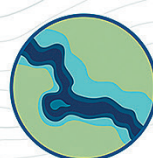
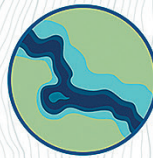


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Driver killed

A Friday night one vehicle crash in Shiloh claims the life of the driver.

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Parade time

Savannah kicked off the holiday season with a festive parade Monday, and more local Christmas parades are just around the corner.

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Tiger B-Ball

The Hardin County Tigers played host to Kossuth last week and came away with a one-sided home victory.

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Local man indicted on 3 counts of attempted murder of cops

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A local man was indicted this month for allegedly trying to kill three Savannah and Hardin County law enforcement

officers in an incident last December.

The Hardin County Grand Jury on Nov. 4 indicted Weston Daniel Phillips, with an address of Old Stage Road, Adamsville, on two counts of attempted first degree murder and one count

of attempted second degree murder.

The indictments for attempted first degree murder contend Phillips, who was 30 at the time, of intentionally shooting at Jared Goode and Jeremy Hulen, who are investi-

gators with the Hardin County Sheriff's Office.

Phillips is similarly accused in the indictment for attempted second degree murder involving Agent Justin Barker of the

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Forty years of Country Christmas



Country Christmas singer Carly Blackwelder belts out "I'll Be Home for Christmas," accompanied by Warehouse 64 Band at the Country Christmas benefit musical program.

Country Christmas proceeds make Christmas bright for needy children

Linda White
Courier Correspondent

In its 40th year, Country Christmas has continued to raise money annually to help spread Christmas cheer to local children who would otherwise miss out on gifts.

Through businesses and individuals, funds are collected throughout the year, with Clayton Homes donating \$10,000 this year.

Holiday musical events at the Hardin County High School auditorium on Nov. 22-23 last provided opportunities for the public to donate toward the heart-warming project during its "Fish Bowl" collection.

"At the first Country Christmas, an actual fish bowl was passed around," said Ondie Bromley Mathis, who has been to nearly every Country Christmas musical in the past 40 years.

Her father Albert Bromley plays keyboard, and several other family members are part of the band. Mathis asked her father



Wayne Jerrolds and Friends play a song written by Jerrolds – "You're Gonna' Make My Christmas Blue."

to play "Love Can Build a Bridge" and "Thank God for Kids" while she shared her thoughts.

"One of the sweetest parts of Country Christmas is happening at Walmart in a couple weeks – shopping days for the children!" said Mathis. "Last year, I had the chance to shop with a little boy who I didn't know. After introductions, he took my hand and off we went. During that time, nothing else in the world mattered. Just watching his eyes light up meant everything. He wanted to buy gifts for his family, but I also encouraged him to buy things for himself."

Around 500-600 kids are



Kaitlin Spencer looks for someone special to hurry down the chimney in "Santa Baby."

recipients of Country Christmas each year.

The Country Christmas

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Savannah's 'Hallmark' holiday event returns Friday

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Savannah's annual Christmas on Main holiday extravaganza starts Friday, Dec. 6.

Christmas on Main transforms downtown Savannah into scenes reminiscent of "Hallmark" holiday movies and kicks off with Savannah Mayor Bob Shutt lighting the 30 foot tall Christmas tree at the Hardin County Courthouse gazebo at 5 p.m.

Shutt encourages citizens and guests to come out and enjoy the beginning of the holiday season in the city.

"Bring your little ones and let them help me light the tree to celebrate the start of the Christmas season in Savannah," he said.

Every year, downtown Savannah becomes a Christmas wonderland with plenty of photo-ops, especially during the Christmas on Main events held the first three weekends in December.

Main Street businesses are outlined in starry white lights with wreaths hanging on their doors, a canopy of lights is strung across Courthouse Plaza, showcasing performances and appearances by a variety of holiday characters. It all provides a family friendly backdrop for Christmas festivities. Use the lights and sights on Main Street to take holiday photos with a great backdrop.

There are many other activities for attendees to enjoy.

"We will offer something for all ages, so make plans to come to downtown Savannah and see the smiles we love to create on all the little faces, and big faces too," said Shutt.

All of the events are free with the exception of food and market vendors.

Christmas on Main highlights

- Open-air ice skating
- Christmas performances
- Train rides for kids
- Carriage rides
- Holiday movies at the Sa-

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The Welch-Causey house, also know as the White Elephant, at 200 Church Street is part of the Hardin County Healthcare Foundation’s 2024 Tour of Homes fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Tour Savannah’s Historic District on Sunday

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While residents and guests are welcome to explore Savannah’s historic district by car or foot at anytime, it is not everyday they have the chance to explore the inside of some of the city’s historic homes and other buildings.

The Hardin County Healthcare Foundation’s 2024 Tour of Homes fundraiser is this Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2-6 p.m., and features tours of several historic homes and offices located in the city’s Historic District.

HCHF President Lisa Thomas is excited the Tour of Homes event is returning this year after a hiatus due to the Covid pandemic.

“This year’s tour represents a revival of the event with the hope that it will continue for years to come.

“Previous tours, which have also included homes in Pickwick and the Cravens Road area, have always generated interest and excitement on the part of the public and this year’s tour should be no exception, especially given the business and homes that are included,” Thomas said.

The tour features seven buildings, including four homes, one cabin, one law firm and parts of one church.

Homes scheduled for

the tour include The DeBerry-Miller-Burgess home, the Williams-Martin home, the Welch-Causey home, also known as White Elephant, the Falls cabin that is on the Causey property, and White Pillars.

The DeBerry-Miller-Burgess home was once owned by professional baseball player John Herman (Hank) DeBerry and his wife Una Mae.

The home is owned by David and Ann Burgess. It was built in 1910 by influential Savannah merchant D.J. Hughes for his son, Frank.

It is a two story colonial revival home that features a hip roof, U-shape plan, wraparound porch, six-over-one windows, ribbon attic windows and three brick chimneys.

Also on the tour is the Williams-Martin home owned by Ricky and Patty Martin, built in 1915 by local banker Henry Montague Williams. His family sold the property in 1978, five years after Williams’ death.

It is a one and half story frame house with weatherboard, prominent gable dormer, head and side lights, and an unaltered exterior.

The Welch-Causey home is owned by Monte and Rhonda Causey. It is also known as the White Elephant and was built in 1901 for Dan Welch and his wife Cornelia.

The home was designed by Hubert Mc-

Ghee who was the architect of the Pink Palace Museum in Memphis.

The five bedroom home has nine fireplaces, two of which still have their original mantles, mirrors, and Italian marble.

The Welch-Causey property also includes Falls Cabin. The cabin was discovered in the 1970s when property was being cleared at the corner of Pickwick and Water Streets and it is the only surviving structure from Savannah’s pioneer days.

Falls Cabin was eventually moved to Burnt Church and was used for storage for 30 years. The cabin was moved to the Welch-Causey property in 2017 and has been restored.

Savannah Mayor Bob Shutt and his wife Janie reside in the “White Pillars” residence. It was built in 1874 and was remodeled around 1910.

The colonial revival home has a two story frame with wraparound porches, an Ionic portico, and Palladian pediment windows.

While still retaining the earlier floor plan, White Pillars was altered sometime in the 20th century when an out-sized portico and matching wraparound porch were added.

Creasy, Jones & Mitchell law firm offices are also included in this year’s tour.

The Main Street build-

ing was built in 1900 and while it has recently been renovated it has many features harking back to the original property.

“Attendees will also have the opportunity to see portions of the interior of the First Presbyterian Church, which has graciously allowed us to use it as our tour headquarters,” Thomas said.

Attendees have the option to walk the tour or ride the city’s trolley which will be running during the tour and can take guests from one stop

to the next.

Tickets are on sale at the Tennessee River Museum, 495 Main St., Savannah or can be purchased the day of the event at First Presbyterian Church in Savannah at 207 Tennessee St.

Thomas said, “Ticket proceeds will benefit the Hardin County Healthcare Foundation’s work, which is currently focusing on establishing a community center in our area, which is something we believe would greatly benefit Savannah and Hardin County.”

Previous HCHF projects include raising \$1.3 million to help with the

construction cost of the Darryl Worley Cancer Treatment Center, and partnering with the Worley Foundation to help bring Aspell drug recovery residences and programs to Hardin County.

“We are extremely grateful for the people of our community and their participation in the events we sponsor. Without their support, the foundation could accomplish very little,” said Thomas.

“That support, especially on a financial level, is what allows us to continue working for the betterment of Savannah and Hardin County,” shared Thomas.

New Arrival

Abigail and Kaleb Isbell of Savannah announce the birth of their daughter Maggie Jane Isbell, born on Nov. 13, at Hardin Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 11.2 ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Sarah and Simon Schwartz of St. Croix, Indiana, and the paternal granddaughter of Kenneth and Rachel Isbell of Savannah.

She is the great-granddaughter of Ronald and Marcia Carlson of Savannah, Kenneth and Rosemary Isbell of Lawrenceberg, Tennessee, Jeff Mitchell of Crawford, Indiana, Anita Mitchell of Perry County, Indiana, and Amy Schwartz of Crawford, Tennessee.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Shirley Mitchell of Crawford, Tennessee.

Did You Know?

Our life-size nativity scene is on display again this year!

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week of Dec. 5

Savannah Police Dept.
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Nov. 25
Keir Cotner, 53, 705 Gladden Road, was stopped on Florence Road for speeding 52 mph in a 35 mph zone. Cotner was arrested on charges of DUI, driving on a revoked license, simple possession of marijuana (13.4 grams) and speeding.

Nathan D. Bennett, 35, 540 Bluff Circle, was cited on a charge of dogs at large regarding an incident on Irvin Street.

Katherine E. Stowell, 50, 25 Hunter Hills Drive, was pulled over for failing to obey a traffic control device on Jackson Street and arrested on a charge of driving on a revoked license.

Nov. 26
Becky Stevenson, 60, 190 Holly Branch Road, was arrested on a charge of shoplifting pajamas, dog food and cat litter at a self-checkout register at Walmart. Stevenson was also arrested on an Oct. 15 warrant for shoplifting.

Nov. 27
Margaret White, 43, 25 McDowell St., was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of meth. White was a passenger in a vehicle stopped on White

Street for no headlights after dark.

Nov. 28
Husband and wife Micheal Risner, 51, and Melinda Risner, 47, were arrested on charges of aggravated domestic assault and domestic assault respectively at their 30 Blossom St. residence. According to the report, Melinda told Micheal to leave the house and he took her phone and purse and sat in his truck. Melinda went outside and broke the truck's windshield. Micheal then broke the front door glass and threw a soda at Melinda.



Crash claims driver's life in Shiloh

A local man was killed in a one vehicle crash Friday night. The Tennessee Highway Patrol identified the victim as Franklin Smith, 30, who was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that crashed on Tenn. 22 near the intersection of Bark Lane in Shiloh. There were no other occupants. The Hardin County Fire Department was dispatched to the scene at 8:03 p.m. The vehicle hit a tree and the driver was not responsive, according to a HCFD report. The THP said Smith was not wearing a seat belt.

Both began fighting and according to Melinda, Micheal started choking her.

Nov. 29
Two arrests were made for public intoxication.

Nov. 30
Steven Jackson, 34, 415 Patterson Road, was pulled over on Wayne Road because a headlight on the vehicle he was operating did not work after dark. Jackson was arrested on a charge of driving on a suspended license.

Kevin L. Wayman, 29, 85 Freeman Drive, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault.

Police were dispatched to 25 McDowell St. following a report of a physical domestic incident between a father and son. Tracy White, 46, of that address, was arrested shortly thereafter at another location on a charge of domestic assault.

Dec. 1
Jose Hernandez, 230 Ryan St., was pulled over on Wayne Road because of a license tag issue and arrested on a charge of driving on a revoked license. Passenger Susan Russell, 230 Ryan St., was cited on a charge of simple possession of marijuana.

Country

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show brought a spirit of Christmas to those in attendance. Glints of excitement in the eyes of people of all ages, as well as tears of nostalgia, were seen in the audience during the latest holiday performances.
Each evening started with a pre-show by bluegrass musician Wayne Jerrolds and friends. From classics like "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "I'm

Dreaming of a White Christmas," the mandolin, fiddle, banjo, guitar and bass allowed holiday tunes to bounce off the walls with Tennessee-heritage rhythms and harmonies.
Jerrolds and friends played and sang a couple songs written by Jerrolds – "You're Gonna' Make My Christmas Blue" and "Tennessee, Tennessee."
"Country Christmas does a lot for children in Hardin County," said Jerry Clark, Country Christmas emcee.

After each singer's performance, Clark's expression of joy was delivered by the word "Wow!"
"Every singer just gets better and better," said Clark.
After a few singers, Clark would point to the audience and say, "What can you say about that one?"
"Wow!" was the audience's unison response.
Talented singers of Hardin County sang songs like "Santa Baby," "Mele Kaliki Maka," "Si-

lent Night" and "Living Hope," all accompanied by Warehouse 64 Band.
Country Christmas contributions can be mailed to CB&S Bank, 325 Main St., Savannah, Tennessee, C/O Country Christmas.
"We can use some help with the shopping days," said Mathis.
She said those interested in helping with shopping should simply show up at the front doors of Walmart around 8 a.m. on any of the days – Dec. 9, Dec. 10, Dec. 11.

Main

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vannah Historic Theater
•Trolley rides
•Arts and crafts
•Face Painting
•Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus
Other activities include a North Pole Mailbox, allowing children of all ages to mail their Christmas wishes to Santa, several different Christmas and children's characters such as the Grinch, plus Elf Land, an area similar to Santa's workshop where children to interact with Santa's helpers.

There is also a Festival of Trees at the Tennessee River Museum. Visitors can view a seasonally-themed hallway of trees decorated by elementary students and vote for their favorite.

Christmas on Main takes place Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14 and Dec. 20-21, from 5-8:30 p.m.

Movies are shown at the Savannah Historic Theater these nights starting at 7, but seating is limited and moviegoers are advised to arrive early to ensure a spot.

There is free parking behind the Courthouse and across the street on Water Street, on the south side of town. Rest rooms are open at Savannah Market, the courthouse basement and inside

the Tennessee River Museum.
Savannah Main Street Executive Director Stephanie Timbes describes Christmas on Main as "a cherished part of the holiday season. It is a magical celebration that captures the heart

of the holiday season. We invite everyone to come and experience the joy, create unforgettable memories, and embrace the festive spirit that makes this event so special year of year."
Inclement weather may delay or cancel out-

door activities. Pets are allowed, but they must well-mannered and on a leash.
The city could also use some help with various activities held during Christmas on Main. To volunteer, call Haley Collier at 731-925-3300.

Bacon Wrapped Party Crackers

From the kitchen of Annslee Cooksey

Ingredients
• 1 package club crackers
• 1 package regular bacon
• Brown sugar for topping (light or dark is fine)
Directions
Preheat oven 275 degrees. Line a baking pan with aluminum foil. Place pan on a safe metal rack in the oven.
Cut the pack of bacon in half. Wrap a half-piece of bacon around a cracker, completely covering the cracker. Add brown sugar on top. Repeat until out of bacon.
Bake for 45 minutes and enjoy.



East Hardin Elementary School fifth grader Annslee Cooksey, above, shared her holiday bacon cracker recipe. She often sings "The Star Spangled Banner" at local events such as the Wayne Jerrolds Bluegrass Festival, as she did here in a 2023 photo.

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Holiday eating: December pleasures, holiday regret



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We don't have to eat ourselves to death to enjoy the holidays. I'm including myself when I say this. I gained two pounds just from Thanksgiving day alone. I had finally lost a few pounds and presto, faster than the twinkling of an eye I gained two back.

It's easy to do. I ate generous portions of ham and turkey, along with derby pie (two pieces), oatmeal cake and sweet

potatopie. Yum yum it was so darn good!

To show for my eating frenzy is some added weight and a high blood sugar number the next day. There are consequences to such pleasure!

If I get into my holiday rut of eating peanut butter fudge, cherry candy and every Christmas cookie that comes my way, I am certain to gain five pounds and probably more between now and New Year's Eve. I really don't want to look at Jan. 1, 2025 with another resolution that includes spending all of 2025 trying to lose all the damage I did in December of 2024.

Thus, I have decided to attempt to lose a few pounds in December leading up to Christmas Eve. I'll probably blow it on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day because my wife is a phenomenal cook and everything she makes tastes so good.

Most likely on Christmas Day, I'll gain a pound or two back, if I can really lose it. It's just scary how I've lost it so many times but it keeps finding me. There has to be some kind of device that fat has implanted in me because it keeps finding where I am!

You have to decide for yourself. Eat, drink, be merry and regret it in

January or just say to heck with it and get fatter and fatter. If you don't care, nobody else cares. It's up to us individually.

Here's a question for you. Do you not know of any way to celebrate December other than eating like crazy for an entire month?

There are alternatives. Try singing Christmas songs or listening to Christmas music. Watch Christmas movies. Send out Christmas cards. Go to a mall somewhere or Walmart and walk for an hour or so three or four times a week. Call people and wish them Merry Christmas. Take some of

those goodies to a local nursing home. Take your tree down and put it back up again, anything but eating non-stop.

It's your life and your one body that God gave to you. I'm not pointing my finger at anybody because I would have four pointing back at me.

Food is a blessed gift from God. So, enjoy your food and let's give God thanks for every bite because so many people have so little to eat. There's another idea, share some of your goodies with the homeless.

My hope and prayer is that our December season will be filled with joy.

Enjoy it all but just know January is right around the corner. How much do you want to have to lose in 2025? How bad do you want to feel on Jan. 1?

It's so true that life is short and we should enjoy every day. However, shouldn't we make some effort to try to make this brief life just a few years longer so we can enjoy a few more holidays? Of course, even if you try to eat healthy and exercise you may still die young, but maybe you will die feeling better.

(Learn more at GlennMollette.com. Mollette was a senior minister for 39 years and served as president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.)

The groups and barista proletariat of the Democratic Party



Michael Barone
Creators Syndicate

Postmortems of the Democratic Party's loss, running well beyond the defeat of Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz (D-Minn.), are starting to come in from some of the party's most perceptive thinkers.

And it was a loss across the board, not just this year. As RealClearPolitics' Sean Trende has argued, 2024's voting patterns were a "rehash" of 2022. Republican gains that year were less than expected, with then-President Donald Trump's imposition of weak Senate

candidates leaving that body 50-50 Democratic and the antics of Trump-favorite former Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz sparking turmoil in a narrowly Republican House.

However, the 2022 numbers, plus stronger candidates, produced better results for Republicans this year. Trump's 50% to 48% popular vote margin over Harris was accompanied by an increase in his percentage from 2020 in every one of the 50 states and from the vast majority of the United States' 3,141 counties. The most visible exceptions on The New York Times' ingenious arrow maps were metro Atlanta counties filling up with middle-income Black migrants from troubled Northern cities.

Republican capture of a Senate majority was de-

cisive even as the party's 3% lead in the House popular vote left it with only a bare majority of seats, thanks to Democrats' gerrymandering. However, Republican gains among Hispanics and Asians and in big metro areas point to possible future gains.

The 2022-24 rejection of Biden-Harris policies may or may not lead to an enduring Republican majority. However, it is, as the headline on an Ezra Klein post-election Times interview proclaims, "the end of the Obama coalition."

The most major components of his supposedly ascendant Democratic majority, including record turnout and percentages among black voters, continuing super-majorities from Hispanics and Asians, and enthusiastic support from young peo-

ple, have receded, and support from white college graduates has even cracked a bit. The 44th president, in his Kalorama mansion, 2.5 miles from the White House, has seen the arc of history bend toward Trump Tower and Mar-a-Lago.

Smart Democrats are focusing on one cause of their party's limited but, at least for the moment, decisive decline. Ruy Teixeira, coauthor of "The Emerging Democratic Majority," which foresaw the Democratic Party's triumph in 2008 but not its subsequent demise, writes that Democrats have moved sharply left on cultural matters, on racial quotas and preferences, on increasing rather than reducing immigration, toward stands that have repelled "the white working class" in the 2010s and now repel the nonwhite working class in the 2020s.

Nor have they delivered economic results acceptable to modest-income workers. As Clinton administration aide William Galston writes in The Wall Street Journal, Bidenomics, huge spending tranches that sparked inflation, was sparked by Hewlett Foundation-supported theorists bent on repudiating "neoliberalism" and imposing "industrial policy, worker power, antitrust policy."

It turned out that voters preferred the results of Trump's pre-COVID-19 policies.

Once upon a time, Democrats relied on policy advice from state and city party bosses who were in touch with ordinary people. These days, argues economist Noah Smith, they are overly reliant on "a variety of activists and special interests — collectively known as 'The Groups,'" who, in the contemporary equivalent of smoke-filled rooms, "persuade Democratic staffers and politicians of their ideas ... well out of the public eye."

Klein fleshes out this point, decrying "the power of this nonprofit complex in the Democratic Party." The Groups, Washington- and New York-based, don't really represent the people they presume to speak for. Hispanic groups wanted to "decriminalize border crossing." Hispanic voters don't. Black groups wanted to "defund the police." Black voters don't.

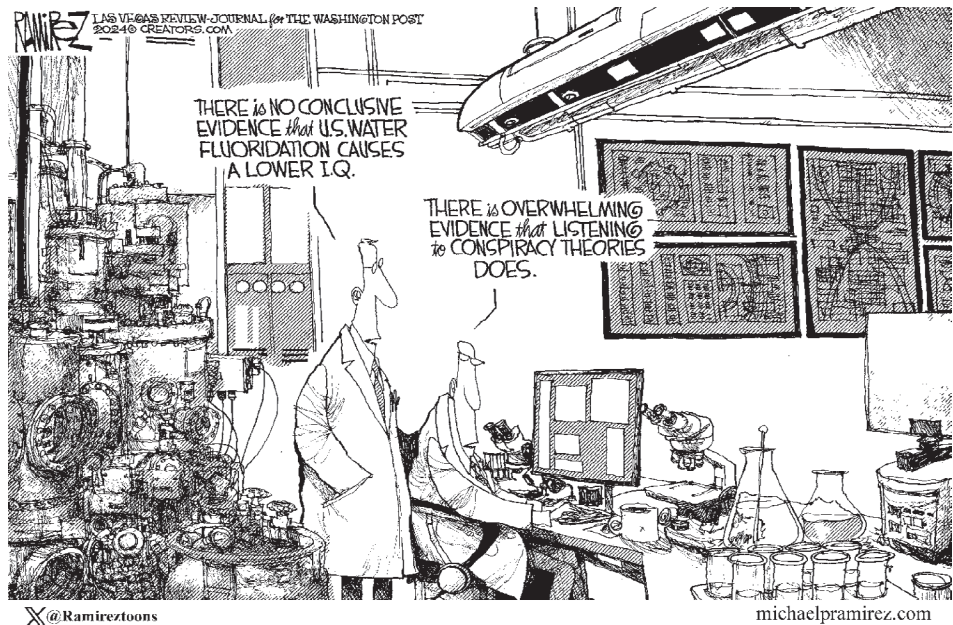
These aren't mass-membership groups such as those that led the civil rights revolution. "There's been this dynamic where you have these groups that are claiming to speak for very, very wide swaths of the electorate and persuading Democrats of things that those parts of

the electorate don't really believe," Klein says. All of which suggests Democratic politicians would do well to block these folks on their computers and start listening to real people out there.

However, the fact that the groups don't represent all the voters they claim does not mean there is no electoral constituency for their policies at all. There is a Left constituency that represents some sizable minority of Democratic voters, which you can spot on the electoral maps.

It's most visible in university towns. In Wisconsin, Madison's Dane County (with the state's flagship university plus the state capital) casts a higher Democratic percentage and larger popular vote margin than Milwaukee County. In Michigan, Ann Arbor's Washtenaw County and East Lansing's Ingham County cast higher Democratic percentages than Detroit's Wayne County and a combined popular vote margin 15 times larger than Flint's Genesee County.

University counties are loaded with academics and public employees, plus affluent professionals and indigent grad school dropouts, many attracted by college town ambiance and the large majority disposed toward unpopular — See **Groups**, page 5A



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leftist policies.

You can see large concentrations of such people – I call them the barista proletariat – extending over relatively low-rent, mostly but not all white neighborhoods, usually subway-accessible and marijuana dispensary-dotted quarters in our largest cities. They're apparent on the Times' graphics department's superb maps of municipal elections of New York City in 2021 and the Chicago primary and runoff in 2023.

Once upon a time, traditional working-class folks, white ethnics, and blacks and Hispanics with families and more regular jobs, lived there. Today, the barista proletariat dominates Astoria, Long Island City and Jackson Heights in Queens, and non-Orthodox Williamsburg, Fort Greene and Bushwick in Brooklyn. In Chicago, they live on the Lakefront, a couple of miles inland north of Irving Park Avenue, where expensive high-rise condos thin out in favor of cheap rentals in three-story brick buildings.

In elections for mayor, barista proletariat neighborhoods voted heavily for leftist Maya Wiley in New York in 2021 and Brandon Johnson for radical teacher union head in Chicago in 2023. Wiley, who lost most Black precincts to current New York City Mayor Eric Adams, a former police officer, finished third citywide, but Johnson edged out incumbent Lori Lightfoot in the primary and edged out former school head Paul Vallas 52% to 48% in the runoff a month later. Key votes in both contests were cast by barista proletariat wards.

By almost every standard, Johnson has been a

disaster. He has allowed a contract with a firm that tracks gunfire in murder-prone areas to expire, proposed borrowing \$300 million to pay off his former teacher union colleagues, and had the Chicago City Council vote down his demand for higher taxes 50-0 (former Mayor Richard Daley used to see his positions win by that margin).

The result is high crime, departure of corporate headquarters, black as well as white flight from the city and state, and vandalism of once-vibrant shopping districts. Chicago is one of the great artifacts of Western civilization, and the barista proletariat is on the way to destroying it.

This is what we might

expect from a segment of the electorate whose orientation is essentially adolescent – with no steady community tie through homeownership or job tenure, devoted to freedoms defined by lack of adult restraint or supervision, with an adversary posture to middle-class mores and American traditions. These are people aching with personal dissatisfaction, taught in schools and colleges that their complaints can be easily assuaged by government bureaucracies.

Teixeira, Galston, Smith and Klein seem to argue that the groups represent no existing electoral constituency. However, the barista proletariat does populate the staffs of nonprofit

groups and electoral politicians, the ranks of publishers' assistants, and newspaper and magazine junior editors and writers. Their readiness to protest and shut down Democratic and media operations is a source of power, deployed often with the gleeful abandon of adolescents granting themselves a day off.

The cultural stands that hurt Harris may come and go, but the barista proletariat, which wholeheartedly supported them, remains a continuing liability for a Democratic Party that has been freshly rebuked by the voters and whose dreams of almost automatic victories have been dashed. It's a group, Smith concedes, that accounts for a large

part of why progressive cities are governed so badly, and that, in turn, is one reason so many voters resisted the appeal of a San Francisco Democrat.

The barista proletariat could be a problem for Democrats if they decided to use the presidential nominating process they reformed in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s but have allowed voters to influence, beyond the initial two or three contests, only twice in this century, eight and 16 years ago.

On both occasions, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), with visible barista proletariat support, came close to winning the nomination. Sanders, who turns 87 years old in 2028, presumably won't run again. However, it's

far from clear that the smart Democrats who understand the harm done to their party by the groups will be able to outsmart them or outmaneuver their one electoral constituency, the barista proletariat, which threatened to run away with their presidential nomination the last time it was openly contested, eight years ago.

(Michael Barone is a senior political analyst for the Washington Examiner, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and longtime co-author of *The Almanac of American Politics*. His new book, "Mental Maps of the Founders: How Geographic Imagination Guided America's Revolutionary Leaders," is now available.)

Words hurt, and words heal



JC Bowman
Professional Educators of Tenn.

The impact of our words is profound.

They represent the most potent force at our disposal as humans. We can wield this power constructively, uplifting others, or destructively, causing harm. Just a handful of words can inflict pain, and while those wounds may eventually heal, the scars often remain.

Our words carry significant weight; they can either nurture or damage, mend or injure, elevate or dismantle, connect or isolate, support or challenge. In politics, our leaders have the power to either impose harm or bring healing through their actions and words on the critical issues that challenge us.

Many believe that Ten-

nessee public schools are filled with radical educators using their resources – classrooms – for political purposes. However, that narrative is inaccurate and is often used by lawmakers to gain power and control the narrative. This has a certain Justice Potter Stewart feel to it, explaining the definition of obscenity: "I can't define it, but I know it when I see it."

Schools often become political battlegrounds, reflecting the values and ideologies of various groups. Politicians and interest groups engage in contentious debates over education policies, funding, and curriculum choices, which can ultimately affect the quality of education. It is essential to strive for a balanced education system that prioritizes the needs and well-being of students over political agendas.

Are some teachers liberal? Indeed, many are very conservative as well.

They reflect the views found in their community

and the general population. Since 2010, Republicans have held control of the Tennessee General Assembly and the Governor's Office. Governors appoint the Commissioner of Education, who has influenced education policies in Tennessee for the past 14 years. They are now responsible for the education issues and challenges of these policies.

Curricula design and implementation can differ widely due to state standards and district policies, often overlooking individual teacher preferences. States establish standards, approve instructional materials, and influence teacher preparation and professional development. A well-structured curriculum should align with these standards, guiding educators to ensure students acquire the essential knowledge and skills for their grade level. However, educators need flexibility, as varying curriculum deployment can impact educational quality.

Initially, public education aimed to foster a literate American citizenry capable of partic-

ipating in democracy. Our founders recognized that for citizens to shape government through elections, they needed a solid knowledge base. Public education is still part of the solution, as today's challenges stem not from a lack of funding but from a lack of trust in our institutions, including government and education.

Let's be clear: there will never be a one-size-fits-all model for public education, and no single academic model can work in a state or nation with a diversified population. That is why it is critical to collaborate among educators, parents, citizens, and businesses to transform education at local levels based on the needs of each community. That is absolute local control.

Over the years, I have been critical of many things in public education, including lack of focus, poorly defined goals, disagreement with curriculum, and outside political influence. However, I have always tried to do what my wife always advised: "If you are going to criticize, offer a solution." Teddy Roosevelt said, "It is not the critic who counts," but "the

man who is actually in the arena."

Critics of public education often focus on the wrong issues, relying on incomplete or faulty information. Many lack knowledge in the areas they critique, which is concerning.

While public education isn't without faults and should continue evolving, we must avoid being change-resistant. With 90% of children educated in public schools, citizens should support public education. We must be transparent. A successful education system is essential for our children's future and the economy. This message deserves more focus.

Your words hold incredible power and can impact the lives of those around you – family, friends, educators, and children. You can choose to uplift and inspire or to harm and diminish. Remember, once spoken, words cannot be taken back. Be mindful of your language, whether as an educator or a policymaker.

(JC Bowman is the Executive Director of Professional Educators of Tennessee, a teacher association headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee.)

Social Security Matters: Ask Rusty



Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens
Certified Social Security Adviser

Am I entitled to more Social Security from my ex-husbands?

Dear Rusty

I am 76 years old and a retired high school counselor/teacher.

I was married to my first husband from 1968 until 1981. He is still living, and he remarried two more times and, I believe, he is currently divorced. He is 77 years old. His income was always much higher than mine.

I was married to my second husband from May 1989 until we divorced in April 2017. My second husband died in June 2023.

What I wonder is if I am entitled to receive Social Security benefits based upon the income of either of my ex-husbands?

Twice Divorced Spouse

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Dear Twice Divorced

Divorced spouses are entitled to the same benefits as a current spouse if their marriage lasted at least 10 years which, in both cases, yours did.

The other caveat is whether your own SS retirement benefit is less than you are entitled to from either of your ex-husbands.

If your own SS retirement benefit is less, then you will get an incremental amount on top of your own SS retirement to bring your total monthly benefit up to your spousal (or surviving spouse) entitlement.

Since your first husband is still living, it is likely that your best financial option is to claim a surviving ex-spouse benefit from your deceased second husband.

The reason is that survivor benefits

from husband 2 are based on his actual benefit at his death, whereas benefits from a living ex-spouse (husband 1) are based upon his full retirement amount.

In other words, it is likely that 100% of deceased husband 2's benefit at his death is more than 50% of living husband 1's current benefit at his full retirement age, or FRA.

It is, of course, possible that 50% of your first husband's FRA entitlement is more than 100% of your second husband's benefit at death, in which case your ex-spouse benefit from your first husband could be more.

The only way to sort this out is to contact Social Security (800-772-1213) to make an appointment to apply for surviving ex-spouse benefits from your deceased second husband.

Explain that your first ex-husband is still living, and that you are unsure of what your benefits are as your first husband's ex-spouse. Social Security will be able to determine from their records which one provides you with a higher benefit amount (provide each husband's Social Security number when you call).

As I said, your best financial option will likely be to take your survivor benefit from your deceased second ex-husband (note, however, if your first ex-husband also died before you, you can subsequently file for a survivor benefit from him, if that is more than you are getting from your second husband's record).

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Running barefoot



Keith Holloway
The Carpenter's Shop

Oh, to be young again and run carefree through the woods. To splash around in the summer rain and jump happily in every available mudhole.

We would climb trees, swing on low-lying limbs and ride stick horses. Some of us were fortunate enough to have a family dog that would faithfully follow us through every possible adventure.

If these things sound a bit too simplistic for you, then you would not understand this kind of life.

It would be so wonderful to hit a reset button and start again and reprogram life. A life that filtered out the confusion and chaos that we have all become so accustomed to in today's modern world. A life that was so simple that you had one light bulb and a pull string to turn it on and off.

What would it be like to wake up to the sound of a crowing rooster as your alarm clock? Just to hear nothing but the absolute sound of silence at bedtime. To read a book,

to say your prayers, turn the lights off and rest throughout the night.

I have some old family articles from a time of long ago and far away. They are a reminder to me of a time of no cell phones, or cars with power windows.

There was a time that an evening snack after school was a cold biscuit left from the morning's breakfast. I remember that our car air conditioner was a crank handle on the door that rolled the windows up and down. There was a button in the floorboard that was actually a starter on an old truck. If you had a radio at all it was only for AM radio stations.

Some of you reading this can probably remember even simpler times than this.

But the thought of running barefoot is what triggered these memories for me. Running as hard as possible, not even thinking about slowing down.

I am a senior citizen and my memories now occupy a very important space in my mind.

I was looking at a picture of a small cottage or what would be called today a tiny house. It awakened within me some things I had forgotten. Things like the sound of

a wringer washing machine on the back porch. The smell of wood smoke and the old coal burning heater that was used to heat that little country church.

I remember folks backed up against the heater with their hands behind their backs getting warm. The smell of peanuts being parched and corn hominy cooking in a big kettle with a fire under it. The aroma of hams and shoulders being cured in the neighbor's smokehouse.

It's funny how just the thought of running barefoot can bring back such beautiful memories.

There's something else that I miss. I miss the time when sin was a bad thing and church altars were a place of repentance, renewal and commitment. A time of getting to church early to get a good seat.

There's something else that I remember. I recall driving through the country and pretty little country churches had a good crowd of folks. Now so many have not only empty parking lots and empty pews, but empty pulpits also.

I know! This may be a little too nostalgic and perhaps a little negative to some, but I remember all of this.

And I remember running barefoot.



December

2024 Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Advent Begins World AIDS Day	2 Cyber Monday Int'l. Day for Abolition of Slavery	3 Giving Tuesday Int'l. Day of Persons with Disabilities	4 Nat'l. Cookie Day	5 Int'l. Volunteer Day Nat'l. Repeal Day World Soil Day	6 St Nicholas Day Finland Indep. Day	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Int'l. Civil Aviation Day
8 Immaculate Conception 2nd Sunday of Advent	9 Genocide Prevention Day Green Monday Anti-Corruption Day	10 Human Rights Day	11 Int'l. Mountain Day	12 Int'l. Day of Neutrality Int'l. Universal Health Coverage Day	13 Nat'l. Cocoa Day Nat'l. Day of The Horse	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent Bill of Rights Day	16	17 Nat'l. Maple Syrup Day Wright Brothers Day	18 Arabic Language Day Int'l. Migrants Day	19	20 Int'l. Human Solidarity Day	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice) Super Saturday
22 4th Sunday of Advent	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Hanukkah (Begins)	26 Hanukkah (Cont.) Boxing Day Kwanzaa (Start)	27 Hanukkah (Cont.) St John	28 Hanukkah (Cont.)
29 Hanukkah (Cont.)	30 Hanukkah (Cont.)	31 Hanukkah (Cont.) New Year's Eve				

Looking for something to do? Check out these upcoming events!

Have an event listing? Call 731-925-6397 to get your event listed. Event information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday.

December 5
District 3 Community Center; 491 Hinton Rd., Counce; Free Art Class sponsored by Dist. 3 Community Center and St. Peter's by the Lake Church; **1 p.m.-3 p.m.**

The Battle of Shiloh Camp 1454 Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV); Shiloh Methodist Church fellowship hall; First Thursday; supper at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.

December 6-7
Downtown Savannah; Main St.; Savannah's Christmas on Main; free activities including ice skating, movies, musical performance, arts and crafts, Santa and Mrs. Claus and more

December 6
Parrot Heads Club; First Friday at Freddy T's - Club 50; **6 p.m.**

December 8
Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA); Sheltering Tree Ranch; Airport Rd.; For information, 731-607-1569 or email d Rodney72@yahoo.com; **2:30 p.m.**

December 9
Savannah Lion's Club; Mollie Monday's Restaurant; **6:30 p.m.**

December 10
Savannah Rotary Club; Mollie Monday's Restaurant; **12 p.m.**

Mabryville FCE Club; Call 731-444-1819 for location; **12:30 p.m.**

Friends of the Library; Hardin County Library Welch Room; **4:30 p.m.**

Hillbilly's Wing Shack; 26280 TN-69; Adamsville; Christian Outreach Center dinner; free to community; **6 p.m.**

Savannah Community Crime Watch; Jack's Restaurant; Second Tuesday of month; **6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

"SEA of Friends" support group; Sheltering Tree Ranch at the Bunk House; The free support group is for people who have loved ones with special needs; for more information contact Jessica Mayfield at 925-2922 or 931-215-7384, or by email at jessica.mayfield@shelteringtree.org; **6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

December 12
The Colonel Joseph Hardin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Hardin County Library Welch Room; **10 a.m.**

Hardin County Republican Women; MaMa Fia's; 414 Main St.; Dutch lunch at 12 p.m.; everyone is welcome; **12 p.m.**

District 3 Community Center; 491 Hinton Rd., Counce; Free Art Class sponsored by Dist. 3 Community Center and St. Peter's by the Lake Church; **1 p.m.-3 p.m.**

Savannah Main Street Meeting; Savannah City Hall Courtroom; Open to the public; **5 p.m.**

December 13-14
Downtown Savannah; Main St.; Savannah's Christmas on Main; free activities including ice skating, movies, musical performance, arts and crafts, Santa and Mrs. Claus and more

December 13
Pickwick Landing State Park; The Lodge; 116 State Park Rd.; Holiday Mart with activities including Santa's Workshop, horse and carriage rides and many more family-friendly activities; a display of 70+ lighting settings will also start beginning at dark; **12 p.m.-9 p.m.**

December 14
Pickwick Landing State Park; The Lodge; 116 State Park Rd.; Holiday Mart with activities including Santa's Workshop, horse and carriage rides and many more family-friendly activities; a display of 70+ lighting settings will also start beginning at dark; **10 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Shiloh National Military Park; 1055 Pittsburg Landing Rd.; Wreaths Across America; volunteer to help lay wreaths on soldier's graves following a brief ceremony; **11 a.m.**

December 15
Riverview Baptist Church; 6750 Hwy. 226; Riverview Baptist Celebration Choir presents Christmas Spectacular celebrating the birth of Jesus; **10:15 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

December 17
Mt. Vinson UM Church; 2379 Mt. Vinson Rd.; Stantonville; Shiloh Piecers Quilt Guild regular monthly meeting; email ShilohPiecers@gmail.com for more information; **10 a.m.**

Savannah Rotary Club; Mollie Monday's Restaurant; **12 p.m.**

Hardin County Library; The Welch Room; 1365 Pickwick St.; TN River City Nurse Honor Guard monthly meeting; **5:30 p.m.**

Hardin County Library News

Debbie Brannon
Librarian, 925-4314
www.hardincountylibrary.org

Story Hour on Tuesdays & Fridays at 10 a.m.
GED/HISET Classes every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 24-26:
CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER
5; 10 a.m.; Genealogy Group
6; 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; Christmas Escape Room; registration required; ages 12+
7; 10 a.m.; Milk & Cookies with Santa
9; 3:30 p.m.; Game Night
12; 3:30 p.m.; Gingerbread Challenge; registration required; ages 7+
13; 4:30 p.m.; Free Movie Friday; movie is "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"
16; 5 p.m.; Old Fashioned Christmas
19; 5 p.m.; Paint with Frances
20; 4:30 p.m.; Family Movie Night; movie is "The Grinch" (2018 version)
21; 5 p.m.; Retro Movie; movie is "A Christmas Story"
23; 3:30 p.m.; Game Night
27; NO Story Hour

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Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Curbside service is still available, if preferred. Call us at 731-925-4314 for more information.

Support Groups

AA Meeting; 869 Pickwick St.; Savannah; Every Tuesday and Thursday; **8 p.m.**

Alcoholics Anonymous; Walnut Grove Community Center; **Tuesday nights from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.**

Alcoholics Anonymous; Grace Point Church, 269 Wayne Rd.; **Sunday-6 p.m., Monday-7 p.m., Wednesday-8 p.m., Friday-8 p.m.;** Call 731-412-7173 for information

District 3 Community Center; 491 Hinton Rd.; Counce; Pickwick AA meetings will be held Monday nights weekly; 7 p.m. is Big Book meeting and 8 p.m. is open meeting; **7 p.m.**

Horizons of Savannah; 430 Pinhook Drive; Peer support and life skills center is open; Transportation is available, call 925-7790 or 731-609-7577 for appointment; **Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Our Daily Bread; 1180 Wayne Rd.; Food pantry and backpack program for needy children on weekends. For more information call 607-4803; **Tuesday & Wednesday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Adult and Teen Challenge, Inc.; 1450 Florence Road; For more information call 926-2555; **Tuesday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.**

Narconon Drug Education and Rehabilitation; 800-431-1754 for free screening or referral; drugabusesolution.com

Voices of Savannah Prevention Coalition; 212 Eureka St., Savannah; **Saturday, 1 p.m.**

Narcotics Anonymous: "Real Talk"; New address for meetings: 269 Wayne Rd.; **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8 p.m.-9 p.m.**

Pickwick Meetings

District 3 Community Involvement Inc. will meet at District Three Community Center, 491 Hinton Road, Counce, the third Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. Call Debbie Smith at 731-926-0778 for more information.

Friends of Pickwick Landing State Park holds a lunch meeting for the board and members on the third Thursday of each month from noon until 1 p.m., in the restaurant of the Pickwick Landing State Park Inn.

Pickwick United Methodist Church-Men's Club breakfast is the first Saturday of each month, at 8 a.m. Membership to the Men's Club is open to all men in the Pickwick, Counce area.

Pickwick Republican Women's Club will meet the first Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. at The Club at Shiloh Falls unless otherwise notified.

St. Peter's by the Lake meets every third Thursday for dinner at 6 p.m. at District 3 Community Center, 491 Hinton Road, Counce; open to all.

Deadlines for family news items

News must be received by 5 p.m. Monday.
Happy birthday/kid's corner announcements will be published through the child's fifth birthday, within two weeks before or after the birthday.
Birth announcements (with no photo) must be published before the baby is 30 days old. Birth announcement with photo must run as paid advertising.
Anniversaries can be announced before or after the event. Portraits must be in appropriate dress (no T-shirts or caps).
Engagement information forms are available. Portraits must be in appropriate dress (no T-shirts or caps). Engagement information and photo can be submitted by email at: magie@courieranywhere.com.
Parties must be published no later than two weeks after they occur, except for the bridesmaids luncheon and rehearsal dinner, which may accompany the wedding article.
Weddings must be published as soon as possible and no later than the fourth Thursday after the wedding--no exceptions are allowed. Forms are available. Portraits must be in appropriate dress (no T-shirts or caps). Only weddings of residents and former residents will be printed at length. Shorter weddings will be printed for persons who have never lived in this area. Older weddings will not be run as news.
Wedding information and photo can be submitted by email at magie@courieranywhere.com.
Fees are charged for photos accompanying stories. We do not return photos by mail; they should be picked up soon after appearing in The Courier.
Photographs must be good quality color or black and white prints, or high resolution .jpg, .tif or .eps digital files. Screen resolution files or .gifs are not suitable.
In order for birthday or birth announcement of unwed parents to run in the newspaper, the child's father must come to The Courier to sign a consent form or a copy of the Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity registered with the State of Tennessee form can be presented.

Open Door Outreach of Riverview Baptist Church; 150 Guinn St.; Recovery support group meetings every **Monday at 6 p.m.;** Bible Study every **Wednesday at 6 p.m.;** Meals provided

GriefShare for the Community; sponsored by Love and Truth Church Savannah; All-virtual seminar; Register at GriefShare.com; For more information, call facilitators Rob and Linda Bryan, 501-408-8499; **Tuesday, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Just for Seniors

District 3 Community Center; 491 Hinton Rd, Counce; 731-926-0778; Senior Bingo every Thursday; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Senior card games every Friday; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Hardin County Senior Center; 9380 Tenn. 128; Savannah; 731-925-2210; hardincoseniorstn@gmail.com; director, Jennifer Ojada; Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Tai Chi Monday at 9:30 a.m.; Cardio Drumming Monday at 10:45 a.m.; Chair Yoga Tuesday at 9 a.m.; Walk with Ease Tuesday at 10:15 a.m.; Morning Meditation Wednesday at 9 a.m.; Arthritis Exercise Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.; Dominoes/Puzzles daily; Cornhole daily; Cards Tuesday and Thursday; Foot Care second Tuesday; Wayne Jerrolds third Tuesday; Arnold and Jerry third Thursday.

McNairy County Senior Center at 408 Park Ave., Adamsville: The Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Hot meals (catered) are served at the center on Monday through Friday; frozen meals delivered on Tuesdays; home-cooked meal (prepared at center) on Thursdays; dine in or carry out; Tai Chi class on Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; center available to help seniors with things like energy assistance, signing up for commodities, telephone reassurance calls, grocery shopping and more; masks are available for seniors to use, but not required; for further information contact Cindy at 731-632-0302.

Mark your calendar

December 27; Shiloh National Military Park; 1055 Pittsburg Landing Rd.; 130th Birthday Celebration; hosted by Hardin County Convention and Visitors Bureau; includes a ranger-led program and birthday cake; 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on January 13, 2025 on or about 11:00AM local time, at the East door of the Hardin County Courthouse, Savannah, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by LORETTA A. DELAROSA, to Greg Voehringer, ESQ., Trustee, on May 25, 2005, at Record Book 377, Page 84-105 in the real property records of Hardin County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: The Bank of New York Mellon, formerly known as The Bank of New York, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee on behalf of the holders of the CIT Mortgage Loan Trust, 2007-1 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1

The following real estate located in Hardin County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Land located in Hardin County, Tennessee, described as follows to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in the North margin of the Old Stage Road; same being the Southeast corner of Michael and the Southwest corner of the lot herein described; runs thence North with the West boundary of Michael 165 feet to a stake, runs thence East 140 feet to a stake in the West boundary of Ganus; runs thence South with the West boundary of Ganus 180 feet to a stake in the North margin of said road; runs thence West with the North margin of said road to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Loretta A. Delarosa from Mary P. Garbitt by deed dated 05/25/05 of record in Record Book 377, Page 82, said Register's Office.

Tax ID: 07-085-085-005.04-000

Current Owner(s) of Property: LORETTA A. DELAROSA

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 190 Old Stage Road, Adamsville, TN 38310, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

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. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: ESTATE OF LORETTA A. DELAROSA AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LORETTA A. DELAROSA AND MARY P. GARBITT

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

If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

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This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 24-000105-850-1

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GARY LYNN TALLEY, late of Hardin County, Tennessee

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to T.C.A. §30-2-306 that on the 15th day of November, 2024, Letters of Administration, in respect of the **ESTATE OF GARY LYNN TALLEY**, deceased, who died on 5th day of November, 2024, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, 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 the 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.

This the 15th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Shawn Lynn Talley, Administrator

/s/ Dennis W. Plunk, Attorney for the Estate

/s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (11282tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Walter S. Collins, late of Hardin County, Tennessee

Notice is hereby given that on the November 22, 2024, Letters Testamentary in respect to the estate of **WALTER S. COLLINS**, deceased, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master of Hardin County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk & Master 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 the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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

This the 22nd day of November, 2024.

/s/ Owen Collins, Personal Representative

/s/ Leslie W. Creasy, Attorney

/s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (1252tp)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Geraldine Romero dba The Cuban Spot, has applied for an "ON Premises" beer permit, to sell beer for retail only at 1427 Florence Rd. Savannah Beer Board will meet immediately following the City Commission meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2024, at City Hall.



East Hardin Elementary School hosts a balloon parade

East Hardin Elementary School second grade students held their own Thanksgiving parade after reading Melissa Sweet's book, "Balloons Over Broadway," which is all about the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

Students used balloons and other materials to create their own parade balloons. Students then had their East Hardin Balloon Parade by marching through the hallways at school.

From left are parade participants Jaiden Olive, Kaylee Helton, Abby Wells and Lyric Risner.

Fire Reports week of Dec. 5

The following items are derived directly from reports by the Hardin County Fire Department. HCFD Station 12 (Savannah) is typically dispatched to calls county-wide.

Nov. 29

Counce-Shiloh-Pickwick (Dist. 3) was dispatched at 8:03 p.m. to 595 Tenn. 22, Shiloh. A truck crashed into a tree and the driver was killed. Firefighters were back in service at 9:39 p.m.

Nov. 30

Nixon-Pyburn (Dist. 7) was dispatched at 1:07 p.m. to 425 Anchor Pointe where a residential fire alarm was sounding. The alarm company canceled the alarm and the call was cleared at 1:21 p.m.

Savannah (Station 12) was dispatched at 12:33 p.m. to 75 Titan Way. A child, 7, locked a 3-year-old sibling in a car in the garage. Firefighters advised the child in the vehicle unlocked the door as they arrived. The call was cleared at 12:40 p.m.

Community news Pickwick



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We are helping the Counce Community Center with their fundraiser selling a hand painted Pickwick Lake ornament. They make a great keepsake and gift as well! All the money from these ornaments goes directly to District Three Community Center in Counce. Quantities are limited. Please contact me or Tara Marlar; call 731-607-3310 for more information.

Pickwick United Methodist Church is helping the District 3 Fire Department collect "Toys for Children" Christmas presents. We are collecting new unwrapped gifts for needy local children. Please

help.

Did you know that Sheltering Tree Ranch is open year-round for everyone? Visitors are always welcome, whether they want to fish or just relax in the peaceful atmosphere. For more information call 731-925-2922 or visit www.shelteringtree.org/programs/

Pickwick Landing State Park is gearing up for Christmas in the Park next week, but also has some fun programs

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern
I am filing for a new title for a

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Anyone with proof of claim should contact
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by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Savannah Board of Zoning Appeals and the Savannah Planning Commission will meet Thursday, December 12th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Savannah City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following request:

Board of Zoning Appeals

1. A request for a Variance by Mike Kelly, Jerry Williams and Colton Milford, to allow the reduced setback on lots 5, 8, 9 Carlton Cv. (Map 0720, Group J, Parcel 014.03, Map 0720, Group J, Parcel 013.09, Map 0720, Group J, Parcel 013.03).

2. Approval of Subdivision Plat/Site plan for Cindy Crosswhite located off Pinhook Rd and Meadow Lane (Map 083K, Group J, Parcel 004.02)

These meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Please contact the Community Development Department at 731-925-8007 with any questions or concerns.



this weekend. Register at <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/events/pickwick-landing/>. Contact Meghan Dodd 731-689-3129 Email: meghan.dodd@tn.gov to register for several ornament art classes.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, Shiloh National Military Park is participating in Wreaths Across America, beginning with a short program at 11 a.m.

Following the program, volunteers will be needed to place some of the 1,000-plus wreaths that have been sponsored for Shiloh National Cemetery.

If you would like to volunteer, you can register ahead of time at <https://www.volunteer.gov/.../wreaths-across-america-2024>. You can also register onsite the day of the event.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE #1

The Town of Crump will hold a Public Meeting on December 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Crump Town Hall, 3020 Highway 64. The purpose of this meeting is to present information to the public on the FY 2025 Community Development Block Grant Program. Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend and comment on possible activities.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact Pam Hardy, City Recorder at (731) 632-4224. The Town of Crump is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, related statutes and regulations, as amended, the Town of Crump prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, in the admissions or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs or activities.

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Joseph
Genesis 37, 39 & 41

Joseph was Jacob's favorite son and the brothers were jealous.

The brothers sold Joseph to Ishmaelite traders and he ended up in Egypt where he became a servant of Potiphar's palace.

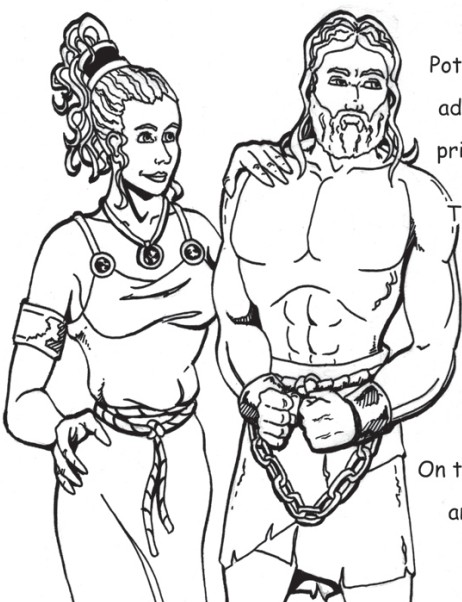
Potiphar's wife made advances for the well built and handsome Joseph but he resisted her advances. Feeling scorned, she accused Joseph of making advances and he was thrown into prison. The Lord was with Joseph and he gained favor in the prison warden's eyes.

The Egyptian Pharaoh had dreams that Joseph was able to interpret. These dream warned Pharaoh of a coming seven year famine with seven years of plenty preceding the famine.

This warning prompted Pharaoh to prepare by storing grain in the years of plenty. Joseph was put in charge of gathering and storing the grain.

When the famine came to the land of Jacob, his sons traveled to Egypt to buy grain. On their second trip Joseph revealed his identity and invited his brothers to return home and bring their father and his family to Egypt.

Seventy people journeyed to Egypt with Jacob and settled there.



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Obituaries

Emogene Adkins

Sept. 6, 1936 - Nov 22, 2024

Emogene Roberts Adkins, 88, of Savannah, departed this life on Friday, Nov. 22. She was born on Sept. 6, 1936, in Williamson, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Floyd and Mary Preston Roberts.

On June 6, 1952, she was united in marriage to Ulan Adkins, who preceded his wife in death on Sept. 3, 2008.

Emogene was a member of the daughters of Destiny, ladies ministry and a Hardin Medical Center Auxiliary “Pink Ladies” volunteer. She was a den mother and Hardin County Team Leader for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. She was a member of Savannah Church of God, where she also served as a Sunday school teacher and church clerk for 13 years. She worked as a lab specialist for Basic Industries, stylist for BeeLine Fashions, and assistant manager for Pizza Hut. Emogene loved to work with flowers and bake and cook for her family and friends.

She is survived by her sons, Floyd Allen Adkins (Mary Beth) and Brian Edward Adkins (Pamela Jo); brother, Winston D. Roberts; grandchildren, Brandy Pierce, Allen Adkins, Jocey McKinney, Breanna DuBose, and Canaan Adkins; and great-grandchildren, Alli Pierce, Emma Pierce, Molly Pierce, Karson Adkins, Kameron Adkins, Mac McKinney, Emily DuBose, Leah DuBose, and Joshua DuBose.

In addition to her parents and husband, Emogene was preceded in death by her son, Charles Ulan Adkins; brothers, Boe Roberts, Harold Roberts and Garcie Roberts; and sisters, Peggy Jacobson, Ellawease Price and Frances Lawson.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Church of God in Savannah, with Jeff Crosswhite, Bobby Pickens, Teresa Turnbow and Christy Harrison officiating. Burial followed at Neill Cemetery in Savannah.

Annie Gail Johnson

Oct. 5, 1927 - Nov 23, 2024

Annie Gail Walker Johnson, 97, of Savannah, peacefully departed this life on Saturday, Nov. 23. She was born to Maude Porterfield and David Brown Walker on Oct. 5, 1927.

After graduating from Draughton Business School in Nashville, she returned to Savannah to work at Brown Shoe Company’s office, where she met her future husband, Ray Shelby Johnson. They married on July 12, 1946, and settled in the Holland Creek community.

Annie Gail labored on the farm and in the garden to provide for her family. She adored her grandchildren, taking them on many adventures around the farm. She enjoyed being in nature, especially watching birds and butterflies. In addition to being a superb cook and excellent seamstress, she loved to read books, write poetry, and research genealogy, co-writing a book, Kith and Kin of Hardin County, with her sisters. Annie Gail cared deeply for the needy and elderly in her community, serving them in a multitude of ways. She was an active member of Holland Creek Methodist Church, often loading many of the neighborhood children in her car to carry them to church and Bible school.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Ann Bain (Larry), Glona Jo Goodman, Jerry Mack Johnson (Susan), Laura Beth Hinton (Calvin), and Cherry Denise Johnson; ten grandchildren, Timothy David Bain (Susie), David Todd Goodman (Leah), Larry Jason Bain (Amy), Stephen Calvin Hinton (Hilary), Ginna Brooke Caldwell (Justin), Daniel Wesley Hinton, Stefanie Marie Johnson, Robert Hunter Hancock (Amy), Jeremy Michael Johnson, and Laura Ann Hinton; twelve great-grandchildren, Bo (Sadie), Emma, Zach, and Tyler Bain, Jake and Ali Goodman, Callee and Caroline Hinton, Austyn, Carter, Marcee, and Brayden Caldwell; and one great-great-grandson due in January.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband; son-in-law, John David Goodman; sisters, Chrystal Harville, Mildred Counce and Lois Dean Johnson; and brothers, Brown Walker and Graham Walker.

The family requests memorial donations be made to: Savannah Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 491, Savannah, TN 38372.

Memorial services were held on Friday, Nov. 29, at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Savannah, with Randy Weatherington officiating. Burial followed at Memory Gardens in Savannah.

Thomas “Tommy” Lewis

Sept. 1, 1946 - Nov 22, 2024

Thomas (Tommy) Hiram Lewis, 78, of Savannah, departed this life on Friday, Nov. 22. Tommy was born on Sept. 1, 1946, to the late Grady (Cowboy) Rye Lewis and Willie Inez (Grannie) Falls Lewis.

He was raised in the Olivet Cumberland Presbyterian Church that he attended with his parents. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Also, he was the Commander of VFW Post 4606 in Savannah.

Tommy retired from the paper mill in Counce after 43 1/2 years of service. During his paper mill years, he was a millwright and served as a first responder on their team. He was an avid street rodder who owned a 1946 Chevrolet pickup that had belonged to his uncle. Also, he was the West Tennessee Safety inspector for the National Street Rod Association.

He never met a stranger and lived his life to the fullest, making many lifelong friends along the way. He was affectionately known as “Motor Mouth” by his many paper mill friends as he was never at a loss for words. He was also known as “Cowboy” by all the street rodders because he was never without his cowboy hat at any car event.

After retirement he got very involved with the local VFW post and volunteered by attending veterans’ events and doing ceremonies at veterans’ funerals. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, fellow veterans and the many street rodders that he knew.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Connie Perry Lewis; sons, Shane Lewis (Judy) and Jason Lewis (Carol); daughter, Candice Lewis Warren (Justin); grandchildren, James Lewis, Rodney Lewis, Nick Lewis, Riley Warren, and Sophie Warren; and a great-grandson, Greyson Lewis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Sue Lewis Ritter. He also leaves behind many close friends and family members.

He will be laid to rest at Neill Cemetery along side his mother and father in the Olivet Community that he loved, where he grew up, and lived most of his life.

The family requests memorial donations may be made to the VFW Post 4606 or The Sheltering Tree.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Savannah, with Justin Warren, Lanny Sartor and Daniel Holt officiating. Burial followed at Neill Cemetery in Savannah.

Jeromy Pruitt

June 24, 1978 - Nov. 27, 2024

Jeromy Chad “JP/Johnny Stryker” Pruitt, 46, of Stantonville, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27. He was born June 24, 1978, in Selmer, the son of Terry Jo Hollin Pruitt and the late James Lesley Pruitt.

Jeromy was a lively spirit who embraced life with passion. An avid fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide, he found joy in cheering for his team and sharing in the excitement of each game. He enjoyed watching wrestling and had a fondness for video games.

Jeromy will be remembered for his warmth, his laughter, and his unwavering loyalty to family and friends. Although he may no longer be with us, his legacy of joy, passion, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

He is survived by his mother, Terry Pruitt; brother, Cody Pruitt and wife Tara; niece, Kenzie Pruitt; nephew, Mason Mitchell; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

“Thank you to everyone who was friends with me, Johnny Stryker. I really did appreciate y’all’s friendships. Thank you all and God Bless.”

Memorial services were held on Sunday, December 1, at Shackelford Funeral Directors of Adamsville, with Steve Stroud and Robert Powell officiating. Burial followed at Prospect Cemetery in Selmer.

Death Notices

Lesia Arnold

Lesia Cook Arnold, 61, of Savannah, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, the daughter of the late Cecil Earl and Fannie Ruth Easley Cook.

Lesia worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Park Rest and as a seamstress. She attended The Carpenter’s Shop and People’s Tabernacle Church.

She is survived by her brother, Bobby Cook.

In addition to her parents, Lesia was preceded in death by her brothers, Freddy Cook and Calvin Cook and sisters, Freda Smith and Rhonda Cook.


No services to announce.

Gene Franks

Gene Franks, 79, of Savannah, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, the son of the late Edna and Josie Wilkerson Franks.

Gene graduated from Central High School

Walker Graham



Mary Rose

Community Writer

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From last week:

Patricia Shelby sends happy belated birthday wishes to Billie Casteel Nov. 19, Eli Moore Nov. 20, Jaxton Gean and Malachi Johnson Nov. 22, Bradley Gean Nov. 23, Deborah Pickens Nov. 26, Tammy Gean Neill Nov. 29, Gary Williams Nov. 30, Gavin Perry and Terrell Tedford Dec. 1, and happy anniversary to Philip and Amanda Morris Dec. 1.

From this week:

Patricia Shelby and family went for visitation for Tommy Lewis Tuesday night.

Patricia sends happy birthday wishes to Mitzi Knight Dec. 4, Jimmy Howard Dec. 5, Wade Gean and Samantha Stricklin Dec. 6, Janice Horton Dec. 7 and Aliza Paulk Dec. 9.

Patricia, Jim, Gene, Kendra, Gavin, Kailie and friend, Terry, Sharon, Samantha, Jaylen, Isaiah had Thanksgiving with Darrell, Dale, Emma and Ellie Saturday.

Ronnie Rose visited with us Sunday after church. We were so proud to see him and he talked a lot with Jerry.

We visited with Charles at rehab Sunday. He will be there for 21 days. he fell and fractured his hip. Also we visited with Janice. She was real sleepy.

Janie went with us to Jane’s Restaurant Saturday evening. Jerry enjoyed that.

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Savannah's 24th Annual Christmas Parade kicks off the holiday season



Kids dancing in the streets along the parade route entertained parade spectators.



The Grinch was a popular holiday character for several floats at Savannah's Christmas parade Monday.



Groundscapes won first place in the Small Business category for its Christmas float which included a caged Grinch.



West Hardin Elementary School won first place in the Schools category for their Christmas float.

Phillips

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Savannah Police Department.
The Courier reported earlier that according to Savannah Police Chief Michael Pitts, a city officer attempted to get Phillips to pull over behind Hardin County High School because the Jeep he was driving was suspected to be stolen.

The vehicle fled and the driver allegedly fired a shot at the pursuing city officer.
The fleeing vehicle traveled out of the city limits and the chase was turned over to the Sheriff's Office.
Sheriff Johnny Alexander said Phillips fired two or three times through the back glass of his vehicle at the pursuing coun-

ty investigators before stopping after hitting a tree at the end of a field road. He then allegedly fired three times as they approached to within 85 yards, and fled into the woods.
Phillips was apprehended "without incident" the following morning, Dec. 20, after a tip from a hunter and a TBI aircraft participating

in the search spotted the suspect about a half mile from there, Alexander said.
Phillips was also indicted on three counts of evading arrest by motor vehicle, theft of property, possession of cocaine, unlawful possession of a firearm (violent felon), and possession of a firearm during commission of a dangerous felony.

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Savannah got into the spirit of the holiday season Monday night.

Frigid temperatures and windy weather didn't stop crowds from lining up on Main Street and Wayne Road to watch Savannah's 24th Annual Christmas Parade.

There were 90 entries of floats and more participating in the city's "A Christmas Wish" parade.

"We are so thankful for everyone participating in the 2024 parade. Our community puts such love and effort into floats, trailers, and vehicles, and it shows in the quality of our parade. It would not be great without their participation," parade organizer Paige Ashe-McLean of the Savannah Rotary Club said.

She said there were 86 entries, with an additional five which arrived the night of the parade.

"Our local businesses really showed up this year; we had 22 registered. We also had 11 schools and school teams participating. I am so proud of our school administrators for allowing them to participate and our kids for showing up to walk. I also love seeing our local pageant royalty in the parade, I'm so glad they are getting back to participating in the parade," said Ashe-McLean.

The parade kicked off with fire engines and other emergency vehicles. Following their arrival, members of Veterans for Foreign Wars Post 4606 marched with the U.S. and military flags to begin the line of vehicles and floats traveling in the parade.

In addition to delighting the several hundred spectators along the parade route, many participants also registered to compete for prize money and bragging rights by having their floats, vehicles or group performance judged by members of the Savannah Rotary Club, who organized the holiday event.

The following is the different entry divisions for competition:

- Business, large and small
- Church
- Civic
- Government
- Individual



Sparky the Fire Safety Dog had fun participating in Savannah's Christmas parade.

• School
• Scouts

Hardin County Bank won first place for the large business competition with Kimberly Clark coming in second and First Farmers Co-op winning third place.

Groundscapes won first place for the small business competition, with 22 Fence Company coming in second and Brenda's House of Hope placing third.

People's Tabernacle Church won first place in the church competition, with First Baptist Church of Crump coming in second.

Wagons of Hope won first place in the Civic competition, with Pickwick Parrot Heads placing second and Pickwick Shriners coming in at third place.

Winning first place in the Government competition was Shiloh National Military Park, with Hardin County officials coming in second and Pickwick Landing State Park and Hardin County Tennessee Forestry tying for third.

Bobby Rainey won first place, Clown Alley won second and Ronnie Stewart won third in the Individual category.

In the school category, West Hardin Elementary School won first place with Hardin County High School Fishing Team and HCHS Hitmen Team placing second and Hardin County Head Start placing third.

In the Scouts category, Girl Scout Troop 40072 placed first and Cub Scout Pack 33 earned second place.

Additionally, the HCHS Band, cheerleaders and dance team entertained

the crowd during the parade. The Rotary Club donates money to these organizations for their participation every year since they do not actually "enter" the competition.

Ashe-McLean said she appreciates the support the Rotary Club receives in hosting the parade.

"I am grateful to the Hardin County government and the city of Savannah officials for their support and participation. A big thank you to our police and sheriff's offices for coordinating traffic and intersections for our safety on the parade route.

"And finally everyone who lined our main streets to watch the parade, we do it for our community and unless you're there, it's not a success. I can't list everyone to thank, but this is my favorite Rotary service project and I can't wait to do it again next year," she said.

Savannah's "A Christmas Wish" parade started at 6:30 p.m. and lasted a little over an hour from start to finish.

The parade concluded with Santa waving bye to the crowds.

Upcoming parades

If you missed Monday's parade or just enjoy watching as many parades as possible, Pickwick and Counce are holding their Christmas parade Friday, Dec. 6. The parade lines up at Pickwick Landing State Park and begins moving to Tenn. 57 at 7 p.m. The parade ends near the Dollar General store at 6205 Tenn. 57.

Adamsville hosts its Christmas parade Tuesday, Dec. 10, on Main Street at 6 p.m.



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SECTION B

Rivalry on the Hardwood: HCHS vs AHS Part One

AHS Lady Cardinals win by wide margin in opener before HCHS Tigers do the same in nightcap to lead to a split by the end of the night

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A big crowd supporting both schools turned out for Round One of the annual home-and-home basketball series between close neighbors Adamsville High School and Hardin County High School. Round One took place Tuesday, November 26 at T.E. Chisholm Gymnasium in Adamsville just before both squads got a short Thanksgiving Break.

**Adamsville
 Lady Cardinals 52
 Hardin County
 Lady Tigers 36**

Emotions were running high for both sides as the toss for the opening tip went high into the air. Lady Cardinal Brooklyn McCoy scored the first points of the contest on a put back to make it 2-0 with 6:15 left in the opening period.

Adamsville went into their full court press and stayed with it most of the night. McCoy scored two more points on another put back to make it 4-0 at the 4:35 mark. Freshman Baylee Brown put in a jump shot moments later to put AHS on top 6-0 halfway through the first quarter. McCoy scored on another put back to make the new score 8-0 with 3:30 left in the first quarter. Adamsville scored again on another basket from McCoy to go up 10-0 with 2:03 on the clock as Hardin County called a time out to regroup. The Lady Tigers had missed a great many shots from various spots

around the basket but could not get anything to fall.

Coming out of the time out Lady Tiger Shealeigh Green finally broke the ice for Hardin County and scored to make it 10-2. Adamsville scored again on two free throws from Kennedy Cleary to go up 12-2. Maddie Surratt hit one free throw to make the AHS lead 13-2 before freshman Avery Warren scored for HC and cut the AHS lead to 13-4. Warren followed with a shot block before a final HC shot rimmed out at the buzzer.

HC went into a press of their own coming out in the second period. The Lady Tigers got multiple good looks on their first possession of the second quarter but just kept getting more frustrated as none of them would fall. Greene then found Lillie Beth Deberry with a pass and two points to cut the AHS lead to 13-6 before Makenzie Luna answered with a "3" to push the lead to 10 at 16-6 with 6:30 until the break.

Greene blocked a Luna shot attempt moments before Riley Stricklin drove and scored for HCHS to make it 16-8 with 5:32 on the clock. A Kady Johnson free throw made it 17-8 before a put back by Greene made the new score 17-10 halfway through the quarter. Lady Tiger Avery Bevis added two more points on a put back to draw HCHS to within 17-12 but once again AHS answered with Cleary drilling a three-pointer to push the lead — **See Rivalry**, page 4B



HCHS Junior Avery Bevis takes the ball to the other end and scores after starting second half play with a nice steal.



Cardinal Skyler Folden finds some room and goes up for a one-handed jumper from in front of the basket.



Lady Tiger Avery Bevis and Lady Cardinal Kennedy Cleary battle with all their might for this rebound.



Tiger Junior Jaxon Burdine show off very nice form on this jump shot he knocked down at Adamsville.



HC Junior Lamarion Wyke shows strength and athleticism as he takes the ball to the basket and scores.



AHS Junior Makenzie Luna and HCHS Sophomore Shealeigh Greene fight for a loose ball during second quarter action at T.E. Chisholm Gymnasium.



Seven HCHS bowlers advance to Individual tournament

Lady Tigers Katelynn Woodard, Eliza Brown, Libby Bromley, and Addie Alcott join Tigers Haeden Ditto, Kamden Morris, and Peyton Napper in advancing to TSSAA Individual Bowling Championships in Smyrna in January of 2025.

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The Hardin County High School pin-seekers made their way to Bowlero in Bartlett Saturday, November 23 to participate in the Individual Qualifier Tournament to determine which bowlers would advance to the TSSAA Individual State Tournaments in Smyrna in January of 2025. Joining Hardin County bowlers on the lanes were athletes from Bartlett High School, Cordova High School, Brighton High School, Houston High School, Munford High School, Dyer County High

School, and Millington High School.

25 pin-seekers competed in the Girls Individual Bowling Tournament with the Top Six advancing to Smyrna.

Bartlett High School bowler Kenzie Bond took First Place with a six game total of 1,208 pins. Claiming Second Place was HC Lady Tiger Katelynn Woodard with her total of 1,180 coming on games of 154, 205, 197, 223, 212, and 189.

Finishing in Third Place was Hardin County bowler Eliza Brown with her total of 1,173 pins coming on games of 177, 244, 188, 179, 174, and 211. Next up in Fourth Place was HC Lady Tiger

Libby Bromley with her total of 1,122 coming on games of 170, 161, 203, 242, 154, and 192.

Lady Tiger Senior Addie Alcott earned a Fifth Place finish to advance with a total of 1,114 coming on games of 131, 191, 230, 164, 187, and 211. Bartlett High School bowler Addison Brown finished in Sixth Place to grab the final advancing position with a total of 1,067.

Hardin County Bowler Khloe Steely finished just five pins from advancing with a 1,062 total coming on games of 174, 147, 183, 179, 159, and 220.

HC Lady Tiger Isabella Woodard finished up one more pin back at 1,061 with games of 157, 161, 178, 178, 188, and 199.

Next up for Hardin County was Lady Tiger Charlyze Shelton with a total of 1,042 coming on

games of 178, 183, 143, 186, 180, and 172.

Two more spots back was HCHS pin-seeker Aubrey Garton as she put up a total of 987 coming on games of 162, 178, 133, 179, 188, and 147.

Lady Tiger Alyssa Crites finished things up for the Lady Tiger pin-seekers with her total of 883 on games of 135, 111, 164, 138, 147, and 188.

28 bowlers toed the line in the Boys Individual Bowling Tournament as the Top Six advanced to Smyrna just as in the Girls event.

Bartlett High School bowler Elijah Pipken finished in First Place with a total of 1,283 pins. Claiming a Second Place finish was HC Tiger Haeden Ditto with a total of 1,234 coming on games of 212, 179, 194, 201, 191, and 257.

Bartlett bowler Preston

Whiteside grabbed the Third Place spot with his total of 1,228. Hardin County Tiger Freshman Kamden Morris claimed a Fourth Place finish with a total of 1,225 coming on games of 206, 211, 149, 201, 216, and 242.

Bartlett bowler Logan Washburn took the Fifth Spot with a total of 1,182. Hardin County Senior Tiger Peyton Napper finished with a strong finishing game to clinch the final advancing position in Sixth Place with his total of 1,155 coming on games of 214, 191, 148, 184, 162, and 256.

HC Sophomore Tyler Screws finished two spots back with a total of 1,045 coming on games of 191, 155, 161, 171, 186, and 181.

Finishing in 14th Place was Tiger Junior Wade Daniel with a total of

1,001 coming on games of 172, 156, 158, 162, 183, and 170.

Tiger Freshman Michael Jones was two spots back with his total of 988 coming on games of 167, 140, 198, 121, 174, and 188.

Next up for Hardin County was Senior Zach Thompson with his total of 986 coming on games of 144, 131, 177, 174, 204, and 156.

HCHS Freshman Braxton Wood was two positions back with his total of 886 coming on games of 183, 130, 152, 123, 161, and 137.

Tiger Ninth-grader Paul Pilkinton finished in the spot right behind his fellow freshman teammate with a total of 852 coming on games of 146, 125, 150, 138, 129, and 164.



Hardin County B-ball wins pair at home vs Kossuth

HC Lady Tigers roll over Kossuth by 30 points as Tiger knock off Aggies by 57-34 final margin.

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The Hardin County High School Tiger and Lady Tiger basketball teams picked up wins at McCaleb-Welch Gymnasium in Savannah vs the Kossuth Aggies and Lady Aggies Monday, November 25 in their final games before their big rivalry match-ups the following evening at Adamsville.

HC Lady Tiger JV 29 Kossuth JV 17
LADY TIGER STATS
Points: Kate Helen Parrish 12; Jaylee Gean 7; Jaycee Jones, Kelsey Newell 3; Averly Warren, Kayleigh Bomar 2. **Three pointers made:** Jones, Newell, Gean 1. **JV Record 2-0**

HCHS Lady Tigers 62 Kossuth Varsity 32
HC got off to a nice start in the opening period as they sprang out to a 11-3 lead that they would never give up. Shealeigh Greene and Averly Warren scored four points each to lead the home team with Lillie Beth Deberry adding a “3”.

Hardin County really found their stride over the next eight minutes as they out-scored Kossuth 20-11 to open up a big 31-14 halftime advantage. Hannah Miller found her shooting touch in the second quarter as she led HCHS with 11 points that included three “3’s” as Riley Stricklin and Deberry also put in shots from long distance.

It was more of the same over the next eight minutes as the Lady Tigers kept up the pressure and topped Kossuth 21-8 to blow the game wide open and took a 52-22 lead into the final period. Miller and Greene scored seven points each to lead HCHS as Deberry drained a three-pointer.

Reserves filled the court in the fourth quarter as both teams played hard and gave great effort as the two squads played to a 10-10 tie with the Lady

Tigers winning at home by 30 points. Deberry and Jaylee Gean led the team in scoring as each hit a “3”.

LADY TIGER STATS
Points: Hannah Miller 18; Lillie Beth Deberry, Shealeigh Green 14; Averly Warren 6; Jaylee Gean, Riley Stricklin 3; Avery Bevis, Kate Helen Parrish 2. **Three pointers made:** Deberry 4; Miller 3; Gean, Stricklin 1. **Turnovers:** HCHS 10 Kossuth 17.

HCHS Tigers 57 Kossuth Aggies 34
Just as was the case in the opener, Hardin County took advantage off a big edge in opening period action at 18-5 and were never headed back during the rest of the game. Jaxon Burdine paced the Tigers in scoring with five points that included a three pointer; as well as “3’s” from Peyton Murphy and Jayden Davis.

HC kept pouring it on during second quarter action and came out on top of Kossuth 16-9 to increase their lead at the break to 34-14. Burdine was again the leading Tiger scorer with seven points that included a “3” as Davis also swished a three pointer.

Both teams continued to give it their all as they battled to a 9-9 draw in the third as HCHS carried a 43-23 lead to the final period. Jayden Davis led the Big Maroon with six points coming on two three-pointers.

Reserves got in some playing time in the fourth quarter as Hardin County out-scored Kossuth 14-11 to win by 23 points. Hunter Floyd sank a three-pointer to lead along with Davis who had three points.

TIGER STATS
Points: Jayden Davis 18; Jaxon Burdine 15; Lamarion Wyke 8; Aidan Coleman, Ean Stanley 4; Hunter Floyd, Peyton Murphy 3; Heath Hardin 2. **Three pointers made:** Davis 4; Burdine 2; Floyd, Aidan Coleman, Hunter Floyd 1. **Team free throws:** 5 of 9. **Turnovers:** HCHS 10 Kossuth 19.



HCHS Junior post player Corbin Smith goes up strong in the lane and banks his shot in for two points.



HC Junior Hannah Miller dribbles around a defender and scores during a recent home game.



Tiger Senior Guard Peyton Murphy shows nice form as he knocks down this three pointer.



Lady Tiger Junior Kate Helen Parrish goes up for a shot and is fouled from behind, resulting in two free throws.

Community and Camaraderie in Tennessee

Courtesy of Tennessee Wildlife Federation

Fight Hunger This Fall

Every year, Tennesseans facing food insecurity receive much-needed protein through Hunters for the Hungry. Each deer donated by generous hunters provides food for someone in need. In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, this need within Tennessee communities is even more apparent.

For more than 25 years, Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Hunters for the Hungry program has partnered with deer hunters, certified wild game processors, and food banks to provide fresh, lean protein for Tennesseans in need.

A Common Goal

The past two years have seen record-breaking venison donations as hundreds of partners came together for one goal: fight hunger in Tennessee.

According to Feeding America, one in seven Tennesseans are facing hunger, including one in six children. Supplying protein is one of the biggest costs for food banks and other hunger relief organizations. Venison donated to food banks through Hunters for the Hungry helps supplement these protein needs.

With the help of outdoorsmen and women and other community supporters, Hunters for the Hungry will continue to make lasting impacts

on local food banks and the Tennesseans they serve. In the 2024-25 season, Hunters for the Hungry is set to reach all-time donations of: 50,000 whole deer donated, and 10,000,000 servings of venison to Tennesseans in need.

Ways to Support

Supporting Hunters for the Hungry is easy—anyone who wants to help feed members of their community can get involved.

For Hunters

The most direct way to support is by donating a deer through a participating processor. More than 60 wild game processors in Tennessee partner with Hunters for the Hungry, offering their time, money, and services to give back to their neighbors in need. These processors play a vital role, ensur-

ing the donated meat is carefully processed and packaged for safe consumption. Donated venison is then distributed from each processor to hunger relief organizations in neighboring communities.

To donate a deer, hunters bring a field dressed deer to a participating processor free of charge, confirm the harvest confirmation number and other contact information, and the processor takes care of the rest. Deer donations can also be made by the pound or pack (excluding Unit 1).

For Community Members

When a deer is donated, the cost of processing the deer is covered by Hunters for the Hungry. That means monetary donations are a vital part of keeping this program running.

Each donation to Hunters for the Hungry helps ensure the deer protein provided by generous hunters can make it to the people who need it most.

Just \$60 can provide 168 servings of lean, venison protein to hungry Tennesseans in every corner of the state. Donate at tnwfw.org/hungry.

AHS Softball hosting Breakfast with Santa

The Adamsville High School Lady Cardinal softball program is hosting Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The festive event will take place at 815 West Main Street in Adamsville.

Among the activities to enjoy along with Santa are: ornament decorating, face painting, cookie decorating, pancakes, drinks, activities and a silent auction. A fee will be charged to participate in the special event.

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First Deer

Griffin Bevis, 10, of Savannah, shot his first deer at Cravens Landing after waiting for 15 minutes. He was with his dad, Casey Bevis and his cousin, Justin Snelling.

Adamsville Hoops teams drop pair on road at Middleton

Cardinals and Lady Cardinals find tough sledding during two road games at Middleton Tigers and Lady Tigers

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The AHS Cardinal and Lady Cardinal basketball squads hit the road southward Monday evening, November 25 to tangle with old foe Middleton. AHS gave great effort, but the Tigers won both games on their home floor.

MHS Lady Tigers 48
AHS Lady Cards 39

Adamsville struggled to make shots during the first half, thus allowing Middleton to get off to a nice lead. The home team doubled up their guests by a 12-6 margin in the opening period. Kady Johnson led her team with four points in the quarter.

AHS continued to have a hard time dealing with the MHS defense as they again scored six points in the period while Middleton put 14 on the scoreboard to claim a 26-12 halftime advantage. Johnson hit a three-pointer to again lead her team in points with three.

Adamsville found their shooting touch in the third quarter as they more than doubled up Middleton as they topped the Lady Tigers 17-8 to cut their deficit to 34-29 with eight minutes left in regulation. Johnson once again led AHS with six points coming on two “3’s” as Baylee Brown also nailed a “3”.

The fourth period was the most evenly played in the game as both teams got after one another before the home team took the quarter 14-10 and the game by a final score of 48-39. Kady Johnson made either fourth straight period as the leading AHS scorer as she led the way with

eight points.
LADY CARDINAL STATS
Points: Kady Johnson 21; Baylee Brown, Makenzie Luna 5; Brooklyn McCoy, Morgan Palmer 4. **Three pointers made:** Johnson 3; Brown 1. **Team free throws:** 7 of 24.

Middleton Tigers 75
Adamsville Cardinals 44
The opening period was very evenly played between the two old rivals as Middleton eventually pulled away to take the quarter by a slim 19-15 margin. J.C. Gray led the Cards with five points in the quarter.

After a close first period, the Middleton defense ramped way up to make in extremely difficult for Adamsville to even get a shot off as the Tigers topped the Cardinals 19-1 to take a sizable 38-16 lead at the break. Skyler Folden scored the lone point for the Cards in the period.

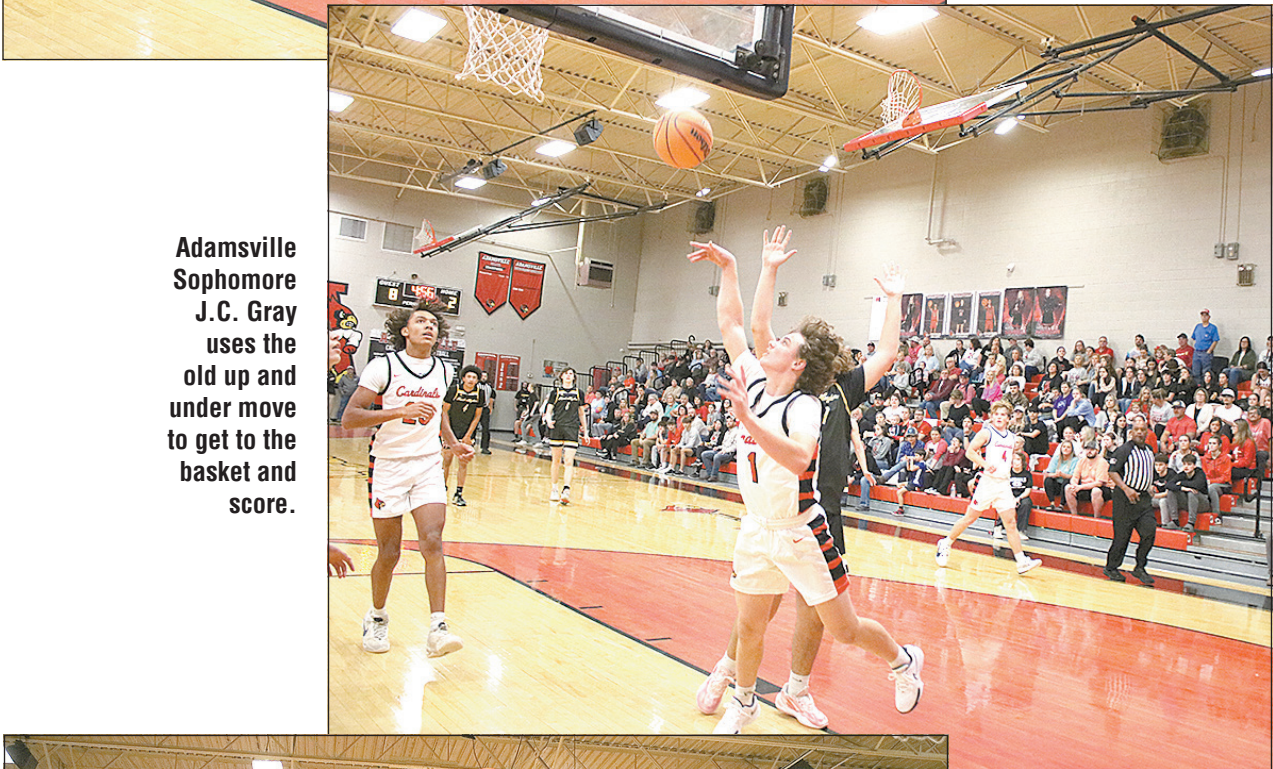
The third quarter was high-scoring and evenly played once again as MHS out-scored AHS 28-23 and carried a 66-39 to the fourth period. Bradley Harris led the Cardinals with seven points that included a couple of three-pointers as Maddox Freeman also had two with Cree Rosson and J.C. Gray also nailing a “3”.

Reserves filled the court over the final eight minutes of play as the home team won the quarter 9-5 for the final margin of 75-44. Connor Orshal led AHS with a three pointer.

CARDINAL STATS
Points: J.C. Gray, Bradley Harris 9; Maddox Freeman, Avery Burks 6; Cree Rosson 5; Connor Orshal 3; Maddox Gant, Skyler Hollan 2; Reed Neill, Skyler Folden 1. **Three pointers made:** Harris, Freeman 2; Gray, Orshal, Folden 1. **Team free throws:** 9 of 15.



Cardinal Junior Isaac Bowles launches a three-pointer from behind the stripe.



Adamsville Sophomore J.C. Gray uses the old up and under move to get to the basket and score.



Lady Cardinal Freshman Lillie Dunaway drives across the lane and puts this shot up and in.



AHS Freshman Layla Palmer takes the biscuit to the basket for two points during a recent home contest.

2025 Spring turkey quota hunt application period to be held

Dates are December 18 through January 8

Courtesy of TWRA

NASHVILLE --- The application period for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency 2025 Spring Turkey Quota Hunts will be open from December 18 through January 8, 2025. Applications can be made online at QuotaHunt.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, via the TWRA mobile app, any TWRA license agent, or TWRA regional offices.

Applications will be accepted until midnight (CST) on Jan. 8. Mailed applications will not be accepted.

The areas available for the hunts are listed on the instruction sheet. Applicants may not apply

for a particular quota hunt more than once. There are nine sites that include 78 hunts and three other sites that will have five youth-only hunts. No person may apply more than once. Applicants may choose to apply for one or two drawings.

A computer drawing will be held to determine the successful applications based on the priority drawing system. Permits are not transferable. Youth hunters (ages 6-16 by the date of the hunt) may submit one application for the regular quota hunt and one application for the youth-only quota hunt. Parties may have up to five applicants, including the party leader. Applicants, or the party leader, may select up to 24 choices on their

application. Youth spring turkey applicants may select up to five choices.

A permit fee will not be charged to Annual Sportsman, Lifetime Sportsman license holders or seniors with an Annual Senior Sportsman License. For all other license holders, the cost is \$12 per drawing selected on the application, plus a vendor fee. When applying at a license agent, hunters must remain at the location while the application is processed. Hunters will receive a receipt with a confirmation number when the application is complete.

The 2025 statewide spring turkey season is April 12-May 25. The statewide Young Sportsman Hunt is April 5-6.

TWRA Opens Public Input on 2025-26 Hunting Seasons

Courtesy of TWRA

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is soliciting comments on the 2025-26 hunting season dates and regulations. The comment period is now open through January 1, 2025.

This is an opportunity

for the public to share ideas and opinions about hunting seasons and regulations with TWRA. Public comments will be considered by Wildlife Division staff and may be presented as proposals for regulation changes. Comments can be made by visiting the TWRA web site and finding the Wildlife Survey page.

A preview of the Agency's recommendations for hunting seasons will be made at the March meeting of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission, followed by an additional public comment period. Final recommendations will be made at the April meeting.

Outdoor Truths



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I noticed that I was shivering. I had seen deer off and on, all morning, and I was afraid any move I made would be detected by a nearby deer. So, I sat still and shivered. That

particular morning was not unlike most of the cold mornings when I hunt. I travel light and pack heavy. I try to eliminate sweating while walking to my tree stand. When I get to the stand I either put my clothes on at the base of the tree or when I get to the top. When it's real cold I even change socks after I arrive. This was one of those very

cold days. My plans were to walk in with as few clothes on as possible, and then when I got to the tree, change socks, undershirt, and add my other clothes along with my insulated overalls and jacket. Sounds like a plan. I was running a little late this morning. By the time I stuffed and strapped everything on my backpack, darkness was giving in to dawn. I didn't have a long walk, so I felt everything would be

okay. As I came down the trail I was welcomed by two deer. I could barely see but I could tell it was a buck and a doe. They took off without blowing. When I got to my tree I noticed another deer silhouetted on the hill above me. My plans just changed. Instead of putting my clothes on, on the ground, I would wait until I was in the tree. I quietly made my way up the ladder, hung my backpack on its hook, strapped myself in,

grabbed my binoculars, and began gazing at the deer on the hill. For the next few hours other deer came and went making me afraid to move long enough to put my overalls and jacket on. So, I sat and shivered. I watched and shivered. And I shivered and shivered. And then I thought, "I'm an arm's reach from warm relief and won't take it. How dumb can a guy be?" It was so close, but I chose to remain in miserable

shape.

I know a lot of people that are that way when it comes to their spiritual lives. They are miserable, lonely, and cold. They know what they need to do. They know how close the answer is, but they refuse to take it because of some kind of fear. Take it from somebody who's been there. To not accept something that is so easy and close is not just a bad idea, it's just plain dumb. Just put it on.

Rivalry

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back to 20-12 at the 3:15 mark.

HC continued to miss multiple shots from within a couple of feet from the basket. Greene drained a big “3” for Hardin County to cut the lead to 20-15 with 2:00 on the clock, the first “3” for HC in the game. Kady Johnson drove to the bucket and was fouled and hit both from the charity stripe. Warren scored again on a layup to make it 22-17. Johnson finished the scoring with two more free throws to leave AHS with a 24-17 halftime lead. There was not much doubt as to what the Lady Tigers needed to do to get back in the game, make some shots. Adamsville came out playing lose and it showed in their shotmaking, and Hardin County played tighter and it showed up in their shotmaking.

Avery Bevis opened the second half with a steal and a drive to the basket for two points to make it 24-19. Johnson again had an answer with a corner “3” to put her team up 27-19. Kady followed moments later with a drive to the basket and score to put the lead at 10. Hannah Miller drove the lane and took the ball to the rim for two points to make it 29-21 at the 5:46 mark in the third. Hayley Sims scored for Adamsville to push their lead back to 31-21.

Greene scored for HC to make the new score 31-23 halfway through the period. Right on cue, Johnson did the same on the other end to keep the lead at 10 points. Cleary then hit Morgan Palmer with a beautiful pass for a back door layup and a 35-23 lead with 3:01 left in the third and forced another HC time out. Warren scored on a put back for HC seconds before Johnson found Luna with a nice assist on the three-pointer that found nothing but the bottom of the net and

made it 38-25 when the third quarter came to a close.

Greene scored to get the Lady Tigers started in the fourth period before Sims sank two free throws to keep the lead at 13 points. Palmer, Greene, and Cleary all took turns blocking shots on both ends of the court. Stricklin put in two free throws to make it 40-29 but Johnson quickly answered to keep the lead at 13. A Warren put back drew HC within 42-31 as a Greene drive to the basket for two points made the new score 42-33. A basket from Johnson stopped the HC run and left the home team with a 44-33 lead halfway through the fourth period.

Johnson kept scoring and scoring in the final quarter to make sure Hardin County would have no hope of a come back as her next two baskets made it 48-33 with 3:00 left. Miller finally got a three-pointer to fall to cut the lead to 48-36. A Sims basket pushed it back to 50-36 and a drive and score by Baylee Brown put AHS up 52-36. Hardin County decided not to foul and Adamsville dribbled the rest of the time off of the clock as the game came to and end.

AHS Record: 3-1

HCHS Record: 3-1

LADY CARD STATS

Points: Kady Johnson 20; Brooklyn McCoy 8; Makenzie Luna 6; Kennedy Cleary 5; Haley Sims, Baylee Brown 4; Morgan Palmer 3; Maddie Surratt 2. **Three pointers made:** Luna 2, Johnson, Cleary 1.

LADY TIGER STATS

Points: Shealeigh Greene 13; Avery Warren 8; Hannah Miller 5; Avery Bevis, Riley Stricklin 4; Lillie Beth Deberry 2. **Three pointers made:** Greene, Miller 1.

Hardin County Tigers 66

Adamsville Cardinals 32

HC started fast with a nice pass from Jaxon Burdine to Corbin Smith for two points. Burdine followed with an assist to Lamarion Wyke for a basket to make it 4-0.

Wyke then blocked a shot before Tiger Jayden Davis came up with a steal and a long pass to Peyton Murphy for a layup to make the new score 6-0 and forced an AHS time out.

Burdine scored his first bucket to make it 8-0 with 5:00 on the clock. AHS picked up a free throw from Skyler Hollan to get on the scoreboard to make it 8-1 before Hollan followed it up with a put back to cut the lead to 8-3. Tiger Corbin Smith was fouled and put in both free throws to put his team up 10-3 at the 4:00 mark.

The next couple of minutes was wild and out of control as no points were scored during that time. Ean Stanley scored to make it 12-3 before Smith scored in the lane to put HC on top 14-3 with 1:10 left in the opening period. Peyton Murphy drove to the rim and scored to push the lead to 16-3. Cardinal J.C. Gray scored on a nice drive to the basket. Burdine came up with a steal and was fouled, hitting one of two to make the score 17-5 after one quarter of play.

It became apparent that the size and strength of Hardin County was giving the Cardinals lots of trouble along with the tough aggressive Tiger “D”. Tiger Jayden Davis came up with a steal before Cardinal Bradley Harris drove to the basket and scored. Tiger Ean Stanley drilled a “3” to put his team up 20-7 with 6:30 on the clock. Lamarion Wyke came up with a steal and used a nice hesitation move to go to the rim and score. Hollan scored on a nice drive to the basket to draw AHS within 22-9. Bradley Harris followed with a three-pointer to cut the HC lead to 22-12.

Jayden Davis answered for HCHS with a three-pointer of his own to push the Tiger lead back to 25-12 halfway through the quarter. Murphy fired a pass to Wyke for two points to make it 27-12



Adamsville Junior Brooklyn McCoy helped her team jump out to big lead early in the rivalry contest, scoring eight points in the opening period.

at the 3:10 mark. Murphy then drove and scored as the Tiger lead grew to 29-12. Skyler Folden hit a free throw for AHS to break the HC run and made the score 29-13. Tiger Aidan Coleman scored on a put back before a Jayden Davis jump shot pushed the HC advantage to 33-13. Cardinal J.C. Gray put two points on the board with a nice baseline jumper to cut the lead to 33-15. Wyke drives and scores just before the buzzer to add two points and make it 35-15 at halftime.

HC came out sizzling in the third as a Murphy “3” was nothing but net to put the lead at 38-15. Burdine scored on a sweet baseline jump shot to push the lead to 40-15 with 5:30 left in the third period. Cardinal Reed Neill came up with a steal with Burdine later draining a “3” to make the new score 43-15 at the halfway mark in the third quarter.

Ean Stanley scored to

make it 45-15 with 2:00 minutes left in the period. Coleman drove to the rim for two points as the run continued before a put back from Hunter Reaves made it 49-15. Isaac Bowles finally got a three-pointer to go with Stanley answering with one of his own to leave the Tiger lead at 52-18. Davis drove and scored to make it 54-18 with Tiger Hunter Floyd swishing a “3” before a Heath Hardin steal led to a bucket by Garrett Sipes to push the Tiger lead to 59-18 heading to the final eight minutes of regulation.

The fourth quarter featured a running clock and a court full of reserves. Cardinal Zach Johnson swished a “3” as the action began to get really rough. Heath Hardin followed with a Tiger “3” before Maddox Freeman hit another from long distance for Adamsville. A Coleman put back kept the HC lead at 64-24 halfway through the quarter.

Maddox Gant got in on the three-pointer barrage with one of his own. Cardinal Maddox Freeman swished a “3” to leave the HC lead at 64-30 at the 2:40 mark. Coleman scored again on a put back before Zach Johnson scored the final points of the game as the Tiger powered their way to a 66-32 win.

HCHS Record: 3-1

AHS Record 0-4

TIGER STATS

Points: Ean Stanley 12; Peyton Murphy 9; Jaxon Burdine, Aidan Coleman 8; Jayden Davis 7; Lamarion Wyke, Corbin Smith 6; Hunter Floyd, Heath Hardin 3; Hunter Reaves, Garrett Sipes 2. **Three pointers made:** Stanley 2; Hardin, Davis, Floyd, Murphy, Burdine 1. **Team free throws:** 3 of 8.

CARDINAL STATS

Points: Maddox Freeman 6; Bradley Harris, Skyler Hollan, Zach Johnson 5; J.C. Gray 4; Isaac Bowles, Maddox Gant 3; Skyler Folden 1. **Three pointers made:** Freeman 2; Harris, Bowles, Johnson, Gant 1. **Team free throws:** 2 of 5.

Community news

Counce



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I know we are all so busy with family and food and everyone is gearing up for Christmas.

The Pickwick-Counce Christmas parade will be Friday, Dec. 6. Lineup is at 6 p.m. and the parade starts at 7 p.m. From the state park. If

you or your organization would like to be in the parade you may call Richard Childers at 731-926-6019.

Christmas in the Park at Pickwick Landing State Park is on Dec. 13-14. There will be a Reindeer Run at the park that Saturday in memory of Pat Williams benefiting the Hardin County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the race at 9 a.m.

If anyone wants to participate in the local Angel Tree program, whether it be buying for an “angel” or donating money, please contact

Rita Shaw Maxedon at 731-925-0855.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Christmas ornament fundraiser done but the District 3 Community Center. They sold out of every one and hopefully this is something they will continue to do every year.

Prayer requests: Paul Childers, the Tommy Lewis family, Faye Reeder, Jason Pitts, Ed Borman, the Kenneth Brooks family, Savannah Worley, Gail Smith, Chris Lee, Becky Henson, Shelly Avery, Joey Crumby, and Bobby and Linda Settlemires.

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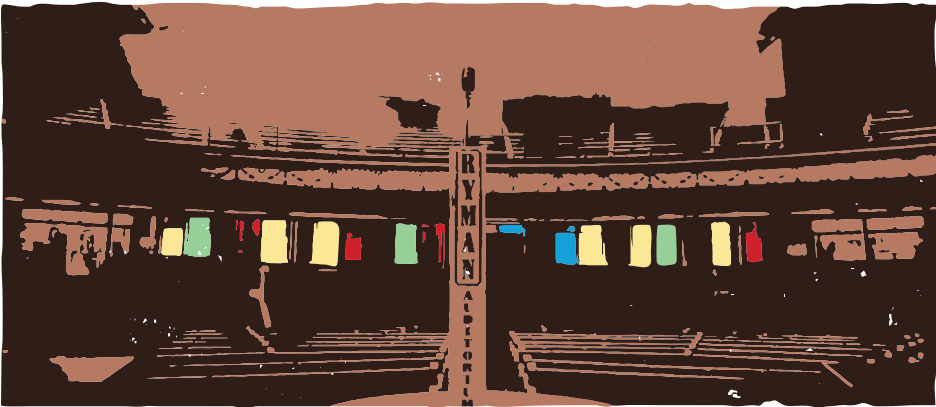
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Jonah the Juggler

Written by Maddie Pendley

Whether he is scoring points on the football field or earning team points in a cross-country race, Jonah Wilson gives his all.

A 10th-grade student at Hardin County High School, Jonah is a stand-out athlete who balances multiple varsity sports. In the fall, he competes in both football and cross-country, while in the spring, he juggles varsity soccer and football training. When Tiger Tales asked how he manages such a packed schedule, Jonah admitted it keeps him extremely busy but is ultimately rewarding.

Although football and cross-country are vastly different, Jonah says they complement each other. His role as a kicker on the football team has strengthened his legs through weightlifting and practice, which benefits his cross-country performance. Meanwhile, the endurance gained from cross-country running boosts his stamina for football games and long practice days.

"Participating in football and cross-country has been an incredible experience," Jonah shares. "It can be hard to stay motivated at times, but my teammates in both sports help me stay in the right mindset." For

Jonah, the friendships he's built on his teams make all the effort worthwhile.

Jonah's coaches recognize his commitment and drive. Jonah said his coaches have supported him and are extremely willing to work with his schedule. When Tiger Tales asked Coach Peyton Ewoldt about Jonah's ability to balance both sports, he said, "Jonah's ability to juggle so many responsibilities is impressive. He's always fully committed to every team he's part of, which inspires everyone around him."

Football coach Mr. Seaton adds, "Jonah is a great young man with very high character. Even with the busy schedule, balancing multiple sports and school, he is always at practice and works extremely hard. I expect to see him be successful in whatever he sets his mind to."

While Jonah is dedicated to athletics, he also prioritizes his academics. After long practices, he finishes his homework, studies for his classes, and prepares for school the next day. He has a 4.0 GPA and

plans to maintain his high standards.

When he is not training or studying, Jonah enjoys spending time with his family and friends and practicing soccer in his spare time. Soccer holds a special place in his heart, and he keeps up his yearly training to prepare for the spring high school season.

Reflecting on his experiences, Jonah says, "This past fall has been a great experience, and I hope to keep doing all of this in the future."

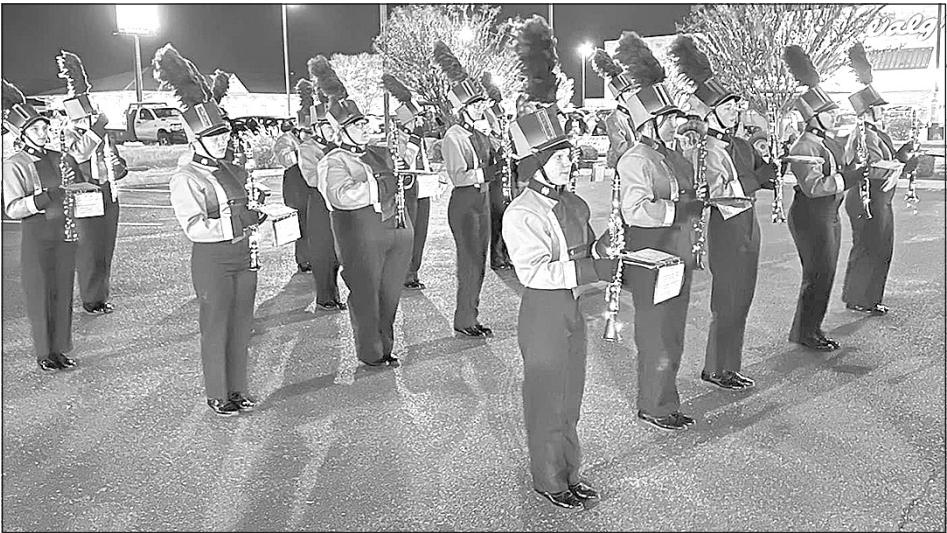
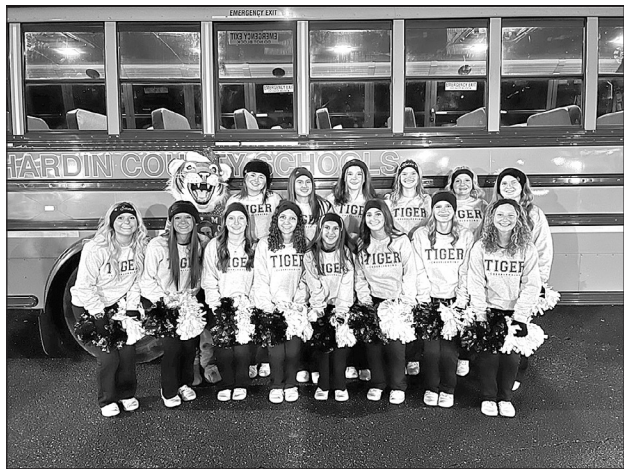
For Jonah Wilson, balancing sports and academics is no small feat, but his determination, support system, and passion make it possible.



Jonah's Weekly Schedule

Day	Football Activities	Cross Country Activities	Other Activities
Monday	- Football during 4th period. - Workout, warm-up by kicking field goals. - Special teams practice and individual kicking practice.	- Easy run after football.	
Tuesday	- Same routine as Monday.	- Speed workout or race.	- Referees recreational league soccer games.
Wednesday	- Football practice during 4th period until 4 PM.	- Rest or recovery day.	- Goes home and prepares for church.
Thursday	- Football walkthrough during 4th period, ending at 3 PM.	- Speed workout.	- Referees recreational league soccer games.
Friday	- Game day: Practice during 4th period and stay for pre-game warm-ups.	- Rest day.	

Christmas Parade 2024



HCHS December 2024							TIGER TALES		Written by: Lexie Forsythe
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
1	2 Band-Christmas Parade @6pm	3 EOC-English 9 Part 1 English 10 Part 1	4 EOC-English 9 Part 2 English 10 Part 2	5 EOC-English 9 Part 3 English 10 Part 3 Choir- Christmas Concert	6 EOC- Biology Makeups	7			
8	9 EOC-Alg. 1B - Part 1 Alg. II - Part 1 Geom. - Part 1	10 EOC- Alg. 1B - Part 2 Alg. II - Part 2 Geom. - Part 2	11 EOC- Alg. 1B - Part 3 Alg. II - Part 3 Geom. - Part 3	12 Band- Christmas Concert EOC- Alg. 1B - Part 3 Alg. II - Part 3 Geom. - Part 3	13 EOC- US History Part 2 EOC Makeups	14 National ACT Test Day (Register by 11/22)			
15	16 Algebra Testing-Year long classes (12/16-20)	17 Final Exams- 1st and 2nd Periods	18 Final Exams- 3rd and 4th Periods	19 Final Exams Make-Up Day	20	21			
22	23 Christmas Break (12/23-1/3)	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Christmas Break	27 Christmas Break	28			
29	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	1 Christmas Break	2 Christmas Break	3 Christmas Break	4			



Crossword

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1) Thing you can't make when bald
 - 5) Cut dramatically, as prices
 - 10) Make untidy, as hair
 - 14) Dr. Frankenstein's assistant
 - 15) "New Guinea" starter
 - 16) ____ spumante
 - 17) Church part
 - 18) Old knockout gas
 - 19) Chinese currency
 - 20) Seal hunter
 - 23) Like some jackets
 - 24) Some Boston pros, briefly
 - 25) Era
 - 28) Carpentry leveler
 - 30) Man famed by elevators
 - 31) Evidence
 - 33) Vast amount
 - 36) 115-pound brawlers
 - 40) Secure one's shoes
 - 41) Double-reed instruments
 - 42) Gambler's "lady"
 - 43) Final notice
 - 44) Long, narrow strips
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1) Engine knock
 - 2) Biology lab gel
 - 3) Amble all over
 - 4) Expanded essay
 - 5) Discharged
 - 6) Carpenter's machine
 - 7) Food for a ladybug
 - 8) Bird feeder fill
 - 9) Aesop's also-ran
 - 10) Utter confusion
 - 11) Typical
 - 12) Begin
 - 13) Kitchen features
 - 21) Tango quorum
 - 22) Genre for 37-Down
- 46) Kirby of "City Slickers"
- 49) Assumed name
- 51) Really great tidings
- 57) What this is
- 58) Smallest detectable sensation
- 59) Face-to-face exam
- 60) Particular breath mint
- 61) Grammar topic
- 62) "Us" or "them," in competitions
- 63) West enders?
- 64) One who goes for the gold?
- 65) Irrate (with "off")

THIS PUZZLE IS TERRIFIC

By Timothy E. Parker

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- 25) Display a public notice
- 26) Vanity case for milady
- 27) Ready to pick
- 28) Some farm females
- 29) Weed uprooter
- 31) Novel staple
- 32) Place for a literary catcher
- 33) Not open or ajar
- 34) Carve in stone
- 35) Is inquisitive
- 37) Mechanical man or woman
- 38) J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 39) Gorbachev's policy
- 43) Beginnings
- 44) Evildoer
- 45) Move one's tail
- 46) Italian bowling game
- 47) It can create long lines
- 48) 180 on the road
- 49) Male Madison Ave. employee
- 50) Feudal lord
- 52) Homecoming returnee
- 53) Not finalized, legally
- 54) Great Lakes city
- 55) Utilize hip boots
- 56) Winter vehicle

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GAMES & PUZZLES WORD SEARCH

A L T R J E X P E R A O Y U I Z W P X H
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BANANAGRAMS
- BINGO
- BRAIN TEASER
- CHECKERS
- CHESS
- COMPUTERS
- CROSSWORD
- CRYPTOGRAM
- DEXTERITY
- HIDDEN PICTURE
- JIGSAW
- LOGIC
- MATHEMATICAL
- MAZE
- PLAYING CARDS
- PUZZLE
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- SUMS
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SUDOKU

Here is how it works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Your pioneering spirit is in full swing this week, Aries. Embrace new challenges and don't hesitate to get out front and take the lead. You just might inspire others with your confidence.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Make finances a priority this week, Taurus. A bit of budgeting could ease some of the financial stress that has been affecting you lately. Indulge in a small luxury as a reward for hard work.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Conversations could be interesting this week, Gemini. You're curious about what others do when they are home behind closed doors. Don't pry too much.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, nurture your relationships this week, particularly if work has garnered most of your attention of late. Pay attention to your own needs, too, and enjoy some relaxation.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Employ your natural charisma to forge new connections and network at upcoming events, Leo. You are good at sharing ideas and expressing yourself with confidence.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Tackle one job at a time and focus on what is important to get done this week, Virgo. It can be easy to get side-tracked by side projects. Or that might be your way to procrastinate.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, surround yourself with positive influences this week. You want others supporting you at every turn while you take on an important project that comes up.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Use your intense focus and attention to detail to delve into projects that require those specific skills, Scorpio. In fact, someone may ask you to work on a project for these traits alone.

Embrace the unknown this week. Let yourself get led off in different directions from those you normally travel, Sagittarius. Who knows what you may find along the way?

Revisit your goals and make a plan for the future, Capricorn. Remember to take the people closest to you into consideration. Do not trample them in the process of getting ahead.

Aquarius, collaborate with like-minded individuals who are ready to think outside the box. It is amazing what you can accomplish when you multiply your power.

Pisces, don't worry, once you have the right inspiration, things will begin moving at a rapid pace.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- DECEMBER 8
Nicki Minaj, Rapper (42)
- DECEMBER 9
Donny Osmond, Singer (67)
- DECEMBER 10
Kenneth Branagh, Director (64)
- DECEMBER 11
Hailee Steinfeld, Actress (28)
- DECEMBER 12
Ed Oliver, Athlete (27)
- DECEMBER 13
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Community news

Double Springs



Esther Godwin
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925-4618

This Sunday, Dec. 8,
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be celebrating 66 years.
We would like to invite
everyone to come and
worship with us. We will
have special singing just
our church members
and our pastor Bro. Tyler
Webb will do the preach-
ing. A good lunch will
follow and remember we
have a new time to start,
it will be at 10:30 a.m.
Come bring someone
with you. We are looking
forward to a good day. We
have been so blessed all
these years to have good
gospel preachers.

Hope every one had a
wonderful Thanksgiving
and now getting ready for
Christmas, time passes
fast.

Enjoying Thanksgiv-
ing with J.W. and Sue
Vanhooose were John, Lisa,
and Susan Carothers,
Kathy Baugus and Jane
Logan, they had a great
time.

Sue Vanhooose and
Gayle Tidwell visited last
Wed. with Wanda Dennis
at the rehab center.

My company this last
week were my daugh-
ter Jane Johnson from
Russellville, TN, grand-
daughter and family,
Janey, Julian, Rachel and
Abby Cavette from Mar-
ietta, GA, Jennifer Bizzell
from Oakland and her
daughters, Kelsey from
Gilmer, Texas, Kendra
from Centre College in
Danville, KY, grandson
Alex Godwin from Nash-
ville, TN. and others from

here were my son Mark
and grandson Nick God-
win and friend Roni, Ter-
ry, Pat, Caleb and Katie
Neill. Everyone enjoyed
their time together and
the meal was prepared
by all.

Kevin Jerrolds from
Birmingham was here
for Thanksgiving with
his mother Janet Jerrolds.
Others there were Wes-
ley, Joni, Nathila, and a
friend Jacob, and Parker
and his friend Tess. All
had a great time.

James and Janice Smith
enjoyed a Thanksgiving
meal with James' sister
Tammy Neill.

Fred and Shelia Webb
and Janice and James
Smith enjoyed a meal
at the Cracker Barrel in
Corinth on Sunday after
church.

Those enjoying
Thanksgiving day with
David and Peggy Beck-
ham were Stacy and Me-

linda Gray, also their son
Ryan Gray from Chatta-
nooga, TN, Jerney, Lorrie,
Annslee and Beckham
Cooksey.

Those enjoying
Thanksgiving with Do-
ris Ray were Tony and
Jill Boyd, Danny and Tish
Ray, Kara Boyd and Tyler
Gamble, Kellie and Tyler
Webb, Abby and Drew.
All had a wonderful time.

The family of Alice
Whitlow and extended
Jeter family and friends
met at the home of Alice
Whitlow for a big Thanks-
giving meal. All enjoyed
it very much.

Alice Whitlow was
among the groups from
Hardin Co. Bank and se-
niors that enjoyed a trip
Sunday to Nashville at
the Ryman to see Vince
Gill and Amy Grant in
concert. They stopped
in Lawrence at 18-19
restaurant for a meal and
had a wonderful time.

Community news

Eureka



Patsy Gibbs
Community
Writer
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The turkey has been
eaten with family gath-
ered at my home as we
gave thanks for our many
blessings. The food was
good, the company was
even better.

Gaye and I stayed in
the kitchen most of the
day. With some help from
girls attending and Molly
Monday's catering we
had our food prepared.
Of course, we missed
Emily and Anna and
families, and Hunter who
was working.

I was pleased to see
the men's quartet in last
week's newspaper. All of
them have lovely voices
and I think how much
my mother loved the old

hymns they sing. Maybe
next time I will be able
to go to a concert.

Happy birthday to all
December birthdays.
Two of my late brothers
had December birth-
days. My parents said it
didn't seem fair to crowd
their birthday celebra-
tion in with Christmas
preparation.

Tommy, the youngest
Handley, was born on
Dec. 3, 1947 and Marvin,
the WWII hero and oldest
Handley brother, was
born Dec. 24, 1922. They
are remembered fondly.

Jeff and I left Savannah
for his house in Hen-
dersonville Saturday
following the Tennessee
football game. I have two
medical appointments
and returned home Tues-
day.

We were happy to pick
up niece Patti Marshock
for her early Christmas
visit with Savannah fam-
ilies. Patti lives in the
Scottsdale area of Ari-

zona after retiring from
nursing at a Mayo Clinic
physician's office.

Phone calls from loved
ones are always appre-
ciated. I talked to niece
Cheryl Aue in Hilo, Ha-
waii and nephew Bob
Handley in Mobile, Ala-

bama over Thanksgiving.
Bob plans a visit to Savan-
nah during the Christmas
holidays. Families are so
important near and far
away.

Take time to keep in
touch with your loved
ones!

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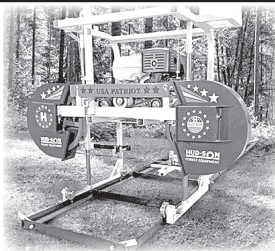
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Community news

Bruton Branch



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Here we are in the last month of the year.

Festival lights and decorations ringing in the Christmas season all over Hardin County. What a great time of year to be a child.

Shiloh National Military Park has the annual Wreaths Across America event, that is open to the public, on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to put the donated wreaths on the soldiers' graves. You can sign up to sponsor a wreath by going to wreathscrossamerica.org/MS0102P.

Now is a good time to go driftwood gathering along the lake banks. Large pieces of wood

have washed up along the beach area near Bruton Branch Recreational Park. The small pieces are perfect for crafting.

Our youngest daughter, Sydney, came home for Thanksgiving. She lives in Arizona.

We enjoyed a traditional southern Thanksgiving feast prepared and hosted by Pam Davis. She has treated us like family since we moved here a few years ago. Of course, her meal was top-of-the-line. It is her graciousness, kindness, and perfect southern charm that make us feel like family.

I went to my mom's in Somerville, Tennessee to visit over the weekend. She is recovering from some minor surgery, and I appreciate your prayers for her. I realize how blessed I am to still have my mom.

I was invited to go to the Savannah Theater to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." It

was the cutest and most heartwarming story of inclusion, forgiveness, and acceptance that I have seen in a long time. I love our little local movie theater.

Painting with Pattie will be today (Thursday) from 1-3 p.m. It's open to adults at no charge, sponsored by St. Peter's by the Lake and District 3 Community Center. We will be painting gingerbread houses on canvas. For more information contact me.

Many folks my age express that the best Christmas gifts are the gifts of time, forgiveness, listening, and encouragement. These are free and will be long remembered after the decorations come down.

"We should try to hold on to the Christmas spirit, not just one day of the year, but all 365 days."

— Mary Martin

Community news
Childers Hill



Connie Willcutt
Community
Writer
607-4120

From last week:

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Counce Christmas parade is on Dec. 6. Line up is at 6 p.m. For more information call Richard Childers at 731-926-6019.

Our sympathies to the families of Wayne Fair and Kenneth Brooks. Prayers to all the families.

Happy anniversary to Peyton and Cara Qualls.

Happy birthday to Payton Hebert, River Jenkins,

Bob Fondren, Marcella Huggins, Makaela Beth Rinks-Stricklin, Lindsey Childers and Johnny Lewis.

Have a blessed week.

This week's news:

December is already here, and Christmas is around the corner, hope everyone had a good last week.

Michie City Park is having a Christmas magic show on Dec. 6 and 7. Come see what they have going on.

Prayers for Dale Morgan, who is in the hospital now.

Happy Anniversary to Vicki Marler Reed and her husband.

Congratulations Felicia Ingle and her husband on the upcoming

birth of their second child.

Willcutt Christmas is on Sat., Dec. 7 at 12 p.m. at Pisgah UMC.

Happy Birthday to Linda Walkup, Jason LaGrand, Selina Howard, Mollie Monday, twins Jessica and Samantha Russell, Brett Rinks, April Jerry, Katie Jackson and Crystal Scott Bennett.

Have a blessed week.

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