Governor Lee. "Data suggests that Tennessee third graders are facing an estimated 50% drop in reading proficiency and a projected 65% drop in math proficiency and that is not an acceptable path for our kids[1]. I thank Lieutenant Governor McNally, Speaker Sexton and members of the General Assembly for acting quickly on behalf of our students and taking up intervention measures during the special session."

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reports that only 34% of Tennessee students are proficient or advanced readers by fourth grade. Research shows that students who do not achieve reading proficiency by third grade are more likely to drop out of high school, be incarcerated or experience poverty as adults.

Crockett County Director of Schools Phillip A. Pratt said the county's main setback comes from students being out of school for six months. Preliminary reports show that every grade and every student isn't being affected on the same level and more individualized testing of students and subject areas continue.

In addition to learning loss interventions and accountability hold harmless

measures, Governor Lee will propose adding funding for teacher salaries.

"Educators across the state are working tirelessly to turn the tide for their students and help them regain critical math and reading skills," said Governor Lee. "We believe they should be compensated for their efforts and look forward to working with the General Assembly to provide funding for our teachers."

### Intervening to Stop Learning Loss – SB 7002

Requires interventions for struggling students including after-school learning mini-camps, learning loss bridge camps and summer learning camps, beginning summer 2021

Program prioritizes students who score below proficient in both reading (ELA) and math subjects

Creates the Tennessee Accelerated Literacy and Learning Corps to provide ongoing tutoring for students throughout the entire school year

Strengthens laws around a third grade reading gate so we no longer advance students who are not prepared

### Building Better Readers with Phonics – SB 7003

Ensures local education agencies (LEAs) use a phonics-based approach for kindergarten through third grade reading instruction

Establishes a reading screener for parents and teachers to identify when students need help, well before third grade

Provides training and support for educators to teach phonics-based reading instruction

### Accountability to Inform – SB 7001

Extends hold harmless provisions

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## Local H&R Block honored as top performer

Among 100 recognized nationwide for client and community service, as well as business performance

Donna Girard, who operates H&R Block franchise offices in Alamo, Trenton and Brownsville, has been selected as an H&R Block Top 100 Franchisee. The Top 100 Award recognizes individual franchisees for outstanding business performance, client service and contributions to their community.

"In communities across the country, our franchisees provide year-round care and expert financial guidance. Our top franchisees program celebrates their bold, client-centric actions, and recognizes franchisees who rose to the challenge and provided incredible expertise and care in the middle of a pandemic,"

said Bob Moretti, vice president of franchise for H&R Block. "Honorees blend digital convenience and efficiencies with human expertise and customer care to help millions of people with one of the most important financial moments of the year."

H&R Block recognized Girard at its recent annual convention, held virtually from Oct. 26-30, 2020. More than 2,500 H&R Block franchisees and associates from across the country attended, including Girard.

At H&R Block's national convention, associates and franchisees took time to support Habitat's network of affiliates nationwide. Attendees wrote messages of hope for new families moving into a Habitat home, some purchased and created birdhouses, a Habitat icon sold

as a fundraiser, and others donated and connected with their local Habitat for Humanity affiliate for future volunteering. Collectively, the efforts will help more than 500 families feel welcomed and better connected to their local communities.

The pandemic impacted nearly every aspect of lives, but H&R Block continued to help people get their often much-needed refunds in safe ways. As people face life situations that impact taxes, they can turn to H&R Block to help reduce the uncertainty and build financial confidence by helping make sense of their current situation and the steps ahead. To get tax questions answered or talk with Donna Girard call 731-855-9797.

## Funding to continue supporting families and students

The Tennessee Department of Education announced \$1 million will be awarded to Tennessee's six PBS stations- West TN PBS, WNPT Nashville, East Tennessee PBS, WCTE Upper Cumberland, WKNO Memphis, and Chattanooga WTCL- for their partnership to engage families and support quality education for students across the state.

"The department is pleased to award the state's six PBS station \$1 million to support the critical role our public television stations have played, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, to engage families and provide access to educational resources and supports,"

said Commissioner Penny Schwinn. "We thank the Tennessee PBS stations for their partnership to ensure students can have daily access to Tennessee teachers and classroom lessons."

In collaboration with Tennessee teachers and districts, the department created an at-home learning series with over 300 instructional classroom video lessons for 1st -8th grade students airing across all six Tennessee PBS stations since the spring.

"It is an honor to work closely with Tennessee Department of Education on

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## OBITUARY/COMMUNITY NEWS



Alice Mae Brown Lents

Mrs. Alice Mae Brown Lents age 85 of Alamo, passed away on January 6, 2021 in Memphis.

She was born on June 10, 1935 in Dyer to the late Alfred Brown and Elsie Godman Brown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her husband, Dorris Lents and her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two sons, James Lents (Nat) of Alamo and Rickey Lents of Humboldt and one daughter, Charlotte Crocker of Alamo. Other survivors include seven grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren.

The Lents Family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 in the Chapel of Medina Funeral Home from 12:00 p.m. until the service hour. Funeral Services for Mrs. Lents will be conducted on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel, with Bro. Marty Johnson, officiating. Burial will follow in the Quincy Pentecostal Church Cemetery in Alamo.



Willie Don Smallwood

Funeral Services for Mr. Willie Don Smallwood, 57, will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Faith Independent Church in Maury City at 2:00 p.m. with Bobby King officiating.

Mr. Smallwood passed away at his home on January 15, 2021. Born on August 28, 1963 he is the son of the late, Buddy Davison and Naomi Hutchison Davison. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dale Smallwood, Eldon Davison; and sister, Evelyn Smallwood. Mr. Don lived in Crockett County all of his life and was a member of the Faith Independent Church of Maury City.

Mr. Smallwood is survived by his wife, Patricia Smallwood of Crockett Mills; daughters, Melissa Prescott (Billy) of Alamo, Mendy Allen (Les) of Maury City, Amber Pierce (Cody) of Dyersburg, Alison Walker (Jamie) of Meridian, Mississippi, Ashley Thompson (Jimmy) of Eaton; son, Stephen Anderson of Alamo; sister, Josephine Whitman (Dana) of Milan; grandchildren, Alyssa, Brooke, Gayle, Kaylee, Dylan, Morgan, Kameron, Bentley, Peyton, Addyson, Spencer, Anabelle, Reece, Olivia, Logan; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Mr. Smallwood will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Faith Independent Church in Maury City.

Pallbearers are Billy King, Stephen Anderson, Kodi King, Steven Park, Andy Knox, and Alan Whitby.

Honorary Pallbearers are Billy Prescott and Les Jones.

Location of the Service Faith Independent, address 4340 HWY 88 Maury City, Tenn, 38050.

### Death Notices

Jeffrey Ermen Ward, 60, Crockett Mills passed away January 14. Funeral service was 2 p.m. January 17 at Faith Independent Church. Burial followed in Crockett Mills Cemetery.



## Neighbors Offering Assistance and Hope

NOAH has received the following memorials:

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In memory of Donald Watson given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

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In memory of Mac Thompson given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

In memory of Robert Earl Gaines given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

In memory of Roy McLain given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

In memory of Joyce & Jody Byrd given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

In memory of Bill & Stella Gibson given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

In memory of Curtis Davis given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

In memory of Woody Privett given by Danny & Bonnie Hilliard

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## Starting over: 5 ways to reset your money goals in 2021

By Chris Hogan

One time, Mama Hogan looked at me and said, "Christopher"—she had my attention when she said my full name—"I don't ever want you to be a 'been' brother." I said, "Huh?" She explained: "A coulda been, shoulda been, woulda been kind of person. You have an opportunity to change some things and make progress."

Listen up, people. We've all been "been brothers" from time to time—wishing we'd done things differently or beating ourselves up for past mistakes. And there's one area we carry a lot of regret: money. Maybe you're looking at your financial situation and starting to get upset. You might be thinking, *There's got to be a better way than this.*

Here's the good news. The new year is like turning a blank page. If you wake up with breath in your lungs, you've got an opportunity to do a little bit better than the day before. All you've got to do is decide to change. To help you with a fresh start, here are five ways you can reset your money goals in 2021.

### 1. Start with the end in mind

What do you want to accomplish by changing your money habits? Is this the year you finally become debt-free? Are you saving up for college for your kids? Are you getting serious about funding your dream retirement? Take some time to dream in high definition about your goals so you can have something concrete to work toward.

### 2. Evaluate your spending habits

Get your bank statements out (even if it hurts to look at them), and take a long, hard look at where you're spending money. When I finally got serious about controlling my money and making a budget, I went through all my bank statements and I asked myself: *Where is my money actually going?* Guess what? It was going to the grocery store—those places were getting rich off me. I was spending \$1,200 every single month on groceries! I wouldn't have realized that if I'd just kept cruising along on autopilot, not paying attention to

where I was spending my hard-earned income.

### 3. Make a zero-based budget

A zero-based budget is, hands down, the best way to budget. It's a method of planning your spending at the beginning of every month so that your total income minus your total expenses equals zero. It means you give every dollar a job to do in the budget. And once you've made your budget, I want you to really pay attention and track your spending by keeping a record of your transactions throughout the month.

### 4. Beef up your emergency fund

If you've got consumer debt, build up an emergency fund of \$1,000 to act as a buffer between you and life. Once you're out of debt, though, build that emergency fund up to have enough money in savings to cover a 3 to 6 months of expenses. That way, you can pay cash for life's emergencies instead of turning to debt.

### 5. Track your progress

I like to tell people that building wealth is a marathon, not a sprint. Since it's a long-term game, it's important to track your progress along the way. I want you to visualize and celebrate the small wins so you stay fired up for the long haul. We have a great tool called Ramsey+ that will help you track your progress—whether it's getting out of debt, saving an emergency fund, or investing.

I believe in you. And I know you can make 2021 your best year yet!

**About Chris Hogan**  
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## Pond Creek

by Judy Poston

When the question popped up on Facebook this week, "When churches reopen, will you worship in person or on-line? Hannah Holmberg quickly answered, "In Building!"

When I forwarded the information to the congregation from Pastor Joe Hall, that Sunday morning services would resume at Pond Creek this past Sunday, I quickly began to receive answers from those I texted - "Awesome," "Good News," "So glad," and "Praise God!"

As I entered the doors to the sanctuary on Sunday morning, joyous laughter rang out from souls who could attest to the truth, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the LORD.'" (Psalm 122:1)

Jerry Lambert led in a review of the old, old story and its personal connection to our lives as the congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus." Ray Neal Turner, in his opening devotion, encouraged those present against spending too much time on social media to the point of neglecting the reading of our Bibles. Elaine Kreider, Jerry and Vickie Lambert, Cheryl Ferrell, Junior Stallings, Wanda and Dwayne Porter, Remelda Ballard, Carol Cooke, Marilyn Kail, and Carolyn Lee each shared God's graciousness in their own lives as shown during the past few weeks when the church had been unable to meet, and requested prayer for family, friends, and neighbors passing through trials. Cheryl shared how she had been blessed to continue in the Word - studying those scriptures that had been a part of the Christmas service - the last service the congregation had held together. Wanda talked about the phone texts sent out so that each could know what was going on in one another's lives and each could pray for the specific needs of others. Junior told about driving to the church on Sunday mornings and sitting in his truck praying for his church family. Carol shared the testimony of her cousin, Cande Porter Edwards, who spoke to her mother just before she died, witnessing to her that she was a Christian and ready to go.

Carolyn Lee told a story of witnessing for Christ in a conversation with a stranger. Vickie spoke of her thankfulness that God was with her as she experienced the sickness of the Covid virus. AND Ray Neal reminded us once again of "Immanuel," the name given the Christ Child, "God is with us." Joe called out, in prayer, the name of Rev. Linwood Reed and New Baptist Church in Maury City just as he had promised the pastor he would do. Joe also went down the rows of pews, calling out in prayer, the names of those who normally sat there, but who were unable to be present due to the Covid crisis or other illnesses.

For his first sermon of the new year, Joe took his text from Luke 4:14-22. Jesus read from Isaiah that day in the synagogue, "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed: to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Jesus offers liberty - reconciliation with God and freedom from sin. He is the One sent to bring the full benefits of salvation promised in the Old Testament. "The reaction of the people was mixed. They were impressed with His words, but they also reminded themselves He was only Joseph's son. To merely marvel is to reject him. To accept His words about Himself as true is to accept Him as the Savior sent from God." (Wesley Study Bible) Joe used this scripture to prepare hearts

for the communion service that followed.

I remember the phone call that came from Aunt Katherine Johnson when Bret Johnson was just a small boy. He had awakened that morning unable to move his legs, unable to walk. When he was growing up, he and sister, Connie, would always phone Aunt Katherine and Uncle Estle to come over and stay with them during a storm. They were always glad to get the call, glad to go. Bret and wife, Connie, would bring daughter Mallory to church on Wednesday nights, when the church crowd was at its smallest as Mallory was so susceptible to catching germs that could make her so sick. Connie brought Tom's Cheddar Bacon Fries for Mallory to munch on. Connie always shared with my nephew Peyton. We still refer to them as "Connie's Chips." Bret had a deep love and gratitude toward Henry and Nannie Mae Johnson for rearing him and loving him. He looked forward to the day he would be reunited with Mallory. He enjoyed spending time with his precious son Colleen. Please pray for this family as they mourn the loss of their loved one. Remember especially Sally, Bret's sister, a resident at Alamo Nursing Home.

Christmas, 2019, found Faith Independent Methodist Church and Pond Creek working together to present a Christmas play. Mike Ferrell and Jeff Ward worked together to build a set where a shadow play could be presented by the youth. They used the song, "Hallelujah" to tell the story of the Savior's birth. Fast forward a year, to Christmas, 2020, when Jeff lay in a hospital bed fighting for his life. The fight is over. The victory is won. Jeff has life - life everlasting. Along with the many beautiful floral displays at his funeral, was his church choir robe. Now he wears a new robe. Surely, "Hallelujah" is his refrain as he sings round the throne in in-person worship of his LORD and Savior. Prayers are being lifted up for Brenda and their children and grandchildren. Jeff's step-daughters, Melissa and Mendy lost their dad, Don Smallwood, some 24 hours after Jeff passed away. Again, they are in need of prayer.

Please pray for Danny and Judy Cobb. Danny has fought a long battle with cancer and is very ill.

We are praying for Elbert and Joy Nell Woods as Elbert is scheduled for a heart cath this week.

Holly Wheeler will be training for a new job over the course of the next few weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jerry Lambert requests prayer for a former co-worker who has been seriously injured on the job.

Tania Lambert asks prayer for Terry Brown, who is an ICU patient.

We are remembering Will Spence, who suffered a heart attack, in our prayers.

We are also continuing to remember, in prayer, Roger Moore and his family following his recent surgery.

We pray for Cande Porter Edwards' family and friends as they hold a service to honor her memory and celebrate her homegoing on Friday. Please pray for Mrs. Geraldine Lents,

Cande's room mate at Alamo Nursing Home who misses her dearly.

Carolyn King's friends who live out of state, Jordan Snyder and Diane Pierce, have requested prayer as Jordan has Covid and Diane is soon to have cataract surgery.

Our sympathies to Matthew and Andrea Lents and family in the passing of Matthew's grandmother, Mrs. Alice Lents. We are praying for this family.

Pond Creek Church folks who have celebrated a birthday, thus far, in January, include Marilyn Kail and Carolyn Lee, Judy Mask, Remelda Ballard, JoBeth Porter, and Carson Turner. We want to wish these special people a special Happy Birthday.

Elbert and Joy Nell Woods celebrated their anniversary on January 15. Happy, happy anniversary to them.

Others on this week's church prayer list include: Elaine Ball, Loretta Ballard, Virginia Barron, Sharon Beaird, June Blair, Stan Black, Dan Browning, Bob Bushart, Randle Bushart, Keith Carver, Sr., Dexter Chambers, Ruby Climer, Danny Cobb, Janice Criss, Chuck Crutchfield, Carla Crutchfield, Sherry Earnheart, Deborah Edge, Betty Ferrell, Debbie Gardner, Ray George, Kathryn Gibbons, Tina Gustafson, Helen Hall, Joe Hall, Donna Hamilton, Faye Hart, Bonnie Hillard, Bob Holder, Lee Johns, Sonya Kendall, Carolyn King, Tuffy King, Vickie Lambert, Tim Laman, Rosie Laman, Crystal Lee, Draper Lee, Ora Lee, Andrea Lents, Bro. Jack Leslie, Bea Love, Nicky Love, Patricia MacLaughlin, Brooke Peterson McAllister, Matthew McDonald, Judy Mask, Rita Mattocha, Dinker Mayfield, Ruby Medlin, Missionary Caolyn Knight, Missionaries Kalep and Ashley Roberson, Danny Odom, Nelda Owens, Carolyn Peal, Jerry Peterson, Peggy Peterson, Anne Poston, Pat Poston, Betty Prescott, Carolyn Prescott, Howell Revelle, Pansy Roberts, Tim Rowland, Reidia Sherrod, Tommy Sherrod, John Paul Snyder, Emma Stallings, Anne Turner, Rexann Turner, Dean Turnage, Tristan Vickers, and Mitchell Whitehead.

Have a blessed week! Several have sent requests to remind others to be much in prayer for our nation. It is a burden that each who reads this is bound to share.

With this thought in mind, Joe shared with the congregation on Sunday morning from Psalm 33. Verse 12 reads, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."

The 16th and 17th verses are reminders that no resource less than God is adequate to meet human need: "No king is saved by the multitude of an army; a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; neither shall it deliver any by its great strength." This is why we implore God to bless America. "Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You." (vs. 20-22) Please remember to pray for our nation and our President.

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## TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

The Talking Donkey Numbers 22

As Balaam went with the Moabite princes, riding his donkey, the donkey saw an angel of the Lord with a drawn sword standing in the roadway. The donkey turned into a field. Balaam beat the donkey to get her back on the road. The angel appeared in the roadway again and the donkey crushed Balaam's foot against a wall as she tried to sidestep the angel. Balaam beat the donkey again.

The angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey again and there was no room on either side of the path where the donkey could pass by the angel. The donkey lay down under Balaam and Balaam beat her again. The donkey spoke and asked Balaam, "what have I done to make you beat me three times?"

Balaam replied, "you made a fool of me and if I had a sword I would kill you."

The donkey then questioned Balaam about her faithfulness as a donkey. Balaam admitted that she had been a faithful donkey. Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn.

Balaam fell face down before the Lord and confessed his sin to the Lord.

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on February 3, 2021, at or about 1:00 PM, local time, at the west door of the Crockett County Courthouse, 1 South Bells Street, Alamo, TN 38001, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Cathie J. Davis, an unmarried woman, to Robert M. Wilson, as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated June 15, 2007, and recorded in Deed of Trust 242, Page 215, in the Register's Office for Crockett County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust") and as corrected by Affidavit recorded in Deed of Trust Book 325, Page 121, conducted by Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the Crockett County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Other interested parties: Bank of America, N.A.

The hereinafter described real property located in Crockett County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens, and encumbrances of record:

Lying and being in the 5th Civil District of Crockett County, Tennessee and lying to the Northeast of new State Highway No. 20, being bounded on the South or Southwest by said new State Highway No. 20; bounded on the East by a lot belonging to Barney Byrum; bounded on the North by Porter lands; and bounded on the West by another lot or parcel belonging to Uselton. Said lot may also be described as follows: beginning on a stake or point in the North or Northeast margin of the right of way of said new State Highway No. 20, which point of beginning is also the Southwest corner of a lot belonging to Barney Byrum; runs thence in a Northerly direction with a line fence 4.9 chains to a stake in Barney Byrum's Northwest corner, being also the North boundary line of Porter lands; thence in Westerly direction with a line fence, South boundary line of the Porter lands, 4.2 chains to a stake; thence South or in a Southerly direction 3.1 chains to a stake or point in the margin of the right of way of said new State Highway No. 20; thence with the margin of the right of way of said highway in a Southeasterly direction 5 chains to the point of beginning, containing 1.8 acres, more or less.

The last deed of record is a Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 117, Page 53 on 6/23/2000 in the Register's Office of Crockett County, Tennessee.

Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 4018 Highway 412 South a/k/a 4993 Highway 412 South, Alamo, TN 38001, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Map/Parcel Number: 075-026.00

Current owner(s) of Record: Cathie Davis

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded Plat or Plan; any unpaid taxes and assessments; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; rights of redemption, equity, statutory or otherwise, not otherwise waived in the Deed of Trust, including rights of redemption of any government agency, state or federal; and any and all prior deeds of trust, liens, dues, assessments, encumbrances, defects, adverse claims and other matters that may take priority over the Deed of Trust upon which this foreclosure sale is conducted or are not extinguished by this Foreclosure Sale.

THE PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, RELATING TO TITLE, MARKETABILITY OF TITLE, POSSESSION,

QUIET ENJOYMENT OR THE LIKE AND FITNESS FOR A GENERAL OR PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE. The title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the sale to another time certain or to another day, time, and place certain, without further publication upon announcement on the day, time, and place of sale set forth above or any subsequent adjourned day, time, and place of sale.

If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified check made payable to or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded by the Substitute Trustee at any time.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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### Notice of Bid

The Bells City Board of Education, 4547 Hwy 88 S, Bells, TN, 38006, is requesting bids from a licensed company for the purchase and installation of twenty-two Interactive Flat Panels and the removal of old equipment. For specifications, contact Mark Wallace, Superintendent, at Bells Elementary School or call (731) 663-2041. Bids must be sealed with contractor's information and delivered to the office by 12:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2021. Bids will be opened on January 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Bids will then be presented to the school board on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid, and if applicable, to accept the bid which is best as evidenced by reasons relative to the purpose of the purchase.

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### Notice of Meeting

The Northwest TN Workforce Board will hold their quarterly board meeting online Feb. 23rd at 11:30 am. Meetings open to the public by emailing burchfiel@nwtworks.org.

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300 million of them have been sold, and some 60 companies manufacture them. Countless businesses use them to show off their company advertising logos as well. Some of the older Frisbee models are now collectors' items worth hundreds of dollars, and everybody, it seems, knows what Frisbees are. Ninety percent of all Americans have actually played with them at one time or another, and even people who don't normally do such things find them tempting. When you come upon people playing with one and an errant toss comes your way the urge to run and catch it is almost irresistible.

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## USDA, Tennessee sign shared stewardship agreement to improve forest conditions on public and private lands

*Framework strengthens collaboration and mutual goals to address natural resource issues*

Tennessee's forests will benefit from strengthened partnerships between federal and state agencies following today's virtual signing of a Shared Stewardship agreement.

Under Secretary of Agriculture James Hubbard represented USDA and Tennessee's Department of Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner David Salyers, and Wildlife Resources Agency Director Bobby Wilson all signed on behalf of Governor Bill Lee.

The agreement between USDA's Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service and the state agencies establishes a framework to improve collaboration, accomplish mutual goals, further common interests, and effectively respond to the increasing ecological challenges and natural resource concerns.

"This Shared Stewardship agreement builds on a long history of collaboration between USDA and the state of Tennessee," USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and En-

vironment Jim Hubbard said. "We are reaffirming our joint commitment to set management priorities that achieve outcomes across jurisdictions."

This new agreement centers on USDA's commitment to work with states and other partners to use the best available science to identify high-priority forests that require active management, and to ensure the long-term sustainability of public and private lands.

"Our state natural resource agencies have a long history of cooperation to ensure the wise use and protection of our natural resources," Tennessee Governor Bill Lee said. "This Shared Stewardship agreement with our federal partners extends our commitment to keeping our forests productive, healthy, and resilient."

Involved agencies are individually tasked to address a wide range of challenges that negatively impact our state's natural resources. These challenges include human population increase leading to more development, catastrophic storms, droughts, flooding, wildfires, insect and disease outbreaks, invasive species, increased recreational pressures, and a lack of adequate markets to help drive

investments in sustainable forest management.

"Shared stewardship promotes accountability with our partners to manage natural resources that are entrusted to us," Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. "These partnerships help us leverage resources to protect, conserve, and enhance Tennessee's forests making them more productive, healthy, and resilient on the landscape."

The Shared Stewardship Agreement will foster collaborative planning, priority setting, and

actions to address these challenges. Proposed actions include restoring fire-adapted communities and reducing the risk of wildland fire; identifying, managing, and reducing threats to forest and ecosystem health; fostering economic development strategies that keep working forests productive; conserving working forestland; and providing quality outdoor recreational experiences.

"Shared Stewardship exemplifies Tennessee's continued dedication to wildlife conservation," Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Executive Director Bobby Wilson said. "Shared Stewardship cre-

ates a framework for state and federal agencies to work across boundaries and implement appropriate practices for healthy wildlife, sustainable forests, and clean water."

"Collaboration and strategic partnerships are an integral part of TDEC's mission, providing a number of benefits to Tennessee's lands, waters, and native species," Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner David Salyers said. "We look forward to even more collaboration under this Shared Stewardship Agreement between the state and the USDA Forest Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service, which will allow for additional conservation activities that benefit present and future Tennesseans."

Tennessee becomes the 9<sup>th</sup> state in the South and 25<sup>th</sup> in the nation to sign such an agreement to strengthen partnerships within the state to increase the scope and scale of critical forest treatments that support communities and improve forest conditions.

The agreement can be found online at [www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/shared-stewardship](http://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/shared-stewardship).

## Adaptability, resilience on display as Tennessee families, educators celebrate school choice week safely

In the midst of a school year like no other, Tennessee families and educators are gearing up to safely spotlight education options during School Choice Week 2021.

Tennesseans are hosting 861 virtual or at-home celebrations during the week. Among the biggest activities will be a statewide classroom photo contest and student video contest, with winners announced on January 29. Tennessee's celebrations will also include Facebook Live "Choice Chats" with education experts throughout the week.

Taking place annually since 2011, School Choice Week is America's largest celebration of educational choice. While typically the week is packed with large, in-person events, school choice advocates have adapted to this year's health and safety protocols, opting for drive-through scavenger hunts, virtual information sessions and showcases, online contests, drive-in

movie screenings and more.

Across the country, more than two dozen iconic U.S. landmarks and notable buildings will light up in special colors to mark the week. In Tennessee, the State Capitol building in Nashville will light up from dusk to dawn from January 22-24.

Governor Bill Lee has issued an official proclamation recognizing January 24-30 as Tennessee School Choice Week. Additionally, a growing number of Tennessee Cities have issued proclamations recognizing School Choice Week in their community, including the counties of Megis and Cocke and the cities of Kingston, Martin and Madisonville.

"This National School Choice Week, let's pause to recognize the impact a child's education has on their ability to achieve their dreams, attain a healthy economic future and give back to their community," said Andrew Campanella, president of

National School Choice Week. "Across Tennessee, different schools help different students succeed, and all great schools are worth celebrating and supporting."

In Tennessee, there are a variety of educational options to attend including: traditional public schools with open enrollment at the discretion of each district, charter schools, magnet schools, online academics, private schools and homeschooling. Tennessee students with special needs may be eligible for a publicly-funded Individualized Education Account.

Tennessee families will be raising awareness about these

choices at their virtual celebrations, which make up some of the more than 33,000 planned nationwide to spotlight K-12 education options.

To download a guide to Tennessee school choice, use the Schools Near Me tool to search for schools in your area or see celebration photos and proclamation updates by visiting [schoolchoiceweek.com/Tennessee](http://schoolchoiceweek.com/Tennessee).

National School Choice Weeks is an independent public awareness effort; the week is nonpartisan, nonpolitical and not related to any legislative advocacy campaign.

## Intervention, from page 2

from the 2019-20 school year to the 2020-21 school year so that students, teachers, schools and districts do not face any negative consequences associated with student assessments

Provides parents and educators with assessment data including TCAP testing to provide an accurate picture of where Tennessee students are and what supports are needed to offset any learning losses

According to Pratt, students who are needing additional educational help have been identified and activities are being implemented to update them and get them back on track with their peers.

Some children weren't affected by the school closure as much as others who aren't as naturally interested in reading and other educational activities.

The Crockett County School System plans to implement additional summer educational opportunities that will be critical to catching students up that are behind.

Pratt explained that the school may be looking into specialty camps to help the high school students catch up in specialized

career paths.

"We are hoping by February, we will have more information about what these laws will provide so we know just how to proceed with our summer program plans," said Pratt.

The school system has now received 640 of the 1400 computers ordered at the start of the pandemic and these devices are now available for students to utilize.

Moving forward with the additional educational opportunities that will be offered this summer, parental support and encouragement will be a major player in helping students and the programs succeed. Students will be in school for at least five hours per day.

### NOTICE TO FURNISHERS OF LABOR AND MATERIALS TO:

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## The Crockett County Election Commission is hiring a new Administrator of Elections.

You may mail your resume to 235 E. Church Street, Alamo, TN 38001 or you may email your resume to [loriklott@crockett.net](mailto:loriklott@crockett.net). Resumes will be accepted until January 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

There will be a commission meeting on January 26, @ 4:30 PM to appoint the new Administrator of Elections.

## NOTICE OF DISPOSAL

The personal property that was abandon and unpaid rent at **487 Walnut Hill Road (Red Shop)** will be disposal as of **February 1, 2021**.

Attempts to reach Jeff Miller by address, phones number (text) and certified letter have failed.

The renter has the opportunity to redeem by paying past due charges by February 1, 2021.



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## PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

The **inauguration** is the ceremony in which the new or reelected president is inducted into office. This year it will be held at noon on January 20. It takes place outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

### The President's Oath of Office

At the inauguration ceremony, the president takes an **oath of office**. With right hand raised and left hand on an open Bible, the new president says the following statement:

the United States.”  
 “I do solemnly swear that I will  
 ability, preserve, protect and  
 and will to the best of my  
 defend the Constitution of  
 President of the United States,  
 faithfully execute the office of

Whoops! Cut out the Presidential Oath and paste it on a sheet of paper in the correct order.

### Hottest and Coldest Inaugurations

Some presidents have had two inaugurations. That's because they served two terms. One of these two-term presidents had the hottest (55°F/12°C) and coldest (7°F/-13°C) inaugurations. Use the code to discover the name of that president.

1 = A	5 = L	8	7	6	1	5	2
2 = D	6 = N	8	3	1	4	1	6
3 = E	7 = O						
4 = G	8 = R						

## Inauguration Day 2021



Joseph R. Biden will be sworn into office as the 46th president of the United States during his inauguration celebration on January 20th. He will take the oath to “preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

This inauguration will make history because Kamala Harris will be first woman vice president of the United States.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand the primary responsibilities of each branch of government in a system of shared powers.

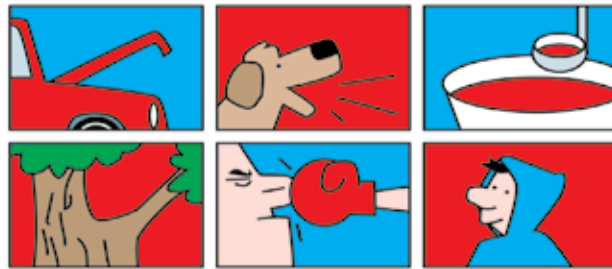
How many members of the armed services will take part in Inauguration Day activities? Circle every other letter:

**Q O T I A V B E C T Y H S O L U R S D A P N M D**  
**F**

### The Inaugural Ball

America's fourth president, James Madison, and his wife, Dolley, were the guests of honor at the first official Inaugural Ball. An Inaugural Ball does not bounce. It is actually a big party.

Like the word **ball**, many words mean more than one thing. Each object shown here has the same name as another object shown. Can you match the picture pairs?



**bark punch hood**

Standards Link: Reading: Identify words with multiple meanings.



### Presidential Seal

The Seal of the President of the United States contains a circle of white stars representing America's 50 states. The banner that reads **E PLURIBUS UNUM** is Latin for “out of many, one” meaning out of many states, one country and also, out of many peoples, one nation. There are 13 stars, clouds, leaves and arrows that represent the original 13 states.

Starting with the first letter in each line below, circle every other letter to discover what the olive branch represents and what the arrows the eagle is holding represent.

**P T E Y A N C K E L**  
**D W E B F P E D N A S J E V**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Extra! Extra! Word Order

Look through the newspaper to find five or more words that begin with the letter **I**. Cut out the words and glue them onto a piece of paper in alphabetical order. Challenge: Can you do this with more than five words?

Standards Link: Spelling: Alphabetize words to a second or third letter.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

The words in the scrambled sentence below make up a very American sentence. Can you put the words in the right order to reveal the sentence?

**THE UNITED PLEDGE OF STATES AMERICA OF ALLEGIANCE FLAG I TO THE.**



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

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 PRESIDENT  
 SWEAR  
 PROTECT  
 PRESERVE  
 DEFEND  
 OATH  
 FIRST  
 PARTY  
 SWORN  
 HAND  
 HONOR  
 WHITE  
 NOON

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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 R T H E O I T C W E  
 E M R O D R D Y S R  
 D E F E N D I N M V  
 C E N R O W S C A E  
 N T C E T O R P T H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

**COUPLES ANTICS DOOR PLANTED TREATED**  
**PUBLIC BELLS COMMON HIDING MOVED**

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read a variety of grade-level appropriate expository text.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:  
**OATH**

The noun **oath** means a serious promise.

Stephanie made an **oath** to tell the truth.

Try to use the word **oath** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

**For the Children** Imagine that you have been selected to advise the president on the concerns of children. Look through the newspaper for articles addressing topics that affect children. Make a list of ways you think the president could help children.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### Why did George Washington have trouble sleeping?

ANSWER: Because George Washington could not lie.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Pruitt fired, Fulmer retires at Tennessee



Monday, the University of Tennessee did what many observers felt was inevitable: Fire football coach Jeremy Pruitt for cause.

Pruitt, assistant coaches Brian Niedermeyer, Shelton Felton and seven other staff members associated with the Vols' football program for what UT chancellor Donde Plowman said were rampant rules violations.

Additionally, Tennessee athletic director Phillip Fulmer announced his retirement, but said he'd remain in place until a new AD is hired. Fulmer will not have a role in replacing Pruitt. Former Auburn defensive coordinator Kevin Steele, hired last week by the football program, has been named acting head coach.

With the dismissal, Tennessee, potentially, is off the hook for Pruitt's \$12.8 million buy-out, though it is believed that Pruitt will challenge that legally.

"Our administration is deeply committed to sustaining and winning across every sport and doing it with the highest integrity. You have our promise that we are going to do this the right way," Plowman said. "Today we are announcing important changes in the leadership of our football program that are intended to achieve both of these objectives."

Pruitt, who accrued a record of 16-19 during his tenure over the past three years, was 0-9 against Alabama, Georgia and Florida and the Vols lost seven games, all by double digits, which was a first for the program.

Right after kickoff against Vanderbilt, news reports surfaced that Tennessee was con-

ducting an internal review over NCAA violations and recruiting impropriety during Pruitt's watch. After several weeks of the internal review, Plowman said she received notification from a credible source that "potentially serious" NCAA infractions had taken place in the football program. The chancellor contacted the university's general counsel and the counsel's office began to conduct an investigation.

"Based on that inquiry, the university hired an outside law firm with extensive experience with NCAA compliance matters," said Plowman.

Tennessee acquired the services of attorneys Mike Glazier and Kyle Skillman of Bond, Schoeneck & King, a Kansas-based firm, who represent schools dealing with NCAA infractions. Glazier and Skillman have extensive experience in these matters.

Plowman said she met with her compliance staff and it indicated that serious violations had occurred and that they required immediate action. She also said that the data provided showed a significant number of Level 1 and 2 violations. The chancellor addressed the coaching situation.

"The coach is the leader and responsible for the program and staff and he's responsible for the actions of his staff," Plowman said. "Coach Pruitt did not adequately promote an atmosphere of compliance."

The chancellor did offer a silver lining.

"We have a path forward. Kevin Steele is acting head coach. He has right leadership experience. He is widely considered a top recruiter and has deep Tennessee roots," she said.

Steele once served as an assistant under then-coach Johnny Majors and is a Tennessee graduate.

Fulmer also added his remarks during Monday's presser.

"It became clear to us that new leadership was necessary in the football program," he said.

"None of use are pleased to be here under these circumstances and we are all deeply disappointed in those who engaged in the behavior described in the report."

Fulmer also addressed his retirement.

"The unexpected need to hire a new coach caused me to re-evaluate my place in this organization. I knew we need stability and continuity at Tennessee and our next football coach needs to be on our sideline for at least 10 years or more," he said. "I'm confident he will want and to know who his athletic director will be for the duration."

The hall-of-fame coach said he was 70 years old and did not plan to be the AD until he was 80, so it was time to step down, saying it was his expectation to move on from athletics sooner rather than later.

Nobody offered any clues as to who the next coach or AD would be, but Plowman did say that a search firm would be secured to find the coach. Sources say there are four names on the short list for coach: Steele, Alabama-Birmingham coach Bill Clark, Coastal Carolina coach Jamey Chadwell and former Texas coach Tom Herman. Sources also say that former Ole Miss and current Liberty coach Hugh Freeze would not be entertained.

It is believed that the athletic director post will be filled fairly soon. East Carolina AD John Gilbert, who spent 11 years with former UT athletic director Dave Hart, is being considered. Former Tennessee assistant athletic director David Blackburn is a fan favorite for the job and was passed over for the post when Tennessee hired John Currie five years ago.

Chancellor Plowman was emphatic about the primacy for getting the proper people in these jobs.

"We feel a profound responsibility to get...this...right," she said.

Plowman thanked the staff, alumni and fans for being patient and trust through this process.

## DraftKings Gives nearly \$180K to CFMT Fund to Aid Victims of Christmas Morning Blast

DraftKings, a leader in the digital sports entertainment and gaming industry, has announced a donation of nearly \$180,000 — \$179,579 — to benefit The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee's Nashville Neighbors Fund.

CFMT established the Nashville Neighbors Fund, in partnership with WTVF-NewsChannel 5, to support those impacted from downtown Nashville's Christmas morning explosion.

DraftKings ran a series of free fantasy sports contests to benefit the Fund, and pledged a \$1 donation to the Fund for each participant in the contests. The first of these contests was held for the December 27, Tennessee Titans vs. Green Bay Packers game, attracting 84,692 entrants. Just after the new year, on January 3, DraftKings hosted another contest for the game between the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers, which attracted 94,887 participants and brought the total from both contests to 179,579.

"DraftKings stands with Nashville and the surrounding communities during this difficult time. Nashville is strong, resilient, and will come together to rebuild. We are proud to support The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee during this time of need," said Matt Kalish, DraftKings co-founder and President, North America.

Grants from the Fund will be made to nonprofits providing services for both the immediate and long-term needs arising from the blast.

"I want to thank all of our cus-

tomers nationwide for showing their support for Nashville," Kalish continued. "We're proud to make this donation on their behalf in support of bringing healing to the Music City."

"While the disaster that drove us to create the Nashville Neighbors Fund was horrific, we know that our community will need to rebuild and renew," said Ellen Lehman, president and Founder of The Community Foundation. "We are grateful to our new neighbors, DraftKings, for supporting these recovery efforts. And in keeping true to the neighbors helping neighbors sentiment, their generous gift will provide support to our downtown residents, employees, and businesses."

Federal and local officials have said Anthony Quinn Warner, 63, of Antioch detonated an RV and blew up a city block on Historic Second Avenue North with unidentified explosives at around 6:30 am, on December 25, outside an AT&T switching station. The bomb killed Warner, injured at least three people, damaged dozens of down-

town buildings, and hampered telecommunications systems throughout the Southeast for several days.

The Metro Office of Emergency management has estimated the explosion has affected 1,200 employees, 400 residents, at least 45 businesses, and 46 parcels of land, some with multiple structures. The Metro Nashville Codes Department has deemed 10 buildings unsafe.

To give to the Nashville Neighbors Fund, go to [www.cfmt.org/neighbors](http://www.cfmt.org/neighbors) or call The Community Foundation at (615) 321-4939.

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**Tuesday**  
**January 12**  
**vs. Dyersburg**  
**Dyersburg 40**

Jaylon Brown 13, Timarion Johnson 7, Ryan Lowrance 6, Lafe Morgan 4, Evan Querterious 4, Ace Mahaffey 2, Malik McLin 2, Tamarion Isom 2, Jamari Currie

**Crockett County 50**  
Payton Currie 16, Haydn Moten 13, Devion Lloyd 10, Noah LaRue 5, Danny Jordan 3, Kenan Dupree 3

**Score by quarters:**  
Dyersburg 10 16 26 - 40  
Crockett 3 15 24 - 50

**Friday**  
**January 15**  
**vs. South Gibson**  
**South Gibson 69**

Jacob Bedwell 26, Wesley Thompson 19, Bryson Robbins 8, Landon Lambert 6, Sam Brantley 6, Cameron Clark 4, Markell Melton, Camden Lockett

**Crockett County 61**  
Payton Currie 24, Noah LaRue 12, Devion Lloyd 11, Kenan Dupree 10, Jonathan Pankey 2, Danny Jordan 2, Lee Wilson, Haydn Moten, Isaiah Claybrooks, Antwan Hopson

**Score by quarters:**  
South Gibson 21 36 53 - 69  
Crockett 20 24 45 - 61

### BOX SCORES GIRLS

**Tuesday**  
**January 12**  
**vs. Dyersburg**  
**Dyersburg 33**

Lyric Latham 10, Ashleigh Harris 9, KK Howard 8, Nadia Davis 4, Jasmine Jordan 2, Brianna McKinnie, Gracie Burch, Na'Riyah Lee, Addie Hurt

**Crockett County 36**  
Karmen Frost 9, Janiya Jones 8, Eden LaRue 7, Mackenzie Butler 6, Ellie Hoover 4, Paige Turner 2, Kate Gourley

**Score by quarters:**  
Dyersburg 14 15 25 - 33  
Crockett 11 24 30 - 36

**Friday**  
**January 15**  
**vs. South Gibson**  
**South Gibson 59**

Hallie Allen 16, Lexie Friend 9, Peyton Spencer 9, Lily Baggett 9, Brylee Bone 8, Alana Seals 4, Ellie Thetford 2, Kayleigh Williams 2, Tiara Green, Lauren Johnson

**Crockett County 44**  
Ellie Hoover 11, Paige Turner 10, Mackenzie Butler 9, Karmen Frost 6, Kate Gourley 3, Eden LaRue 3, Janiya Jones 2, Kyli Henson, Jada Kail

**Score by quarters:**  
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## SPORTS



Photo by Cynthia Kilburn

Ellie Hoover shoots for three against South Gibson and scores 14 points for the Lady Cavs in contests against the Hornets and Dyersburg Trojans this week.

### Lady Cavaliers topple the Lady Trojans

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News Editor

Lady Cavs scored a victory over Dyersburg Trojans early in the week in a tight battle. On Tuesday, January 12, Dyersburg led the first quarter by three points but Crockett returned to the court in the second with a strong defense. Lady Trojans scored a single point in the second to Crockett's 13. Maintaining a strong defense in the third and fourth brought the

Lady Cavs 36-33 win. "Janiya was awesome," said Coach Kayla Irvin. "She gave us tons of energy and got every loose ball and rebound. She played exceptional against Dyersburg." Karmen Frost scored 9 points, Janiya Jones 8, Eden LaRue 7, Mackenzie Butler 6, Ellie Hoover 4 and Paige Turner 2. Lady Cavs fell to the South Gibson Hornets on Friday, January 15. The Lady Hornets took an early

lead in the first quarter 15-7. The Lady Cavs had a strong second quarter scoring 14 points and fourth scoring 15 but couldn't surpass the Lady Hornets. South Gibson took the win 59-44. Ellie Hoover scored 11 points, Paige Turner scored 10, Mackenzie Butler 9, Karmen Frost 6, Sarah Cherry 3, Eden LaRue 3 and Janiya Jones 2. Lady Cavs will play at Westview Martin on Tuesday, January 19 and Milan at home on Friday, January 22.



Photo by Cynthia Kilburn

Noah LaRue shoots for two adding to his 17 points scored against Dyersburg and South Gibson this week.

### Cavaliers storm the Trojans

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News Editor

Cavaliers brought the fight in a tight contest against Dyersburg Trojans on Tuesday, January 12. Trojans led the first quarter 10-3 and bringing a strong Cavalier defense in the second brought the Cavs up to a single point deficit. The third continued with close race and Dyersburg leading by two but 26 points scored in the fourth by Crockett scored the 50-40 victory for Cavs.

"It was a great team effort," said Coach Jarrod Shelton. "I was proud of the toughness we played with in the fourth quarter." Payton Currie scored 16 points, Haydn Moten scored 13, Devion Lloyd 10, Noah LaRue 5, Danny Jordan 3 and Kenan Dupree 3. South Gibson on Friday, January 15 proved to be another strong battle for the Cavs but the Hornets swarmed the court to win 69-61. Hornets led the first quarter

by only a single point and Cavs stayed in a close race throughout the entire game. Consistency throughout benefited the Hornets while Cavs had a strong 20 point first quarter and 21 point third quarter. Payton Currie scored 24 points, Noah LaRue scored 12, Devion Lloyd 11, Kenan Dupree 10, Jonathan Pankey 2 and Danny Jordan 2. Cavaliers will play at Westview Martin on Tuesday, January 19 and Milan at home on Friday, January 22.

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