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One killed following Tiptonville shooting

PRESS RELEASE
District Attorney Danny Goodman

On the evening of February 9, 2024, there was a shooting inside the city limits of Tiptonville.

The District Attorney General's Office was contacted by the Tiptonville Police Department regarding the incident which is still under investigation.

As a result of this violent encounter, William Edward Gauldin, Jr., 19, was critically injured and transported by Lake County Emergency Medical Service to the Dyersburg Hospital. After exhausting all resuscitation options, he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased in the emergency department.

"This is believed to be an isolated incident and are working hard to establish all the facts in this case, said District Attorney Danny Goodman.

Gauldin was transported to Nashville Forensic Center to undergo a comprehensive autopsy to determine cause and manner of death.

Early Voting for the March 5 Primary Begins Feb. 14

The Tennessee Secretary of State's office and Administrator of Elections Michelle Morgan want to remind all Lake County voters that they can take advantage of the convenience and flexibility of the upcoming early voting period to cast their ballot for the March 5 Presidential Preference Primary.

"Early voting is an easy way for all eligible Lake County voters to cast their ballots and let their voices be heard before Super Tuesday," said AOE Michelle Morgan.

Early voting begins on Feb. 14 and runs through Feb. 27. Lake County residents can find hours, polling locations, view sample ballots, and much more at GoVoteTN.gov, or by downloading the Secretary of State's free GoVoteTN app.

"We want all eligible Tennessee voters to cast their ballot, and early voting provides them with the flexibility and convenience to do so before Election Day," said Secretary of State Tre Hargett.

All voters should be proud that the Heritage Foundation ranks Tennessee number one in the nation for election integrity, and the Secretary of State's office is Tennessee's trusted source for all election information — including the GoVoteTN app.

For more information about early voting and other election information, visit GoVoteTN.gov or contact the Lake County Election Commission at 731-253-7521 or lake.commission@tn.gov.

Ridgely Mayor refuses request for official documents

Alderman W. C. Roberson stood to address the overflowing room before official business began at the Ridgely Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting last week.

Roberson began by welcoming everyone to the board meeting stating that over the last several months there has been confusion and misinformation put out that was not true about the board. Roberson said time after time the visitors have interrupted the board meetings. Roberson explained there will be time given at the end of the meeting for visitors to speak. "Please do not butt in when the board is trying to discuss a matter".

Roberson said, "We want a quiet, peaceful board meeting."

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Alderman Crittenden

asked town Recorder Beth Robertson when she would be attending her first class? On Tuesday, Robertson replied.

The mayor asked about the financial reports. Robertson stated the December report was complete, and they are working on January reports. The bank statements were received on Tuesday and Wednesday and five of the accounts are reconciled with no problems. General funds and water are a mess. "A lot of mistakes are being made and they could not make heads or tails of the report. They are going to be working on those accounts next week." Alderman Roberson confirmed that the mistakes are being addressed. The financial report was then voted on and approved.

The board then moved on to paying monthly bills. Alderwoman Renee Bled-



soe asked about the work at the Civic Center. There was a discussion about the roof leaking in the kitchen and different ways to stop the leaking.

The board then moved to approve paying the bills.

Next Mayor Don brought up the two bids received to spray the cemetery. A bid from 4EverGreen was given for one spraying @ \$2,904.

Cowles gave a bid for one spraying at a cost of \$2,850. 4EVERGREEN gave a price of \$ 2,640 for a second spraying. The price for a second spraying had not been received at this time from Cowles. Cowles is from Newbern. There are several different jobs he (Cowles) has done around town. Cowles has sprayed New Haven Cemetery in the past.

Alderman Sharp spoke up about what Ridgely saves in mowing cost when the cemetery has been sprayed once. It cost Ridgely \$1,100 each time New Haven is mowed. With spraying once over the past five years, 5 mows have been cut out, saving Ridgely \$5,500.

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Karsyn Hays, Ella Blair Snyder, Keely Spain, and Mary Ava Hearn in front of Maple Luxe Boutique at their recent grand opening.

Grand opening at Maple Luxe Boutique

Saturday, February 10th, Keely Spain celebrated the Grand Opening of her new boutique, Maple Luxe Boutique in the front lobby at Reelfoot Nutrition in downtown Tiptonville.

Keely is from Jackson, TN where around every corner there is somewhere to shop the cutest clothes and accessories. Having lived in Tiptonville for almost four years now, Keely wanted that shopping experience here in Tiptonville for the locals. A place where you could just walk down the street and shop for the latest

outfit, buy a gift for a friend and grab a nutrition drink at Emily's Reelfoot Nutrition.

She stocks accessories ranging from jewelry, to hats, to sunglasses, and some of your favorite brands such as Risen Jeans, Zenana, Spiffy and much more.

The Boutique hours are Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. and

Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Extended hours will start at the beginning of March, Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lake County Honor Band students chosen

In January the Lake County School Band had two students perform in the 45th Annual UT Martin Honor Band. Ronald Anderson, Clarinet, ninth grade Lake County High School and Connor Sage Latham, Trumpet, eighth grade Lake County Middle School. Jesse Austin is the band director.



Ronald Anderson, clarinet, ninth grade, Lake County High School.



Connor Sage Latham, trumpet, eighth grade, Lake County Middle School.

Tourism opportunities for the area discussed

Earlier this month, Kasey Muench, Director of the Northwest Tennessee Tourism Association (NWTTA), along with board member Candy Curlin and Reelfoot Tourism Council Director Katrina Greer, met with Lake County Mayor, Danny Cook, to discuss collaborative tourism efforts. "This meeting was incredibly productive," said Muench. "We all agree that Lake County, with its natural beauty and renowned Reelfoot Lake, has

immense potential to attract even more visitors." With over 1 million visitors flocking to Reelfoot Lake State Park in 2022, the discussion focused on strategies to leverage this existing popularity and further diversify the tourism offerings. Ideas included promoting outdoor activities, showcasing local history and culture, and collaborating on marketing initiatives. "Lake County is brimming with potential, and we're excited to work



with NWTTA to unlock it," said Katrina Greer. "By working together, we can

create even more opportunities for visitors to experience the unique charm of our re-

gion." To learn more about NWTN Tourism, visit www.nwtn-tourism.com.



Local News

Down Memory Lane: Mr. Wynn Smith

BY JOYCE CAUGHRON RHODES

This trip down my Memory Lane really involves bits and pieces of what Harry Lee told me a long time ago. Some memories are like dew drops, here one minute, crystal clear and then suddenly they are gone, vanished and then something happens and like another dew drop they are back again.

Some of you probably remember Mr. Wynn Smith. Harry Lee told me he was really a fine man. He told me Mr. Wynn Smith would

stop by the store almost every day. He would purchase a cold drink and a Baby Ruth candy bar or peanuts. He would also buy some gas, not much at a time, because he knew he would be back the next day and he probably didn't have time to fool with it.

In one of his conversations, he told Harry Lee, "When I was younger, I ran in the Olympics." Harry Lee said, "He also told me he used to get his exercise by starting his car, putting his hand through the open window while holding on the steering wheel, he would run along beside the car." He said, "One man

pulled up beside me and wanted to know if I needed help?" I told him, "No, thank you, I'm just getting my exercise."

This was one busy man, involved in many things. Harry Lee said on several of his trips to the store, during the time he was building his house, he would invite me to come see the progress. Harry Lee told me, later, "I sure am sorry that I never found the time to go see him and the house. I could tell Mr. Wynn was proud of the construction going on."

"Mr. Wynn Smith was very precise in his speech. Each word, pronounced clear and correct and he

had a distinct sound to his voice," Harry Lee told me. Mr. Wynn had a faithful employee, Frank Ware, who worked for him for many years. A long time ago, when Harry Lee worked for Bill Roberts, in his grocery store, soon after we were married, Frank would come into the store pretty often. One day, while he was drinking a cold drink, he told Harry Lee, "You won't believe what happened to Mr. Wynn Smith yesterday? He was on top of this tall tank and he started sliding off! As he was sliding off, he grabbed a rail that was around the top of the tank, by his fingers."

Mr. Wynn called down to me. "Oh say, Frank," in a voice that could imitate Mr. Wynn. Harry Lee said Frank continued, "I need your help. Can you get a ladder to help me down?" I hollowed back, Frank said. "Sure thing, Mr. Wynn." After several minutes, Frank said, "Mr. Wynn called down to me, in a very calm voice, 'Frank, I don't believe I can hold on much longer,' all the while, just hanging there by the tips of his fingers." Frank was able to get him down and probably saved his life.

Not many people would be able to stay so calm in the middle of a life and

death situation. This happened years before Harry Lee became acquainted with Mr. Wynn Smith, but he remembered Frank's tale and how brave he was clinging by his fingertips and this really impressed Harry Lee. "Mr. Wynn Smith was really a remarkable man," according to Harry Lee, "Someone I really grew to like, over the years."

When I heard this tale, it made me wish I could have known him. Many people's actions and deeds impress others and don't even know they have left a memory for someone else. Our actions not only affect us but others as well.

Down Memory Lane: Recess

BY JOYCE CAUGHRON RHODES

This memory goes way back, close to the end of my Memory Lane. Think back to the time when you were probably in about the 5th or 6th grade in school. I'm sure it was different than the time I was at this grade level. I can close my eyes and see the beautiful sunny days, out in the playgrounds with my friends. One of the things I like to remember was the good times, on the see-saw. Do you remember the old weathered long board across the big round metal pipe that supported the board? It was

attached to the middle of the board. I would get on one end of the board and a friend would get on the other. The see-saw also had handles on each end to hold on to. This was a lot of fun, going up and down, under a big shade tree, with the breeze blowing our hair. Kids still enjoy see-sawing.

Another thing I really liked was the "flagpole." I think that's what we called it. The pole was very tall and 5 or 6 chains hung from the top and came down to about four or five feet from the ground. The ends of the chains had handle grips on each chain. This was a busy place and kids stood around, waiting for their turn. We

would start running around the pole and the faster we went, the further and higher the chains swung out, like Tarzan on a grapevine. What I really remember about this is the sound the chains made, as each person turned loose of the handle. The chains kept swinging around, striking the metal pole, giving it a musical sound; chain hitting metal. I can still hear that sound in my head and it brings back this memory of a good time.

Sometimes, at recess, we would play softball. I remembered I was on a team, one time, and I was scared to death. When it came my time to bat, I think I just closed my eyes and swung,

hoping the ball wouldn't hit me. The coach soon realized I wasn't a hitter. I remember one year, about five of us girls decided we would form a club, a secret club. We sat on the grass in a sort of circle. One girl had paper and pencil and I guess she was our secretary, keeping notes. We had all kinds of rules and decisions to make. We had to decide on a secret password, who could be in the club; when we would meet, and all kinds of important things. I believe this lasted about a month.

Another thing we loved to do was play Red-Rover; Red-Rover. This was popular with the girls and boys and we did this by spells, you know, we

liked it one week and tired of it the next week. I remember seeing the boys in a huddle, squatted down, playing marbles and the girls would be in another group playing Hop-Scotch.

Of course, on the rainy days and during the winter, we had to have our recess in the Gym. This is when we learned to do the Virginia Reel and all kinds of exercise games. These days, the boys really hated. They were so embarrassed to have to dance with a girl. On some of these bad days, we would get to see a movie and I believe everyone liked that. Nowadays, most students, even in grade school, are probably texting or talking on their cell

phones, if they are allowed to take them to school. I'm sure most would find the things we did during recess very boring, compared to what all they probably do now. Another case of, "My, My, how things have changed."

NOTE: I have been listing names of people who once lived in Wynnburg and Dist. 4. Some of the information came from Harry Lee, but most of it was from the earlier days from the 1930's and 1940's Census Records. I didn't live in Wynnburg or Dist. 4 at that time, but I thought some of you might like to see who once lived here. I know there were many other people and I didn't leave them out on purpose. I just didn't know.

Ode to the farmhand

BY DANNY SCOTT

I was in the grocery store a while back and overheard a couple of people talking to each other about someone else and they referred to him as "just a farmhand".

As the day went along, I kept thinking about that conversation. It sounded as if because the man they were discussing was a farmhand, he was of insignificance and putting him in a class of lesser value.

Now I know we as human beings put things in different classes, including people, and even our own government does it. They assign us to the, "upper class, middle class, and the downtrodden and poor class". Maybe that's just human nature but it has never seemed right to me to think one person is better or worse because of which class he may be assigned to by the government or anyone else for that matter.

Most everyone has read or heard the piece by Paul Harvey, "So God Made A Farmer". If you haven't, go online and pull it up and read it. Its wonderful and true.

I'll may so humbly add to what that great man wrote so eloquently, I want to say, "the farmhand" falls right in there with and beside the farmer.

I grew up working on the farm until I was a grown man. The skills you learn working on a farm are so many it's hard to count them.

Everybody thinks, "tractor driver", and that is a biggy, but everything that goes with it is as important. The equipment the tractor pulls has to be serviced, as does the tractor, so you learn how to use tools of all kinds. The farmhand can stop the tractor in the middle of the field and, with the tools he has, pull the axle out of a disk and replace the broken blades.

He learns that grease is the best friend that equipment has so the first thing every morning he hits the alemites a lick or two with the grease gun.

The days he is not on the tractor, he may be cleaning up fence rows of fallen trees. His number one tool is a chainsaw. It's a very dangerous tool and takes expert skill to use properly and safely. He also knows how to maintain the chainsaw. Keep oil in the bar, tighten and sharpen the chain and mix the fuel.

He is a big truck driver. He delivers the grain to the bins and unloads the truck by running the auger that carries the grain up into the bin.

If he has a flat on something, he fixes it and goes on working. He digs ditches to drain mud holes sometimes with a backhoe, sometimes with a shovel.

If the farmer has cattle, he fills silos, grinds and mixes feed, herd cows, helps cows birth calves. Sometimes he is a veterinarian and surgeon when he gives shots to the

stock and castrates the pigs and calves.

He operates more different kinds of machinery than any other trade or job than I can think of. A combine today, a cotton picker tomorrow. A spray rig that covers a hundred feet or more and has to be calculated to put out just the right amount of chemicals. Drive and operate a tractor as big as a house, pulling a planter behind that does so much more than just drop seeds into the ground.

He has to have the knowledge to operate this modern equipment that has GPS guiding systems, sensors of all kinds, automatic cruise control, screens to watch that tells him everything that's going on with that piece of machinery at all times. And these are only a few of his skills that I have touched on here for he has many more that are used daily.

He is probably the most unappreciated worker in our great country.

There are people that work in factories that learn one skill and stand in one spot

time but without his helper, "the farmhand", he would be in deep water. So the next time you meet a tractor on the road, wave at the man behind the wheel just like you would the man driving the cop car or the man

driving the Cadillac or the man driving the big fancy four wheel drive, one hundred thousand dollar pick up truck because that man on the tractor is just as important as anyone else no matter what "class" he falls in.

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Local News

RIDGELY

From 1A

Alderwoman Bledsoe made a motion to hire Cowles with the assumption their second spraying would be less than 4EverGreens and Alderman Sharp followed with a second.

Sharp said we can take the lowest bid for second spraying when the time comes.

Alderwoman Crane was absent so her item on the agenda was skipped.

Next on the agenda was the Town Attorney, Fred Johnson.

Johnson discussed the fact that he has been winding down being Ridgely's attorney. He explained, his full time job has restrictions, prohibiting outside employment, but he had been giving an exception to wind down his outside practice. Johnson wanted to inform the board that his previous full time employment will no longer be an issue and he would like to continue with the town at the same rate agreed upon when hired. If agreed on he would be able to handle more business for Ridgely.

Alderman Sharp made a motion to retain Johnson eventually seconded by Alderman Richardson. The vote was unanimous to retain Fred Johnson as Ridgely's Attorney.

After the vote, Johnson addressed the fiasco that happened the previous week about the proposal he had presented to the board being released. Johnson spoke to Moore saying he understood that he, Moore, had released the document. Moore said he did. He said people were calling him and he told it like it was. Johnson told Moore he needed to know who he, Moore, had released the document to. Moore said he could not tell Johnson at this time. Moore told Johnson he would let him know when he wanted to tell him who he, Moore, released the document to. Bledsoe asked, when the document came to them, were they not public?

Johnson explained the differences. When he presented the proposal it became a Town Document and it should have been controlled. Johnson is asking Moore about the document because it needs to come back to the town. Moore said he has the right because he is mayor and the people deserve to know. That is the way he sees it. Johnson explained that the document can be released to the public at some point in time if a decision is made. Moore explained he just wanted an opinion.

Johnson stated the board recently approved an open records ordinance. The ordinance spells out a process for documents to be released and the process was not followed. Alderman Roberson said the proposal became a town document when it was presented to the board.

Several of the Alderman talked among themselves and Denise Craig spoke up. Alderman Roberson stated it was time to move on.

Alderman Sharp said the roof on the Civic Center had already been discussed and he wanted to include hand rails in the work to be done at the Civic Center. An ad will be placed for bids for the work needed at the Civic Center.

Bledsoe spoke about some information she received from TCA. She read about regular meetings and about special meetings. Bledsoe said the aldermen were right when they previously met because no decision was being made and they just wanted to know if the money was there or not. Bledsoe then contradicted herself, apologizing for breaking the Sunshine Law and there was no intent or malice to break the law.

Roberson asked Bledsoe to read the definition of open meetings in accordance with the Comptroller General's Office. Shane Hamilton spoke up say-

ing TCA says anytime 2 or more alderman meet it is open to the public. Hamilton began arguing with Roberson and Chief Pierce interrupted. Bledsoe then began reading, "Meetings to make a recommendation to a single individual, such as a county mayor or dean of an educational institution, are not "meetings" covered by the Open Meetings Act. On-site inspections, chance meetings, and informational workshops are also not considered "meetings" so long as there is no discussion or deliberation toward a decision." Roberson clarified to Bledsoe there's an exception and Bledsoe said that's correct. Bledsoe then turned back to the Sunshine Law.

Bruce Hayes was on the agenda and spoke to everyone. "Give the customer, us, a quality product at a fair price and be there to back it up, and you have a customer". Bruce Hayes also said, "if I step on someone's toes, just say ouch". Bottom line try to get along and use good judgment. There is time for the community to state their concerns. There is a different in concerns and getting up there and ranting and raving. Nothing gets accomplished and everyone gets fired up. Bledsoe agreed with Bruce Hayes that there is really no money coming into Ridgely and they, the board, can't get to the bottom of it for squabbling. Bruce Hayes said; "We need to learn from our mistakes"

There was talk between Terry Pierce and Board members about needing a Police Department ready for Ridgely becoming one of the wealthiest towns in the state.

Alderman Sharp commented about the need to attract new businesses to the town and informed the board that on March 4th & 5th, TLM is having its Leadership Conference with the legislature in Nashville. Sharp told the board it needs to have a representative there, whether it's the Mayor or someone off the board. Sharp told the board, Ridgely was missing out of getting grants when it is not represented at the meetings. Neither Moore or the board responded to Sharp's recommendation to send a representative to the Legislative Leadership Conference.

Beth Robertson informed everyone that she had applied for a Competitive Selection Grant for Ridgely Fire Department. The town was awarded \$78,405.27 that will go directly to the Fire Department to buy new safety gear and updated equipment. The funds will be sent to the town April 1st.

Shane Hamilton was up to speak. He apologized to W. C. for the argument between himself and W. C.. Shane told the board they work for the citizens. The board is wanting to spend their, publics, money and the public not say anything. If it wasn't for the citizens paying the taxes, we wouldn't be here. You need to stop walking around with your chest poked out. We have ideas as well as you'll do.

Denise Craig spoke saying a house divided will not stand.

Beth spoke up about why the Reports have not been finished. There is a lot of mistakes continually being made. She stated she will not be able to finish the reports in a timely manner with the number of mistakes being made. Linda Volker ask if Jess has received any training. Beth stated the state has helped Jess, she, Beth, has tried to help Jess and others have attempted to help. There are reports not balanced because of the same mistakes.

More extensive interviews need to be made on future applicants for employment for the City of Ridgely.

Everyone began talking at once then the meeting was adjourned.



Final preparations for 'America 250! A Presidential Stroll'

Exhibit Chairman Aleece Jackson looks at just a few of the items that will be included in Key Corner Chapters upcoming exhibit "America 250! A Presidential Stroll."

This comprehensive look at our nation's Chief Executive and First Ladies showcases items ranging from documents with signatures to campaign memorabilia and

"The Ultimate Hot Wheels Cars of the Presidents." The public is invited to visit the exhibit February 12 - 29, 2024 during Learning Resource Center hours of op-

eration at Dyersburg State Community College. Pictured left to right - Cora Morro, Carol McDowell, Beverlee Weatherly, Aleece Jackson and Betty Warren.



This photo, taken by an FBI agent, shows Martin Luther King, Jr., Pete Seeger, Rosa Parks and Ralph Abernathy at Highlander in 1957.

Race relations of the 1930s-1950s and the Highlander Folk School

Tennessee was a different place in the 1950s. People still remembered the occasional lynching of the 1920s and the heavily publicized Klan meetings of the 1930s — something a search through the state's newspapers makes clear. Also, interracial schools and inter-

racial marriage weren't just frowned upon — they were completely banned. This context makes the story of the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tennessee, all the more remarkable.

In this 2-hour Zoom presentation, "History Bill" will set the stage with a

power point about Tennessee in the 1930s-1950s — emphasizing just how different race relations and laws were in that era than they are today.

Columbia State adjunct professor Emily Senefeld will follow, with a presentation about the Highlander

Folk School — why it was started, why it changed its focus, what were its tactics and how was it effective. The story involves Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Septima Clark, Mylles Horton, Ralph Abernathy, Pete Seeger, and many others.



Valentines Gifts available at Storytime

You don't need to travel far for that special Valentines gift. Storytime, in Tiptonville, has new operating hours. Tandi P. Story, store owner, will have her doors open at 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The gifts vary from Boutique clothing with

names like Charles River, rain coats and pullovers, to Specialty food items such as Captain Rodney's Boucan Glaze, it is a fabulous dip glaze. Different flavor pepper jellies, drink mixes for cocktails, cappuccino and hot chocolate.

Tandi is creative and will design the perfect sign for your need. This year political signs can be made locally and that will keep your tax dollars at home. Grad signs are a must for that high school senior. Tandi will fix you up. Let's

not forget she can embroidery vinyl screen-print and DTF.

Story has retired from the school system after serving 30 years. She looks forward to seeing everyone as they stop in for that special Valentines gift.

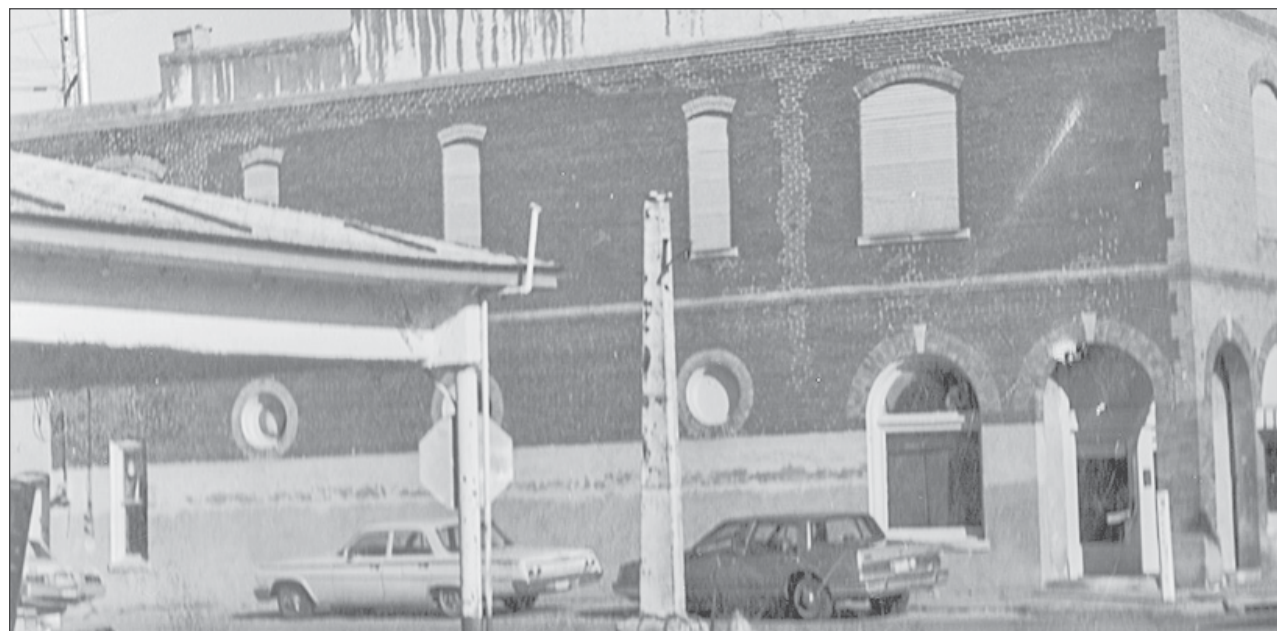


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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated October 22, 2008, executed by JESSE JAMES DENSON and JAMES SAMUEL DENSON A/K/A JAMES S DENSON conveying certain real property therein described to MARY RUTH TACKETT, STATE DIRECTOR USDA, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Lake County, Tennessee recorded October 24, 2008, in Deed Book 22, Page 798; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE who is now the owner of said debt; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Lake County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE,

notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 7, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Main Entrance of the Lake County Courthouse, Tiptonville, Tennessee, proceed** to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Lake County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING IN THE 5TH CIVIL DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF RIDGELY, TENNESSEE.

TRACT 1.

BEING MAP 57-F, GROUP L, PARCEL 14.00 AND BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL 14.00 AND BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MAP 57-F, GROUP I, PARCEL 15.00; RUNS THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF PARCEL 15.00 IN A EASTERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF PARCEL 11.00; BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LOT DESCRIBED HEREIN AND BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 15.00; RUNS THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST LINE OF PARCEL 11.00 A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE LOT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE NORTHEAST

CORNER OF PARCEL 13.00; RUNS THENCE IN A WESTWARDLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF PARCEL 13.00 A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT; SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL 13.00; RUNS THENCE IN A NORTH DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY OF KIMBERLY COVE, A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT 2.

BEING MAP 57-F, GROUP L, PARCEL 15.00 AND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL 15.00 AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL 14.00; RUNS THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY OF KIMBERLY COVE A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PARCEL 16.00; RUNS THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LOT HEREIN DESCRIBED AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 16.00; RUNS THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 15.00 AND THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL 14.00; RUNS THENCE IN A WESTWARDLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF PARCEL 14.00 A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID: 057F-L-014.00 AND 057F-L-015.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **108 KIMBERLY COVE, RIDGELY, TN 38080.** In

the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): JANA LEANN DENSON
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee 1661 International Drive, Suite 400 Memphis, TN 38120 rslselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (470) 508-9401

-2/7, 2/14, 2/21

Lake County Chancery Court NOTICE TO CREDITORS

As Required by TCA §30-2-306
Case Number 48CH1-2024-PR-6

Estate of Patsy Lou Joyce, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on February 7 of 2024, Letters Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the estate of **Patsy Lou Joyce**, who died 10/15/2023, were

issued to the undersigned by the Lake County Chancery Court of Lake County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates 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 the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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

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

1/31/2024
Patsy Lou Joyce
Executor, Administrator,
Personal Representative
1/31/2024
Charles Agee Jr
Attorney
1/31/2024
Amber Mooring/Tiffany Johnson
Clerk & Master/Deputy Clerk

OATH FILED SEPARATELY personally appeared before me, the undersigned Clerk of Lake County Chancery Court of Lake County, Tennessee, and made oath that the attached notice, being in the form required by Tennessee Code Annotated §30-2-306 shall be published in the Lake County Banner, a newspaper published in Lake County, Tennessee.

2/7/2024
Amber Mooring
Clerk & Master

-2/14, 2/21

NOTICE OF BID

City of Ridgely is accepting bids for roof replacement and handrail installation at the Civic Center in Ridgely. Bids accepted thru February 28th, 2024.

Contact Jackie Howell at 731-442-9071 for more information.

-2/14, 2/21



Franklin L. Sharp 1991-2024

Franklin L. Sharp, 32, of West Palm Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, January 25, at HCA Florida JFK Hospital. He was born September 2, 1991, in Dyersburg, to Frankie and Debbie Sharp. He worked at a call center in Florida.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 10, at the Civic Center in Ridgely with Bill Sharp officiating.

He is survived by his parents, Frankie and Debbie Sharp of Ridgely; two sons, Jace and Jaxton of Ridgely; and three sisters, Misty Sharp of Hohenwald, Stephanie Shell of Ridgely, and Megan Sharp of Tiptonville.

Diane S. Boyd 1950-2024

Diane Slone Boyd, 74, of Hornbeak, died Saturday, February 3, at Signature Healthcare of Ridgely. She was born February 2, 1950, daughter of the late William and Addie Pearl Lagore Jackson. She was the former night manager at Hornbeak Bestway.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, February 6, at Antioch Cemetery with Carl Southerland officiating. The family received visitors prior to the service time at Curry Funeral Home Ridgely Chapel.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death one sister and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bobby Boyd; her son, William Boyd Obion; and one granddaughter, Kaitlynn Boyd.

Funeral services are under the direction of Curry Funeral Home. We are privileged and honored to serve the Boyd family. You may share your condolences and your memories with the family at www.curryfuneral.com.

Celebration of Life

Friday, February 16th, there will be a Celebration of Life for Doris Smith Scott and her daughter Anita Kay Smith at Dyersburg Funeral Home Ridgely Chapel in Ridgely, TN from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Celebration is to celebrate their life with friends and family.

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for the Reelfoot Lake Regional Utility and Planning District will be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 4:30 P.M.** at the District's office located at 5465 W. Hwy 22, Hornbeak, TN 38232.

WANTED Cemetery Caretaker
City of Ridgely is taking applications for a part-time Cemetery Caretaker. The Job includes marking graves for burial and stone placements and maintaining maps.
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Please call City Hall in Ridgely and ask for Beth.

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Abram Called
Genesis 12

Genesis 12 tells about God calling Abram to be the father of a special people who would be blessed and would in turn be a blessing to the rest of the world. The next 14 chapters of Genesis shows us how this was accomplished.

The children's song goes, "Father Abraham, had many sons, many sons had father Abraham, In reality, Abraham had only two sons. But THEY had many offspring

God instructed Abram to leave the place where he was, leave his country, his people and his father's household and go to a land that He (God) would show him.

God promises to make Abram a great nation. The promise continues, "...and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the people of the earth will be blessed through you."

Abram left his home and family, departing from the place where he was when God called him and went to the place where God directed him to go. (Continued next week).

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