



Ryan Hall

County approves shifting to four-year property reappraisal cycle

CANDY EATON
Staff Writer

Benton County Commissioners were asked at the Tuesday, Jan. 21, meeting to approve a resolution related to changing the time span allowed for the appraisal of taxable property. The county plans to move from a six-year to a continuous four-year reappraisal cycle for Benton County, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-1601. The Commission voted to approve this change.

Benton County Property Assessor Ryan Hall explained that consideration of appraised value of tangible commercial property and/or industrial property decreases each year through depreciation resulting in the assessment ratio producing a lower tax base for the county, which can result in a disparity for the individual property owners.

"A four-year term of appraisal in the format that the state requires would be most beneficial for Benton County citizens," Hall said.

The examples Hall cited were items like computers, furniture, vehicles, and other tangible assets that depreciate over time, with longer appraisal periods resulting in greater amounts of depreciation. These "asset reductions" result

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"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

— 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do."

— Steve Jobs

OBITUARIES

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County Commission approves funds for airport

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Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Benton County Airport Manager Rita Haslam addressed the Benton County Commission with information about the \$80,000 matching equipment grant that was introduced with a resolution on the meeting's agenda. The county's matching share of that grant would be \$20,000.

Haslam outlined the need for a side-by-side to use for inspection of the runway and perimeter surveillance, a stand on blower for cleaning debris from the taxiway and apron, a weed spraying system to be mounted on the side-by-side, and a

new zero turn mower. The resolution related to these needs from the grant funds was approved.

An additional request for funding from the general fund balance for fuel purchases was on the agenda. This resulted in debate about fuel sales at the airport.

Haslam stated that the quantity of sales at the airport has tripled in the last three years allowing for a profit to the general fund. This results in the \$50,000 requested in this resolution being a recycling of those funds from past sales. The resolution would ensure there were adequate gallons available for future sales. This resolution was



FUEL SALES - Planes refueling at the Benton County Airport generates funds to support the facility.

passed.

Discussion led to Commissioners Terry Kiehn and Deborah Bain request-

ing that the Airport Board Meeting minutes be included in the Commissioners' packets. Additionally, the

Commission resolved to appoint Johnny Belisle to the Benton County Airport Board.

Camden Chevrolet helps Animal Control Officer get a new ride

CANDY EATON
Staff Writer

A concerned citizen asked Camden Chevrolet to help facilitate the purchase of a newer vehicle for the Benton County Animal Control Officer Derek Gannon to use in the performance of his job. The citizen also brought this issue to the attention of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward.

Using funds that were listed as donations in the Benton County 2024-25 budget and approved for use for a motor vehicle in the Animal Control portion of the budget, Ward and Camden Chevrolet General Manager Gene Curtis worked out a deal for the purchase of a vehicle. On Wednesday, Jan. 22, the paperwork was signed, hands were shaken, and there was a new vehicle in the possession of Gannon.

The pre-owned vehicle is white 2018 F-150 with a 6.5 ft. bed that is mounted with a commercial topper. The topper has external toolboxes down both sides



NEW TRUCK - From left, Animal Control Officer Derek Gannon gets a tour of his new work truck from salesperson Christina Tanner at Camden Chevrolet.

MAKING THE DEAL - From left, Camden Chevrolet General Manager Gene Curtis thanks Benton County Mayor Mark Ward for the county's business.



and an aluminum box for a catch pole on the top. The double doors in the rear of the topper will give access to the enclosed section that will contain cages for animals that are taken into custody by the officer.

Camden Chevrolet also

donated a lifetime warranty on the engine of the vehicle with a year of free oil changes. The dealership also generously donated \$400 to be used for placards, caution lights, and lettering on the back doors of the topper along with in-

stallation costs.

"I am so pleased that Camden Chevrolet has taken an interest in the animal shelter and has chosen to support us in this way," said Benton County Animal Shelter Director Lisa Coleman.

"This newer truck will make a lot of difference. It's more reliable and safer for me and the animals," Gannon said.

The older vehicles that were in use will be kept as back-up.

Commission votes to name road for Lockhart

CANDY EATON
Staff Writer

At the County Commission meeting last Tuesday, Jan. 21, Commissioners voted unanimously to request that the Tennessee General Assembly name a section of Hwy. 641 in Benton County in honor and memory of the late Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Chief Michael W. Lockhart. The section of roadway would begin at the intersection of Atchison Rd. and end at the intersection of Rocky Ridge Rd.

Lockhart is fondly remembered as an amazing, dedicated person who enjoyed life. He loved his family, friends, and co-workers at BCSO. He was proud to protect and serve his community.

Sadly, after a hard fight with cancer, Lockhart passed on Oct. 30, 2023. He honorably served in law enforcement for over 32 years, working with the Bruceton Police Depart-



Left to right Chief Deputy Jeff Arnold, Sheriff Kenny Christopher, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward and Chief Deputy Dan Clark

ment for 12 years and then with BCSO since 2002.

"He is truly missed, not

just by his family and all of us at BCSO, but by so many in this community,"

said Sheriff Kenny Christopher.



Michael W. Lockhart

LOCAL



NETWORKING – There was a good crowd at the January Chamber Coffee event held at Camden EyeCare last week.

Camden EyeCare hosts Chamber Coffee

CANDY EATON
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On Wednesday morning, Jan. 22, members of the business community and the

Benton County Chamber of Commerce were hosted by the Camden EyeCare and Associates Clinic for the January Chamber Coffee networking event.

Located at 264 Hwy. 641 in Camden, next door to the Camden EyeCare and Associates Clinic for the January Chamber Coffee networking event. Patients

coordinator Casandra Taylor greeted the every-

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Laken Riley. Photo Credit: Poole Funeral Home

Laken Riley Act Passes, Set to Become First Bill Trump Signs

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The Laken Riley Act will become the first bill Trump will sign as the 47th President. The bill was named after a 22-year-old nursing student at the University of Georgia murdered by an illegal immigrant in 2024 while jogging.

The bill passed in the House on Tuesday, January 7 263-156 with support from both Democrats and Republicans alike. The bill was then approved in the Senate on Monday, January 20 by a 64-35 vote.

Trump focused a lot of his campaign around immigration laws and specifically spoke about Riley and the events surrounded her murder during his campaign.

The man convicted of her murder was Jose Ibarra, a Venezuelan who entered

the United States illegally. He was convicted on ten charges which included murder, kidnapping, and aggravated assault with intent to rape.

The bill would require detention of unauthorized immigrants who are charged with theft, burglary, larceny, shoplifting, assault or other violent crimes. The bill also allows attorney Generals to sue the Secretary of Homeland Security as well as other federal officials who refuse to enforce this.

Many democrats who voted against the bill stated that their reason for doing so was because the bill lacked funding since the bill would cost close to 30 billion to implement within the first year.

The bill is expected to be signed by President Donald Trump soon.

New Bills Filed for Introduction January 27, 2025

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New bills have been filed in the Tennessee General Assembly this week including proposals on persons convicted of misdemeanor to pay and complete training courses, video recordings of children in sexual or physical assault cases, penalty increases for driving without a driver's license, Bible courses in public schools, driving data sharing, Consumer Protection and Subscription Renewal Act and display of certain significant documents in public schools.

SB300-requires a person convicted of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor in general sessions court to pay for and complete a cognitive behavioral training course; requires the offender to provide proof of course completion to the

court or the court's designee within the time period specified by the court.

SB304-permits the introduction into evidence of a video recording of a child victim being interviewed by a forensic interviewer regarding sexual or physically violent contact with the child if the forensic interviewer confirms the accuracy of the recording and the child is available for cross examination; includes forensic interviews conducted by a forensic interviewer who is employed by a federal agency and conducted the forensic interview in the course of investigating a federal crime.

SB303-authorizes local boards of education and governing bodies of public charter schools to display the Ten Commandments, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Tennessee, the

Bill of Rights, a resolution honoring the history of a school in the LEA or the public charter school, or other historically significant documents in a prominent location in each school building.

HB359-increases the penalty for driving upon a highway without a valid driver license for the vehicle being driven from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class A misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense committed within 10 years of a prior offense.

SB298-makes various changes to the approval process and notice requirements for nonsectarian, nonreligious Bible courses; clarifies that public charter schools are authorized to provide nonsectarian, non-religious Bible courses in the same manner as local education agencies.

HB367-prohibits certain entities from sharing, selling, or otherwise distributing a vehicle's driving data without the explicit, written consent of the owner of the vehicle, regardless of how or where the driving data is collected or stored.

SB302-enacts the "Tennessee Consumer Protection and Subscription Renewal Act," which prohibits a business from requiring submission of credit or debit card information, or other payment information for an automatic renewal offer or continuous service offer containing a free gift or trial; makes other changes related to automatic renewal offers and continuous service offers.

Please be sure to follow us for all the latest updates on the Tennessee General Assembly's 2025 session.

Resolution Advances Seeking to Overturn Gay Marriage

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A resolution introduced in Idaho on January 23, seeks to have the Supreme Court revisit the 2015 ruling which legalized gay marriage on a federal level. If the case makes it to The Supreme Court and was overturned, it would be the second major case the Supreme Court has overturned in recent history.

Roe V Wade was the first in recent history, a landmark case for abortion rights, was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2022 with the court citing that

the case was wrong from the start.

The House State Affairs Committee in Idaho voted 13-2 to advance the proposal, asking the Supreme Court to reverse Obergefell v. Hodges and "restore the natural definition of marriage, a union of one man and one woman."

The proposal was met with a staged protest with a mass walkout from the attending audience, however some returned later to deliver public comment with over 200 people signing up to speak.

The resolution proposes that the Supreme Court's

decision on gay marriage "violates the Constitution and the principles the United States is established," and that the right to such marriage rights should be left to the states.

The resolution further states claims, "illegitimate overreach" by the landmark case "since court rulings are not laws and only legislatures elected by the people may pass laws."

The bill will need to pass the House and Senate before any request could be sent to the Supreme Court, however both House and Senate are Republican majority ruled.

If the ruling is reversed by the Supreme Court, the implications for those same-sex marriages would, essentially, be consider invalid nationwide and would have numerous impacts on those that share home, insurance policies, taxes and more. Same sex marriages would no longer be federally legal, leaving the decision up to the states.

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National Mental Wellness Month: Addressing the Silent Epidemic

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The start of the year is a time for reflection and renewal. It also marks National Mental Wellness Month, a chance to focus on mental health and reduce stigma. Mental health issues can affect anyone, yet many hesitate to seek help due to the stigma. Others may lack access to support or resources due to financial barriers or limited awareness of available programs.

Mental health has long been a difficult topic, with suicide often discussed hesitantly or avoided altogether. Although awareness has grown in recent years, progress remains slow. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people ages 10 to 24, with an average of 125 young people dying by suicide each week. This crisis, known as the "Silent Epidemic,"

remains widely under-recognized. Many young people continue to suffer in silence, lacking the support and resources they desperately need.

The "Silent Epidemic" of youth suicide demands urgent action and widespread awareness. Despite these alarming statistics, studies show that four out of five individuals considering suicide display verbal or behavioral warning signs. This means 80% of suicides are preventable. By recognizing these signs early, we can intervene and save lives. With the right education and support, anyone can identify at-risk youth before it is too late.

If your child or someone you know is struggling with depression or thoughts of suicide, please seek help immediately. The Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, 988, is a free, confidential resource available 24/7 by text or call. Trained crisis counselors are ready to support

individuals in distress. Remember, you are not alone.

Another valuable, free resource is The Jason Foundation. The Jason Foundation (JFI) is a non-profit committed to raising awareness and preventing youth and young adult suicide through free educational programs that equip students, parents, teachers and communities with the tools and resources to identify and support at-risk youth. JFI believes financial constraints should never prevent anyone from receiving help, a commitment that sets the foundation apart from other nonprofits. Suicide rarely occurs without warning; there are often clear signs.

By learning to recognize these warning signs and knowing how to help, you could save a life. To learn more about suicide prevention, find your closest Affiliate Office, and access free educational materials and training, visit www.thejasonfoundation.com.

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If you do not have access to email, drop off a nomination at The Camden Chronicle office at 144 W. Main St. in Camden.

EDITORIAL



Poet's Corner

Grand

By Derecha Lawrence

Her smell was cornbread, biscuits, and pink hand lotion. Her body was soft but sturdy and enveloping in a hug. I close my eyes and there she is: Smiling, laughing, talking. I see us now, little girl and grandmother. She hugs me. She is never really gone. Her essence is alive in my memories. To me, she was love.

Who are you?

By Candy Eaton

Someone asked, "Who are you?" "I am me," I said. The same me you knew, just more blossomed. The rough edges hewn. I am who I am and have always been. The light has shifted, and you can see the real me better. Some colors brighter, some dulled with time. Rest assured though, with a flip of a switch, A spark of thought remembered and boom! I am who I am, I am me.

To share some poetry, either something you wrote or a favorite by someone else, send a copy to angela@thecamdenchronicle.com or to *The Camden Chronicle*, P.O. Box 899, Camden TN 38320. Please include your name and the town where you live.

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Gratitude promotes optimism



Candy's Column

Candy Eaton

On Saturday morning, Jan. 25, I was privileged to be a guest on the recurring WRJB 95.9 radio talk show 7570, hosted by Bobby Flash Melton. The program also is broadcast live through WRJB's Facebook page.

The topic of discussion was the Benton County Animal Shelter and those volunteer programs that support the shelters' efforts, along with the care of animals in our area. I was grateful for the opportunity to speak about something that I care so much about.

I am grateful to live in Benton County and to be able to participate in the community efforts to maintain a higher standard of caring for everyone, including our pets. Gratitude

promotes optimism and helps us to develop a more positive outlook. It lets a person pause for a moment to reflect on the positive things we have in our lives right now.

There was a time when I did not have the wonderful life I now have, as I am sure there have been times when circumstances were such with many people. My gratitude for things as they are now encourages me to be aware and to purposefully reflect on what is good

and valuable.

We can be grateful for things that bring comfort or happiness, as we can for our health and that of our family members. Acts of kindness can bring gratitude, as do lessons in life like challenges or mistakes that contribute to our growth as individuals.

I am grateful for thoughts for a future that is filled with hope. What are you grateful for in your life today?

There's still time to salvage your New Year's resolutions

Counseling Corner

American Counseling Association

No, those New Year's resolutions you made weren't a bad idea. The fact that you haven't been successful in reaching those goals yet may seem a problem, but the reality is that it's also a very fixable problem.

By the end of January most people have given up on those resolutions that, back on January 1st, they swore they were going to succeed at this year. So what went wrong? In most cases, a variety of things.

The most common is that we often promise ourselves too much. We want

to lose 20 pounds, or stop smoking, or get that job promotion. And we want it to happen fast! But in most cases, reaching those goals fast isn't really possible.

Weight loss, real weight loss, is a slow process. Experts report that stopping smoking can sometimes take as many as eight attempts before someone succeeds. And working hard, impressing the boss, and getting that work promotion? Yeah, that might happen over months or years, but not by next week.

So how do you approach change, reduce the stress, and avoid the negative feelings that not achieving a New Year's resolution can sometimes bring? Start by accepting that you haven't failed, but just that you need to approach the ac-

complishments you desire from a slightly different direction.

A better attitude for life changes is not by starting out believing you need to fix a negative (something that is wrong with you), but instead focus on your goals as "positive" steps forward to a better and happier you.

Secondly, develop a plan that will move you in the direction of your goal in small, easy to achieve steps. Your final objective may be to stop smoking, but it doesn't have to happen overnight. Maybe it means one or two less cigarettes every day to the point where finally stopping is a much easier thing to do.

Losing weight doesn't have to mean setting a goal and then blaming yourself when you don't reach it. In-

stead, focus on the process of making small changes toward healthier eating and more exercise and congratulating yourself as you take positive steps in the desired direction.

Don't blame yourself that you haven't achieved those New Year's resolution goals - yet. And don't give up on working toward positive achievements. Keep on trying, but do it in small, positive steps, and you'll find you'll eventually get to the positive results you desire.

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Across the Board, Trump's Nominees Are Prepared to Deliver for the American People

MARSHA BLACKBURN
 State Senator

Today, President Trump took the oath of office to become the 47th President of the United States of America.

For so many in Tennessee and across our country, this is a moment to rejoice. After four years of disastrous leadership from the Biden-Harris administration, we can finally get to work on lowering prices, securing our border, fighting crime, restoring military strength, and so much more.

Thankfully, Congress will work hand-in-hand with President Trump to carry out the mandate he earned from the American people, especially with Republican majorities in the House of Representatives and Senate.

At the same time, the President will need a strong, capable, and experienced cabinet to enact his agenda. And if last week's Senate nominee hearings are any sign, President Trump will have exactly that.

Across the board, the President's nominees—from Pam Bondi and Pete Hegseth to Marco Rubio and Sean Duffy—demonstrated that they are more than qualified to serve

alongside the President and put our country back on track.

During Bondi's testimony, President Trump's pick for Attorney General promised to restore public confidence in the Justice Department and end the Left's two-tiered justice system. Instead of engaging in partisan lawfare, the DOJ will focus on its core mission: "prosecuting violent crime and gang activity, stopping child predators and drug traffickers, protecting our nation from terrorists and other foreign threats, and addressing the overwhelming crisis at the border."

Few people are better qualified for the task. With more than 18 years of experience as a prosecutor, Bondi became the first woman to serve as Attorney General of Florida in 2011. While there, she worked to protect the most vulnerable among us by taking on drug dealers and human traffickers. And during the first Trump administration, she worked to end our nation's drug epidemic as a member of the Opioid and Drug Abuse Commission.

Similarly, Trump's pick to lead the Pentagon, Pete Hegseth, pledged during his testimony to be "laser focused on warfighting, lethality, meritocracy, stan-

dards, and readiness" to deter our adversaries and keep America safe. This will be a dramatic departure from the Biden administration, which has demoralized our soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen with everything from anti-American DEI programs to weakness and appeasement abroad.

As a Bronze Star Medal recipient (and Tennessean) who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hegseth knows exactly what our service members need to defend our freedoms. Under his leadership, the Defense Department will once again focus on its core mission: securing peace through strength.

Joining him in this effort will be Marco Rubio, Trump's pick for Secretary of State, who served for 14 years as U.S. Senator for Florida, including atop the crucial Senate Intelligence Committee. During his testimony, Rubio vowed to uphold President Trump's mandate to "promote peace abroad and security and prosperity here at home" by putting American interests first.

While restoring law and order and national security are essential, all of Trump's cabinet members will play a big role in reversing the Biden administration's failures. My good friend and



Marsha Blackburn

former congressional colleague, Sean Duffy, for example, promised in his testimony to restore crumbling infrastructure such as roads and bridges, eliminate red tape that holds up vital infrastructure projects, and ensure safety and efficiency in air travel as Secretary of Transportation. In particular, Duffy told me that Upper East Tennessee will be his first stop as secretary to see the devastation and destruction caused by Hurricane Helene and ensure that I-40 is promptly rebuilt.

With all the work ahead of us, it is imperative that the Senate confirm President Trump's nominees as soon as possible. When we do, we can get right to work restoring the Golden Age of America.

PROPERTY

in losses in the tax base for Benton County. Shorter appraisal periods - four years instead of six years - would afford the county greater

opportunity to benefit from the existing and growing tax base in Benton County.

The 2025 reappraisal and ratio study is due to begin in

February. Hall hopes that the outcome will be a lessened property tax rate to achieve the neutral revenue stream that is the State of Tennes-

see's mandate. In mid-February, Hall plans to begin an all-encompassing media and meeting schedule to present this issue to the public.

CAMDEN

one, graciously inviting all to partake of the coffee and doughnuts provided.

Office manager Cindy Morgan explained the doctor rotation at the clinic. She also highlighted that the clinic was currently partnering with the Second Harvest Food Bank in Camden for a food drive and encouraged guests to bring in canned

foods. Morgan mentioned that the clinic also regularly participates in the Lion's Club recycling glasses program.

Optometrist Dr. Richard Milner addressed the guests as well, speaking about the services that the clinic offers the beyond eyewear and contacts. The clinic addresses medical concerns such as

glaucoma, cataracts, and diabetic retinopathy. Milner commented that he also has assisted a number of patients lately by removing foreign objects from their eyes.

Chamber Director Lorie Matlock spoke of upcoming events to be held at the Chamber office or hosted in other locations, such as a session related to video reels

titled "Reels Made Simple" and a business model information session called "Vision to Victory."

For more information about services at Camden EyeCare, call 731-584-7942. For more information about upcoming Chamber of Commerce events, please visit the Chamber's Facebook page.

From 1A

From 2A

SOCIETY



REST STOP – Stagecoaches traveling between Nashville and Memphis made stops in Camden to rest their horses.

COURT SQUARE – At left, The Camden Court Square has long been a focus of gathering and business.

Camden was a stagecoach stop

CANDY EATON
Staff Writer

In the early 1800's Camden had its roots in a stagecoach stop between Nashville and Memphis. It was chosen as the county seat of Benton County in 1835.

Initially called "Tranquility," the community had changed its name to

Camden by 1830. It did not officially incorporate until 1838.

Between 1836-44, Thomas Jones was the sheriff. In the last 200 years, only three other sheriffs have served as long as Sheriff Jones, those being W.H. Rushing (from 1880-90), Bobby Shannon (1978-90, 1994-98), and

our current Sheriff Kenny Christopher.

Research shows that Sheriff E.G. Flowers had a hard time in October 1922 when a mob of masked men assaulted the sheriff and broke into the jail, taking two prisoners charged with manslaughter from the jail. The prisoners were brutally beaten, shot, and

then lynched. Records indicate the prisoners were two white men not from this area.

Other concerns on the front pages of the newspaper at that time were the hog cholera and Prohibition. The cholera caused despair for the farmers and families counting on their hogs for meat.

Prohibition caused rebellion from believers that this law violated their right to live by their own standards, according to news articles of the time. Home-made liquor was made, and speakeasies were set up. Repeal of the law later brought more quiet behavior.

Young men displayed

their honor and bravery in later times, as shown by a past Camden resident Charles F. Pendleton, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Korean War.

Local man named to UA Dean's List

The University of Alabama (UA) at Tuscaloosa, Ala., recently published its fall 2024 Dean's List to honor the hard work and

dedication of its undergraduate students.

The UA Dean's List recognizes full-time students who complete the semes-

ter with a GPA of 3.5 or above. The students named to this list come from more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and

schools.

Will Douglas, a 2023 honor graduate of Camden Central High School, was named to the UA Dean's

List for the fall semester. Congratulations to Will on keeping up a high level of academic achievement!

GOD,
grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things
I cannot CHANGE,
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to CHANGE
the things I can;
and
Wisdom
to know the DIFFERENCE.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE
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BLOOD DRIVE

Donate from the heart

LifeLine Blood Services will have several mobile blood drives near Benton County this month, with one scheduled to take place at Camden Walmart on Monday, Feb. 17, from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

It only takes about 40 minutes to step up and donate blood with LifeLine. To save time, fill out a form at www.lifelinebloodserv.org/online-medical-questionnaire before you arrive at a mobile drive. Be sure to eat before you donate and be well hydrated.

For more information about LifeLine Blood Ser-

vices, call 731-427-4431. February blood drives in or near Benton County include:

- Feb. 2, 8 a.m. - noon** Paris TN National Guard
- Feb. 6, noon - 6 p.m.** Paris First Methodist
- Feb. 6, 1-6 p.m.** Huntingdon Cash Saver
- Feb. 17, 12:30-5:30 p.m.** Camden Walmart
- Feb. 17, 1-6 p.m.** Parsons First Baptist
- Feb. 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Henry Co. Med. Center
- Feb. 21, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** McKenzie TCAT
- Feb. 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Paris TCAT

Crossroads Missionary Baptist chooses new pastor

David M. Leslie has been elected pastor of Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church (MBC), where he has been serving as interim pastor since May of 2024. Crossroads MBC is located at 55 Crossroads Church Road in Camden.

Later this year, Leslie will reach his 30 year milestone of trying to follow the Lord's call to preach. He recently pastored Westport MBC in Westport and Oak Grove MBC in Lexington, where he ministered for more than 18 years.

The son of Brenda and the late Norman Leslie, of Westport, he was saved while attending Westport MBC when he was 13 year old. He has been married to Gennifer G. Leslie for 28 years, and they share daughter Hannah Elizabeth and son Michael An-

drew. The Leslie family currently resides in Lexington.

In addition to pastoring Crossroads MBC, Leslie also serves as First Bank's city president in Lexington. He has been employed by First Bank for 19 years.

When not working, whether that be with the church or the bank, Leslie is an avid Tennessee Vols fan. He enjoys watching all Vols sporting events.

Leslie and the membership of Crossroads MBC invite everyone to visit the church and join in worship there. Each Sunday, Sunday school starts at 9:45



David M. Leslie

a.m. and the worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, visit the church's Facebook page.

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WOLFMAN (R) Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat., Sun. - 7:35
FIND SOMEONE MADE JUST FOR YOU COMPANION (R) Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri. - 7:30, Sat., Sun. - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
MUFASA (PG) Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri. - 7:25, Sat., Sun. - 1:25, 4:25 (3D), 7:25
BRAVE THE DARK (PG13) Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri. - 7:30, Sat., Sun. - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
FLIGHT RISK (R) Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur. Fri. - 7:35, Sat., Sun. - 1:35, 4:35, 7:35
SONIC 3 (PG) Sat., Sun. - 1:30, 4:30

Revelation Gardens Weekly Update

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OBITUARIES



Jerry W. Adkisson
1947-2025

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father, Jerry Wayne Adkisson. Jerry, 77, also affectionately known as "Snake" by those whom he worked with at TVA, passed away in his home Saturday, Jan. 25. Oakdale Funeral Home of Camden was in charge.

Mr. Adkisson was born Sept. 24, 1947, in Camden, to the late Bryant "Sonny" Adkisson and Mary Dean Strickland. Jerry was known by many for his expertise in automotive mechanics. He was an Army Veteran, a retiree of Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and a former employee of Auto-Zone. Jerry had a love of motorcycles and working with his hands, from handy work to vehicle repair. He also loved his rhythm and blues music. He was extremely proud of his three daughters and all of his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Angel Tharpe, five brothers, Fred Strickland, Eugene and William Laws, Fremont Ford, and Elmer Rushing, and a sister, Martha S. Adkisson Sain.

He is survived by his three daughters, Charity (Brent) Tharpe, of Dyersburg, Amanda (David) Dabbs, of McKenzie, and Wendy Adkisson Scovel, of Camden; his Caring ex-wife, Alma Adkisson. five grandchildren, Alex and Cauleen Tharpe, Makayla Dabbs, and Jakob and Rayne Scovel, a step-grandson, Austin Dabbs, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jerry will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all of those who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Per the request of the deceased, there will not be any funeral or memorial services



Kathy H. Weatherly
1948-2025

Kathy H. Ingalls Weatherly, 76, of Camden, passed away Sunday, Jan. 12, at Cherrywood Post Acute, in McKenzie. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 1 p.m., in the chapel of Plunk Funeral Home of Camden with Steve Whitworth and Adam Ketchner officiating. Burial followed at Benton Memory Gardens.

Mrs. Weatherly was born Oct. 12, 1948, in Goodlettsville, to the late Kenneth H. Ingalls and Hallie Wilson Ingalls. She began her nursing career early as a Candy Stripper at St. Thomas Hospital. She received her Nursing Degree from Hume Fogg Nursing School. She worked as an LPN at St. Thomas and Madison Hospitals, worked in Home Health in Humphreys and Benton County, and retired after working with the Girls Group Home for the Handicapped in Camden. She loved people, enjoyed car shows, motorcycle riding, car racing and she did love food. She loved her family and friends and was always willing to go that extra mile.

She is Survived by her Husband, Dan Weatherly; two sons, Hans (Cindy) Abernathy, of Camden, and Chris (Bethany) Weatherly, of Bruceton; two daughters, Heidi Abernathy, of Holladay, and Cara (Stevie) Dowdy, of Camden; a brother, LaMont (Amy) Ingalls, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; grandchildren, Hunter (Jessica) Gallup, Halston and Stephen Wells, Hali Gallup, Aspin (Dylan) Anderson, Haden and Alexia Abernathy, Tyler and Lane Dowdy, and Chloe, Gage and Briar Weatherly, and nine great-grandchildren.



Glinden Allen
1927-2025

Mr. Glinden Allen, 97, of Holladay, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22. Graveside services were held Friday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m., at Bible Truth Cemetery in Holladay, with Russell Ragsdale officiating. Oakdale Funeral Home of Camden was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Allen was born Aug. 7, 1927, to the late William I. Allen and Leahvester Cole Allen. He grew up on the family farm in Holladay and at the age of 18 was drafted into the U.S. Army during WWII. He was in the 3rd Armored Division, Ninth Infantry, 60th Field Artillery under General George Patton. Glinden was a humble man and very proud to have served his country. He was honorably discharged in 1947. He enjoyed gardening, going to auctions, his old cars and tractors, and being shadowed by his grandchildren, whom he loved very much.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 74 years, Billie Bruce Allen, six sisters, Avery Littleton, Mavis Howe, Reba Stokes, Ruby Galbreath, Clarence Wheatley, and Peggy Johnson, three brothers, Verdell, Wayne, and Lonnie Allen, and several nieces and nephews.

He is survived by two sons, Bobby Allen, of Zion, Ill., and Donald (Blondell) Allen, of Holladay; a daughter: Wanda Hunter, of Holladay; five grandchildren, Chris Allen and Angelia Allen, both of Tennessee, and Tim Thul, April (Will) Orton, and Jamie Allen, all of Illinois; five great-grandchildren, Zoey, Kenzie, Cooper, Azalea, and Ivy, a sister, Sue Butler, of Buena Vista; and a brother, Vernon Allen, of Bruceton.



Wilburn T. Nunnery
1931-2025

Wilburn Troy Nunnery, 93, of Holladay, passed away Monday, Jan. 20. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 25, at 11 a.m., in the chapel of Stockdale-Malin Funeral Home of Camden. Burial followed at the Dalton Cemetery in Holladay.

Mr. Nunnery was born April 2, 1931, in Benton County, to the late William L. and Anna M. Hyatt Nunnery. He was retired from Foote Mineral. He was an expert gardener, an avid CB Radio user with the handle "The Fox", and a NASCAR enthusiast.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda, a son, Billy, a brother, Harold Nunnery, and a sister, Joy Flowers.

He is survived by nieces: Joyce Rushing, Patty Howe, Sharon Nunnery, Judy Nunnery, and a nephew, Chris Nunnery.



Elizabeth B. Parker
1947-2025

Elizabeth "Liz" Barbara Parker, 77, passed away Saturday, Jan. 18. Stockdale-Malin Funeral Home of Camden was in charge of her cremation.

Mrs. Parker was born Nov. 22, 1947, in Germany, to the late Frank D. Istenes and Elizabeth Tilger Istenes.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Ira W. Parker.

She is survived by three daughters, Lisa (Brian) Weimer-Leist, of Waverly, Suzanne Weimer, of Atlanta, G., and Julie Weimer, of Bogart, Ga.; a brother, John Istenes, of California; five grandchildren, Heather (Caleb) Decker, Andy (Kelsey) Leist, Perry F., Robert White, and Christopher Comb, and seven great-grandchildren.



Irene C. Latendresse
1930-2025

Our most beloved matriarch, Irene Cecilia Bickett Latendresse, left us peacefully in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 22, surrounded by her loving children. Her legacy of love, faith, and compassion will forever live on through her family, Marie Latendresse, Jeff (Sharon) Latendresse, Bobby (Annette) Latendresse, Benny (Amy) Latendresse, and Terry (Karla) Latendresse, as well as her 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Irene was born April 23, 1930, in Beresford, S. D., to Elvira and John Bickett. She grew up on a farm alongside 11 brothers and sisters. She married James Louis Latendresse, and in 1960, they moved to Camden, where they quickly grew roots within the community.

God and family were the foundation of Irene's life. Her home was a beacon of love, filled with exuberance, laughter, music, and food, always open to anyone in need of love and support. She nurtured not only her own family but also countless friends and visitors, making her home a haven for all who entered. Irene's devotion to her faith was unwavering. As a dedicated member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, she sang in the choir, crafted festive banners, and shared her time and generosity.

Although gone from this life, her love and lessons she imparted to her family and the community will live on forever.

Preceded in joining the Lord by her parents, Elvira and John Bickett; nine siblings, her husband, James L. Latendresse, and her grandson, William B. Latendresse.

Oakdale Funeral Home of Camden is in charge of arrangements. A Funeral Mass will be held at a later date.



Ruth I. Wooten
1928-2024

Ruth Imogene Melton Wooten, 96, of Tulsa, Okla., passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at her residence. Cremation was chosen.

Mrs. Wooten was born Sept. 20, 1928, in Camden, to the late Donley and Lorene Berry Melton. She grew up in Camden on a farm and learned a strong work ethic. She enjoyed gardening, spending time with her family, working in her yard and working word search puzzles. She was a member of Flatwoods Methodist Church in Camden.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Fugett, two sons, James and Jimmy Mathis and the children's father, Raymond Mathis, two sisters, Kathryn M. Melton and Carolyn M. Gordon, and two brothers, Foster Melton and James D. "Jimmy" Melton.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandy Mathis, of Tulsa; 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.



William B. Miesse, Jr.
1949-2025

Dr. William Burhl Miesse, Jr., "Doc", a beloved and respected veterinarian in Germantown, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan. 11, at the age of 75. There will be a come-and-go Celebration of Life memorial for Bill on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Germantown United Methodist Church. This is a time for remembrance and reflection on the positive impact Bill had on each of your lives.

Bill was born in Memphis, the son of William B. Miesse Sr. and Norma J. Bennett Miesse. In his youth, he played high school football and excelled at the discus throw for the track team at Germantown High School. Apart from sports, Bill was a dedicated hard worker who had a desire to give back to others. He studied as an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee Martin and graduated from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. He then pursued a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine at Auburn University. After graduating, he went into practice with his father at Germantown Farmington Animal Hospital.

Bill was a long-time member of the Memphis/Shelby County Veterinary Medical Association, the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Beyond his veterinary expertise, Bill also started a Scout troop for young men and women interested in practicing Veterinary Medicine. He was a long time Professional Bass fisherman where, for several years, he participated, organized, and helped direct the St. Jude Bass Classic. He also hosted a weekly radio show dedicated to fishing. Distantly related to Coach "Bear" Bryant on his mother's side of the family, Bill established a lifelong love, respect, and appreciation for Alabama Crimson Tide football. Bill also had a great passion for American history.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of almost 42 years, Marjorie Ann Miesse, of Big Sandy; his oldest daughter, Jennifer Miesse (Todd) Whinery, of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; his youngest daughter, Sarah Ann Miesse, of Memphis; his sisters, Barbara (Tom) Moss, of Nashville, and Marion (James) Calloway, of Durham, N. C.; his brother, Mark (Abbey) Miesse of Memphis; his half-brother, Christopher (Katie) Miesse, of Memphis; step-brothers, Michael (Sherril) Patterson, of Naples, Fla. and David (Rachel) Patterson, of Memphis; and his bonus grandchildren, April Whinery and Chase Whinery, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Drew (Andie) Whinery, of Castle Rock, Colo.

Bill was a jovial person with a hearty laugh. He loved his "girls", family, clients, friends, and community.

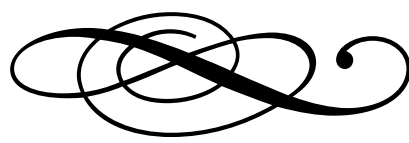
In lieu of sending flowers, the family requests that you donate to the St. Jude Research Hospital in his name.

How Well Do You Remember Historical Scenes From Benton County's



GOLDEN PAST

This week's Golden Past features Oneal and Thelma (Greer) Cole. Oneal and Thelma were married May 11, 1940 in Huntingdon, TN.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Standing Committees of The Benton County Commission will meet in regular session at the following times:

- Insurance Committee Monday, February 10, 2025 - 4:30 P.M.
- Property Committee Monday, February 10, 2025 - 5:00 P.M.
- Law Enforcement Committee Monday, February 10, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
- Highway Committee Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.
- Budget Committee Tuesday, February 11, 2025 - 5:00 P.M.
- Oversight Committee Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 5:00 P.M.

OTHER COMMITTEES/BOARDS

TRRD Board Monday, February 24, 2025-5:30 P.M.

DUE TO THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY, THE FEBRUARY COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE

HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

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All Meetings will be held at The Benton County Courthouse with the exception of The Highway Committee which will be held at The Benton County Highway Department.

NOTICE

TWENTY FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: It is the duty of the Grand Jurors to investigate any public offense which they know or have reason to believe has been committed and which is triable or indictable in this County. Any person having knowledge of proof that such an offense has been committed may apply to testify before the Grand Jury subject to

the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-12-104. The foreman in this County is presently: Rex Prince The Grand Jury will next meet on Monday the 3rd day of February 2025 at 9:00 A.M. You may be prosecuted for perjury for any oral or written statement which you make under oath to the Grand Jury, when you know the statement to be false, and when the statement touches on a matter material to the point in question.

Sam Rainwaters Circuit Court Clerk Benton County, TN

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated May 28, 2009, executed by KELLY L. BELL AND JESSICA L. BELL HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Old Republic Title Company of Tennessee, as Trustee for MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-

TRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS BENEFICIARY, AS NOMINEE FOR CRESCENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, its successors and assigns, recorded on June 2, 2009 in Book 185, Page 603, Instrument Number: 66798, in the Register of Deeds Office for Benton County, Tennessee, to which reference is hereby made; and

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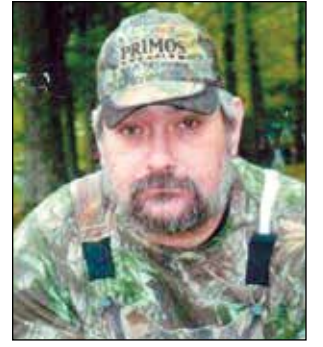
Joseph N. Conrad 1934-2025

Joseph Nelson "Jack" Conrad, 90 of Holladay, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22. Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Plunk Funeral Home of Camden with Joe Abbott officiating. Burial followed at the Palestine Cemetery in Holladay.

Mr. Conrad was born Nov. 26, 1934, to the late Ernest V. Conrad and Bessie I. Blakemon Conrad. He was a retired laborer and deckhand for TVA.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Regina A. Berry Conrad, four sisters, Lottie Miller, Ellen Williams, Mary Brant, and Ann Ingram, and two brothers, Herlot and Hubert Conrad

He is survived by two sons, Kevin (Lois) Conrad, of Camden, and Kelly (Crystal) Conrad, of Oakfield; a sister, Nola Hykal, of Michigan; grandchildren, Brittany A., Ashley B., Erica, and Miranda Conrad, Christopher and Summer Carroll, Brianna Johnson and Phillip Frazee, and 10 great-grandchildren.



Stanley C. Terry 1963-2025

Stanley Cordell Terry, 61 of Camden, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., in the chapel of Plunk Funeral Home of Camden with John Dawson officiating. Burial was at the Dalton Cemetery in Camden.

Mr. Terry was born Oct. 25, 1963 to the late R.C. Terry and Hattie I. Love Terry.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lillian Ridgell.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Miller Terry; a son, Joshua (Emilie) Terry, of Henderson, Ky.; a daughter, Jessica (Dan) Manus, of Murfreesboro, four brothers, Ralph (Pat) Terry, of Omaha, Neb., Philip (Brenda) Terry, Mike Terry, and William (Stacy) Terry, all of Camden; three sisters, Annette Stone, Renee Kurtz, and Casandra Dion, all of Camden; and a grandson, Roy Cordell Terry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 Meeting

Proactive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) of Benton Co. will hold their yearly membership meeting on Friday, Jan. 31 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Daymaker Café in Camden. The public is invited to learn more about PAWS and meet members of the Board of Directors. There will be a special door prize of an Embark Dog DNA Kit! We will also be voting on changes in the Bylaws and on the 2025 Budget.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Upkeep

Mount Zion Cemetery on Sulphur Creek Rd. in Big Sandy is in desperate need of funds for mowing and upkeep of the grounds. Donations can be made at Apex Bank in Camden or Big Sandy, or by contacting Walter Melton or Lisa Goforth.

Special Needs

Adult Program

Saturdays at 5 p.m. at the Independent Church of Big Sandy, 95 Main St. For info. contact Christina O'Neal 517-867-9280. This is where you will find friends and the love of Jesus in a safe, welcoming place.

Church Library

The First Baptist Church Library is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 269 Post Oak Ave., Camden.

Senior Center

The Benton County Senior Center is completely open with all activities and would like to have all Benton County seniors join us. Check out our Facebook page for a calendar of events or stop by 119 Cole Ave. and pick one up. Call 584-4101 for more info.

UMW Thrift Shop

The United Methodist Women's Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at First United Methodist in Camden, just off the Court Square. In the event of a burn-out or transient need, call 584-6081.

Genealogical Society

The Benton County Genealogical Society meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Genealogy Room of the Benton County Library in Camden. Major emphasis in on the

heritage of pioneering families and progress made in Benton County's growth.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery for hurts, hang-ups and addictions meet every Monday night at 6 p.m. at Missionary Grove Baptist Church in Camden.

NA Meeting

Narcotics Anonymous meets Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Camden Library at 121 S. Forrest Ave.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Camden.

Al-Anon Meeting

Al-Anon Family Group meets Thursday at 7 p.m. at Cumberland Presbyterian in Camden. Enter the door on the west side of the building and go downstairs. For more info. call 731-441-1962.

Family Support Program

There is a support program for those helping a person with a severe disability. For more info. contact Amy Davidson at 855-2316 or adavidsonfsc@bellsouth.net.

Veteran's Meeting

VFW Post #2109 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #30 meet every third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at 153 Washington Ave. in Camden. All Veterans are welcome.

Veteran's Meeting

All Veterans are welcome to the American Legion Post #102 which meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 153 Washington Ave. in Camden.

Support Group

The Benton County Community Resource Center (CRC) holds an Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the CRC, 145 Hospital Dr. in Camden. Contact CRC with any questions 731-213-2362.

Recycling Program

The Lions Club recycles cell phones and ink cartridges for Kidsight, a program at the Lions' Eye Center at Vanderbilt that screens kids for eye problems. Collection boxes are at TVA Employees Credit Union, the Courthouse, and First

United Methodist Church. Nutrition Program

The Benton County Nutrition Program provides congregate meals to the elderly, and home delivered meals to seniors with disabilities. Anyone needing meals, contact Debbie Hill at 584-3627 or bentonco@nwthra.org.

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice needs volunteers to help chronically ill adults and their families. For more info. contact Barry Fowler at 584-9500 or Wanda Perry at wperry@avalon-hospice.com.

Foster Parents

Youth Villages needs foster parents. For more info. contact Donna Goodman at 660-6767 or visit www.youthvillages.org/foster.

Meeting

The Big Sandy God Girls meet every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big Sandy Christian Community Outreach Center (CCOC), 30 Front St., Big Sandy. Any girl from grades 2-12 is welcome to come enjoy cooking, baking, dancing, sewing, car washes, bake sales, and more. For more info., call 731-333-6710.

Drug Disposal

Safely dispose of expired or unwanted medications in drug take-back boxes, located at both Big Sandy and Camden City Police Depts. For other box locations visit <http://tdeonline.tn.gov/rxtakeback>.

Veterans Honor Guard

The Veterans Honor Guard of Parkers Crossroads needs new volunteers due to an increase in Full Military Honors funerals. Only Honorably Discharged Veterans are accepted. We meet and train at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at 2150 Wildersville Rd., in Wildersville. For more info. contact Keith Hair 252-0129 or Sherman Boyd 225-0613.

K of C Meeting

Council 9754 Knights

of Columbus meet the third Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Catholic Church on W. Main St., Camden. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. For transportation call 584-6459.

Men's Breakfast

Faith Christian Fellowship, 1525 Hwy. 641 S., Camden, Men's Breakfast (all ages) is every third Saturday at 8 a.m. For more info. call Shirlee Faircloth 584-8500.

Right to Life

Give the unborn a voice. Right to Life meets every third Monday. For more info. call 693-2882.

Fitness Program

Basic Fitness in Camden offers Silver Sneakers. For more info. come by or call Melanie 584-6697 or 441-4738.

FNBFSFP Meeting

Friends of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park meet the second Sunday each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Folk Life Museum. For more info. visit www.friendsofnfbfsp.vpweb.com or "Like" us on Facebook.

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Huntingdon man arrested on sex charges

An investigation by special agents with TBI, the 24th Judicial District Attorney General's Office, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, and the Henry County Sheriff's Office has resulted in the arrest of a Huntingdon man on charges of sexual misconduct.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, at the request of District Attorney General Neil Thompson, TBI special agents completed an investigation of James Edward Thomas, Jr., 79, on allegations of sexual misconduct. During the course of the investigation, agents dis-

covered information that identified Thomas as the individual responsible for the misconduct.

Authorities obtained an arrest warrant for Thomas charging him with one count each of aggravated rape of a child, aggravated sexual battery, and incest. Thomas was arrested on Friday, Jan. 24, in the 100 block of Veterans Drive North in Huntingdon and booked into the Carroll County Jail. His bond was set at \$275,000.

The charges and allegations referenced in this release are accusations of criminal conduct. The de-



James Edward Thomas, Jr.

endant is presumed innocent until proven guilty and convicted through due process of law.

PUBLIC NOTICES

From 6A

Substitute Trustee, will, on February 27, 2025, at 11:00 AM local time, at the Benton County Courthouse, 1 East Court Square, Camden, TN 38320, in Benton County, Tennessee, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the Substitute Trustee. The property to be sold is described as follows:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN THE 1ST CIVIL DISTRICT OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL 13.01, TAX MAP 111, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PIT ROAD, ON THE EAST SIDE OF SKYLINE LANE, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON A POINT IN THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE ORIGINAL TRACT FROM WHICH THIS IS DIVIDED, IN THE CENTERLINE OF PIT ROAD, AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING SAID ROAD WITH ORIGINAL TRACT EAST BOUNDARY AND PARCEL 6, TAX MAP 111, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, 25.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND CAP FOUND (EDWARDS, TRLS #366), AND CONTINUING WITH SAME AS THE BASIS OF BEARINGS FOR THIS SURVEY (SEE RB 44, PG 98) ALONG FLAGGED BOUNDARY AN ADDITIONAL 282.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (CAPPED "BMA RLS 898" AS ALL THAT FOLLOWS) AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING ORIGINAL BOUNDARY WITH NEW DIVIDING LINES, SOUTH 63 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 513.15 FEET TO A WITNESS IRON PIN SET AND CONTINUING AN ADDITIONAL 24.73 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF SKYLINE LANE AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE WITH THE CENTERLINE OF SKYLINE LANE FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 406.02 FEET TO 4 CALLS AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 36 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, 154.61 FEET; NORTH 23 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST, 39.82 FEET; NORTH 21 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST, 99.21 FEET; AND NORTH 26 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST, 112.38

FEET TO A POINT AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF PIT ROAD AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE CONTINUING WITH NEW DIVIDING LINES AND THE CENTERLINE OF PIT ROAD FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 759.98 FEET IN 9 CALLS AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 58 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, 45.57 FEET; NORTH 53 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, 60.51 FEET; NORTH 49 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST, 93.57 FEET; NORTH 47 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST, 106.26 FEET; NORTH 55 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, 60.21 FEET (INTERSECTION OF OLD AND NEW ROAD); SOUTH 88 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, 83.09 FEET; SOUTH 84 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 124.58 FEET; SOUTH 85 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, 118.53 FEET; AND SOUTH 80 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, 67.66 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6.102 ACRES, AS SURVEYED JANUARY 5, 2007, BY ROBERT G. BARRETT, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 898. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KELLY L. BELL AND WIFE, JESSICA L. BELL, BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2007, FROM JIMMY LEE KELLY AND WIFE, EVELYN KELLY, AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN RECORD BOOK 150, PAGE 121, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE. Commonly known as: 50 SKYLINE LANE HOLLADAY, TN 38341

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BENTON COUNTY COURT REPORTS

On 1/22/25, the following defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury/Circuit Court:

Joseph E. Buhlinger, 51, of Camden, manufacture/ deliver/ sell/ possession of schedule II meth with intent, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, criminal exposure of HIV.

Patrick Riley, 34, of Camden, first offense DUI, violation of implied consent law, domestic assault.

Katie Ruth Joanna Tolley, 36, of Big Sandy, aggravated burglary, aggravated criminal trespass, criminal trespass, possession of burglary tools, vandalism up to \$1,000, attempted theft of property up to \$10,000, felony escape.

On 1/22/25, the following defendants were charged court costs/ taxes, and received fines, sentences, probation, or court orders as indicated:

Christopher Arnold Bray, 29, of Camden, pled to a lesser charge of assault. Sentenced to 11/29,

suspended to 4 months. Unsupervised probation for 11/29. No contact with victim.

Alvis Derek Coleman, 34, pled guilty to possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$750. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 30 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. Must complete alcohol and drug assessment and follow recommendations.

Jefferson Guy Crowe, 44, of Camden, pled guilty to second or more driving while license revoked due to conviction of DUI. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 10 days. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid.

William Gregory Douglas, 35, of Holladay, pled to a lesser charge of possession/ casual exchange of schedule II meth. Fined \$750. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 30 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. May participate in in-patient rehab.

Ashia Griffin, 33, of Camden, pled guilty to first offense DUI. Fined \$350.

Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

Christopher Hayes Haskins, 45, of Camden, pled guilty to possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$750. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 30 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. Must complete alcohol and drug assessment and follow recommendations.

Zachary Ryan Hill, 23, of Eva, pled guilty to possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia and to second or more driving while license revoked due to conviction of DUI. Fined \$150. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. Must complete alcohol and drug assessment and follow recommendations.

William Shane Kelley, 24, of Camden, pled guilty to first offense DUI. Fined \$350. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29,

may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

Paul H. Machado, 54, of Camden, pled guilty to two counts of first offense DUI. Fined \$700. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

Michael Utley, 45, of Bruceton, pled to a lesser charge of possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$150. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid.

Tiffany Dawn Wood, 31, of Hollow Rock, pled guilty to possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$350. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 10 days. Supervised probation for 11/29. Must complete alcohol and drug assessment and follow recommendations.

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrests from 1/20-1/27/25:

James Ray Cathers, 64, 210 Stigall St., Camden. Failure to appear capias.

Pamela Jean Cooley, 65, 19040 State Rte. 114, Buena Vista. Possession of schedule II meth and fentanyl, driving in possession of schedule II meth, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, fabricating/ tampering with evidence.

Terry Lynn Hollingsworth, 44, 7820 N. First St., Milan. Failure to appear capias.

Jeremiah J. Lambert, 46, 277 Mabry St., Camden. Violation of probation.

Dean Bruce Patrick, 65, 200 Kinnard Rd., Camden. Third offense driving on revoked/ suspended license.

Tabatha Rena Peck, 42, 209 Luper Cemetery Rd., Holladay. Domestic assault, resisting stop/ arrest.

Destiny Fay Scarborough, 27, 774 Wren Ave., Camden. Aggravated child abuse/ neglect/ endangerment.

Stephen Everett Scott, 53, 63 Fowlers Park, Camden. Driving on revoked/ suspended license, failure to maintain lane, improper display of license plate, violation of financial responsibility law, simple possession of schedule II meth and fentanyl, possession of medication without a prescription, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia.

William Shane Shupe, 48, 584 Wild Acres Rd., Holladay. Driving while license revoked for DUI, evading arrest.

Elizabeth Marie Sparks, 32, 236 Weatherly Rd., Camden. Disorderly conduct.

Christopher Paul Taylor, 33, 152 Harris St., Camden. Failure to appear capias.

BIG SANDY POLICE REPORTS

BIG SANDY POLICE Arrests from 1/20-1/27/25:

Aubrey Alexander

Aviles, 40, 13130 Hwy. 69A, Big Sandy. Shoplifting/ theft of property, reckless burning, vandalism.

CAMDEN POLICE REPORTS

CAMDEN POLICE Arrests from 1/20-1/27/25:

Ricky Thomas Allen, 63, 213 Sunset Ave., Camden. Public intoxication.

Ja-Rodd King, 52, 1165 Stigall Rd., Camden. Driv-

ing on revoked/ suspended license, possession of schedules II and VI.

Clay Allen Owensby, 63, 8202 Danvike Rd., Big Sandy. Two counts retail theft.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE TO 2024 TAXPAYERS

On March 1, 2025, unpaid 2024 property taxes will bear interest of one and one half percent (1.5%). An additional 1.5% will be added each month thereafter. (Ref. T.C.A. 67-5-2010)

To 2023 TAXPAYERS:

You are advised that after March 1, additional penalties and cost will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior tax years: until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in the Trustee's office. (Ref. T.C.A. 67-5-2401)

Note: We will publish by name and amount all 2023 delinquent taxpayers in this newspaper, 1st week of February 2025 in accordance with T.C.A. 67-5-2002.

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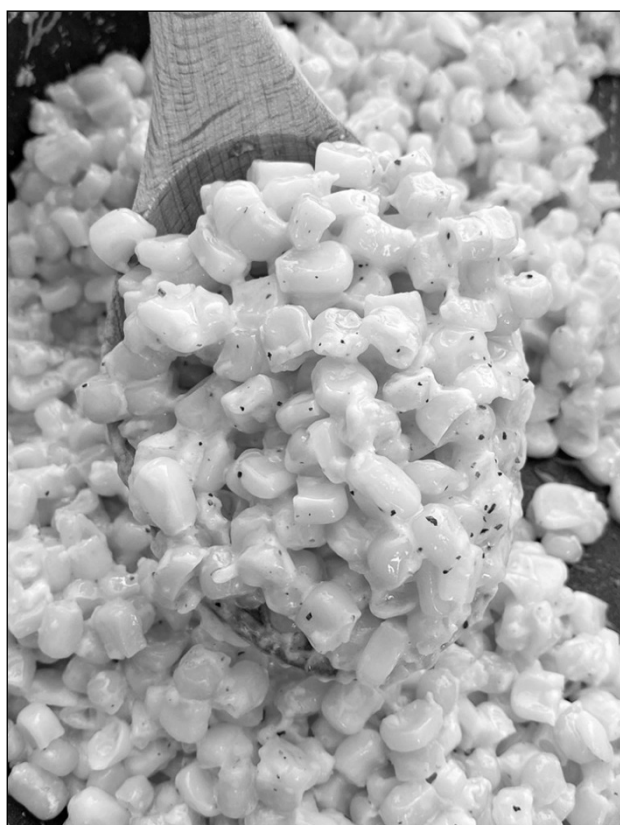
- 2 tablespoons salted butter
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 bag (16 oz) frozen corn
- 2 ounces cream cheese cut into chunks
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Directions

In a skillet pan, over medium-high heat, melt the butter and honey. Once melted add the frozen corn and cook for 5-8 minutes, stirring occasionally, until cooked through.

Add cream cheese, salt, and pepper. Stir together and let it cook, about 3-5 minutes, while stirring occasionally.

Serve immediately. Leftovers keep well, covered in a container, and stored in the fridge.



Cheesy Doritos Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 bag (9.75 oz) Nacho Cheese Doritos (slightly crushed)
- 3 cups cooked chicken (shredded or chopped)
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans drained & rinsed
- 1 can (10.5 oz) cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (divided)
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- kosher salt & pepper (to taste, if needed)
- For Serving/Garnish*
- chopped fresh cilantro
- sliced green onions

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350°. Spray a 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the shredded chicken, black beans, cream of chicken soup, sour cream, salsa, frozen corn, 1 cup of the shredded cheese, chili powder, cumin, and garlic powder. Stir until everything is combined well. Season with salt & pepper if necessary.

* Depending on what chicken you are using, you may need to add some additional salt and pepper. Taste the creamy chicken



mixture to decide. I use a rotisserie chicken usually which is already well seasoned.

Spread half of the crushed Doritos chips in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

* Don't crush the chips too much. You want some larger crushed pieces and some smaller pieces. I just open the bag and then use my two hands (on the outside of the bag) to push and press the chips to crush them slightly.

Layer the chicken mix-

ture over top the Dorito chips.

Sprinkle the remaining Doritos nacho chips over top the chicken mixture. Top with the remaining 1 cup of shredded cheese.

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until the casserole is bubbly, chips are toasted, and the cheese is melted.

Remove the pan from the oven and allow it to cool for 3-5 minutes before serving. Garnish with sliced green onion and/or chopped cilantro if wanted.

Pecan Pie Layer Cake

Ingredients

Pecan Pie Filling:

- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup dark corn syrup
- 3/4 cup (108g) dark brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, cubed
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups chopped pecans

Cake Layers:

- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup sour cream, room temperature
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 6 large egg whites, room temperature
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup milk, room temperature
- 1/4 cup water, room temperature

Frosting:

- 1 1/4 cup salted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups shortening
- 10 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 5-6 tbsp water or milk

Additional:

Pecan halves, for decorating

Directions

To Make the Pecan Pie Filling:

In a saucepan, combine all filling ingredients except pecans. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly until it begins to boil.

Add chopped pecans and allow to boil for 30 seconds.



Remove from heat and refrigerate until cool and thickened.

To Make the Cake Layers:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and line three 8-inch cake pans with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy.

Add sour cream and vanilla extract, mixing until well combined.

Gradually add egg whites, mixing well after each addition.

In a separate bowl, combine dry ingredients. Alternate adding dry ingredients and milk mixture to the batter, mixing until well combined.

Divide batter evenly among prepared pans and bake for 21-23 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Cool cakes in pans for 2-3 minutes, then transfer to wire racks to cool completely.

To Make the Frosting and Assemble Cake:

In a large mixer bowl,

combine butter and shortening until smooth.

Gradually add half of the powdered sugar, mixing until well combined.

Add vanilla extract, cinnamon, and 3-4 tablespoons of water or milk, mixing until smooth.

Gradually add remaining powdered sugar, mixing until combined.

Adjust consistency with additional water or milk as needed.

Level cake layers, then place one layer on a serving plate. Pipe a dam of frosting around the edge.

Spread 1/3 of the pecan pie filling inside the dam, then smooth out the frosting.

Repeat layering with remaining cake layers and filling.

Frost the outside of the cake, then pipe a border around the top edge.

Fill border with remaining pecan pie filling and decorate with pecan halves.

Refrigerate cake until ready to serve.

Pineapple Chicken Kabobs

Ingredients

- Chicken Kabob Marinade*
- 1/2 cup bbq sauce
- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1/4 cup pineapple juice
- 4 cloves garlic (minced or pressed)
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger (or use ginger paste)
- 2 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts (cut into 1-inch chunks)
- Pineapple Chicken Kabobs*
- 2 cups fresh pineapple chunks
- 1 red onion (cut into 1-inch chunks)
- 1 green bell pepper (cut into 1-inch chunks)
- 1 red bell pepper (cut into 1-inch chunks)

Directions

In a gallon-sized Ziploc bag, add the bbq sauce, teriyaki sauce, pineapple juice, garlic, and ginger. Mix together with a whisk or spoon.

Add the chicken chunks into the marinade bag.

Close the bag securely while letting out the extra air. Shake and massage the bag with your hands to mix everything together and make sure the chicken is well coated. Place it in the fridge for at least 1 hour or up to 6 hours to marinate.

TIP : If using wooden skewers, be sure and soak them in water for 20 minutes prior to assembling the kabobs.

Preheat the grill (375



degrees to 400 degrees F). Use either an outdoor grill or a grill pan on the stove top. Brush the grill with oil if needed.

Assemble the marinated chicken, pineapple chunks, red onion, and bell peppers onto the skewers.

Brush each kabob generously with some of the leftover marinade from the bag before cooking them.

* Discard the remaining marinade and don't use on the finished/grilled kabobs.

Only brush the kabobs with the marinade before grilling them.

Cook the kabobs on the grill, about 4-5 minutes per side, or until the internal temperature of the chicken reaches 165°.

If wanted, brush some leftover teriyaki sauce onto the cooked kabobs before serving. We love these kabobs served with coconut rice and an extra drizzle of teriyaki sauce over top the rice and kabobs.



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Over time, high blood glucose levels can damage vital organs such as kidneys, heart, and eyes. High blood pressure is a serious disease that makes your heart work too hard. And bad cholesterol, or LDL, builds up and clogs your

heart arteries. Managing all three means a longer and healthier life.

To learn if you need to take action regarding these issues, ask your doctor these questions:

- What are my blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol numbers?
- What should these numbers be? Are my numbers within the healthy range?
- If my numbers are out of the healthy range, what actions should I take to get them to healthy levels?

If you learn that you have issues with blood glucose, blood pressure, or cholesterol numbers being out of the healthy range, take action now! You can live longer for your family, improve your health, and

reduce your risk of heart disease or stroke.

Here are some general tips on ways to move these important numbers into the healthy range:

- Eat the right amounts of foods like fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains.
- Eat foods that are prepared with less salt, fat, sugar, and preservatives.
- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.
- Work toward a healthy weight by being active and eating the right amounts of healthy foods.
- Stop smoking, dipping, or vaping. Seek help to stop if you need it.
- Take medicines the way your doctor tells you to

take them. Ask your doctor about taking a low dose of aspirin for your heart health.

- Ask your family and friends to help you take care of your heart and your diabetes.

If you want to live a long, healthy life, you must take care of your health starting today! Remember that you can take care of your heart by taking care of your blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol.

For additional help and programs specifically about healthy choices including managing your diabetes, contact your local Extension Office or visit fcs.tennessee.edu.



Reignite Your New Year's Resolutions: Tips for Staying on Track

As we approach the end of January, many of us may find our New Year's resolutions fading into the background. The initial excitement of a fresh start often gives way to the challenges of daily routines, making it easy to abandon our goals. However, now is the perfect time to reassess, refocus, and reignite your resolutions. Here are some practical strategies to help you stay committed and make lasting changes.

1. Revisit Your "Why"
Why did you set this resolution in the first place? Whether it was to improve your health, reduce stress, or enhance your overall well-being, reconnecting with your original motivation can provide renewed inspiration. Write down your reasons and keep them somewhere visible, such as on your fridge or phone wallpaper.

2. Set Realistic and Specific Goals
Many resolutions fail because they are too vague or ambitious. Instead of saying, "I want to get in shape," try setting a specific and achievable goal like, "I will walk for 30

minutes five times a week." Breaking larger goals into smaller milestones makes them more manageable and rewarding.

3. Adjust as Needed
Life happens, and rigid plans can lead to frustration. If your original approach isn't working, modify it rather than giving up altogether. For example, if daily workouts are unrealistic, aim for three to four days a week instead. Flexibility helps sustain progress.

4. Find an Accountability Partner
Sharing your goals with a friend, family member, or support group can keep you accountable. Having someone to check in with, celebrate successes, and encourage you during setbacks can make a significant difference.

5. Celebrate Small Wins
Recognizing progress, no matter how small, reinforces positive habits. If your goal is to eat healthier, celebrate choosing a nutritious meal over fast food. Small victories build momentum and motivation.

6. Keep a Journal or Tracker

Writing down your progress can help you stay focused and identify patterns. Whether it's a fitness app, a food diary, or a simple checklist, tracking your achievements provides a sense of accomplishment and keeps you engaged.

7. Don't Let Setbacks Define You
Missed a workout? Indulged in an unhealthy meal? One setback doesn't mean failure. Instead of letting guilt take over, refocus on your goals and move forward. Progress is about consistency, not perfection.

8. Remind Yourself: It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint
Sustainable changes take time. Rather than aiming for quick fixes, focus on long-term habits that support your well-being. Be patient and kind to yourself as you continue working towards your goals.

With the right mindset and strategies, you can turn your resolutions into lasting habits. Use this moment to recommit, adjust your plan, and move forward with renewed determination. Your future self will thank you!

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FROM THE PRESSBOX

Jim Steele

UT close losses serve as learning tool

So, it appears that I spoke presciently about SEC basketball.

To quote a college basketball coach I once covered, remarking about the depth of his conference: "Every game is a war."

The Southeastern Conference is bearing that out. As of Sunday night, there were still nine teams from the league occupying spots in the wire-service Top 25 polls and two more on the periphery. Is it possible that 11 teams could get invitations to The Dance come March?

That might be a bit ambitious, given the friendly fire through which SEC teams have to navigate. Case in point: Saturday night, Tennessee lost a lead in the last 45 seconds of its game at No. 1 Auburn and succumbed 53-51. There were some suspect decisions and poor execution in the final minute that fomented the defeat.

For example, Tennessee had the ball with 30 seconds to play and decided not to use a timeout. The Vols didn't score, and Auburn capitalized. Next, with fewer than 15 seconds to play, Tennessee opted, finally, to use a timeout. Coming out of the break, the Vols promptly turned the ball over. The Vols had a last-second shot go awry, and Auburn won 53-51.

Already, Tennessee has suffered setbacks to Florida, Vanderbilt, and Auburn and has Kentucky upcoming Tuesday night. To me, Tennessee-Kentucky is a pick-'em game, even though it is scheduled to be played in Knoxville. Trust me, things aren't going to get any easier for these SEC teams.

Conversely, if you were an Auburn fan, you have to be happy that your team was able to rally in the last minute to take down a former No. 1-ranked team when it easily could have lost.

If there is an upside, Tennessee can use this loss as a learning experience. There are lessons to be learned from both winning and losing. The Vols were in a position to win the game, but the shots just didn't fall. When you go through a minefield like the SEC night in and night out, even if teams lose, there are elements from which to build.

I don't believe SEC teams will face anyone tougher in The Dance than they faced during the regular season. The fact that SEC teams will be even more battle-tested as a result of the conference tournament means that whoever emerges will be a contender.

It's conceivable that two, perhaps three SEC teams could wind up in the Final Four. That's a pretty heady projection, but it's not without precedent. In 1976, Indiana and Michigan, both from the Big Ten, played for the national title. The same happened in 1985 when Villanova beat Big East rival Georgetown for the crown. If I recall correctly, it seems like Georgia and LSU were both in the Final Four during the late 1970s, though I could be wrong.

Whoever emerges from the SEC will be battle-scarred but will also have its work cut out.

If successful, you can bet

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CHS HOMECOMING ROYALTY – From left: First Maid Sammy Wigley, Matthew Arnold, Gage Johnson, Homecoming Queen Emma Pierce, Skylar Kee, and Second Maid Serenity Guinn.



CHS HOMECOMING QUEEN – Escort Gage Johnson, left with Homecoming Queen Emma Pierce.



CHS BASKETBALL HOMECOMING COURT – On Friday, Jan. 24, CHS celebrated its 2025 Basketball Homecoming. The full court included (from left) Isaac Moore, Freshman Rep Ava Maines, Angelo Arnold, Sophomore Rep Sadie Fry, First Maid Sammy Wigley, Matthew Arnold, Gage Johnson, Homecoming Queen Emma Pierce, Skylar Kee, Second Maid Serenity Guinn, Ayden Melton, Junior Rep Abbi-Grace Wallace, Nowah Porter, and Senior Rep Bailey Berry.

Buzzer Beater Downs Lions

ADAM BLACKBURN
Sports Writer

Sometimes in sports a team can experience the highest of highs and the lowest of lows in just a week's time. That was definitely the case for the Camden Lions over their first three district games of the season. The first two games—Huntingdon and Stewart County—resulted in lop-sided wins for Camden. However, on homecoming night, the Lions experienced a different type of game when hosting rival Waverly.

On the positive side of last, coming off the previous week's district win at Huntingdon, the Lions hosted Stewart County on Tuesday, January 21. The early stages of the game went about as well as possible as Camden jumped out to a 15-0 lead over the Rebels in the first three minutes of the game. The Lions closed out the first quarter with a convincing 30-10 lead. The best way to describe the rest of the game was "cruise control" as the Lions maintained a comfortable lead throughout the contest. The half-time score was 44-25 and the deficit remained about the same throughout the third quarter with the score standing at 59-39 heading to the final quarter of play.

With the large lead, Coach Dave Roberts was able to go deep into his bench to play several players. An impressive 13 Camden players scored in the game as the lead ballooned in the fourth quarter with several younger players leading the way. The Lions moved their district record to 2-0 with a 82-46 win over the Rebels.

Ayden Melton continued to be the catalyst for Camden's offense leading the way with 21 points. The 12



LEAP - Jake Reynoldson goes up for the shot over Waverly defenders.

other scorers for the Lions included: Angelo Arnold (12 points), Nowah Porter (7 points), Gage Johnson (7 points), Jake Barker (6 points), Brady Morris (6 points), Jake Reynoldson (5 points), Isaac Moore (4 points), Landon Carson (4 points), Skylar Kee (3 points), Hunter Jackson (3 points), Kade Johnson (2 points), and Noah Gaskin (2 points).

The next game on Friday, January 24 hosting Waverly gave the Lions the chance to go 3-0 in the district, and take firm control of first place mid-way through the district schedule. However, from the early going it was clear things were a little off for the Lions. It seemed as though Murphy's Law—anything that can go wrong will go

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DEFENSE - Emma Pierce (left) and Addie Melton (right) stand ready to play defense for the Lady Lions. **SEE STORY ON 4B.**



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"What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?"

This miracle demonstrates Jesus' power over nature, revealing His divinity. It also reminds us that even in life's storms, He is with us and able to bring peace.

Reflection:
What storms are you facing today? Bring your fears to Jesus and trust in His power to calm the

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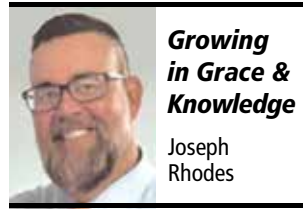
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Joseph Rhodes

By Jesus own testimony, he came to this world to serve, not to be served. On earth, Jesus' job was to serve. Jesus' mission was to die. Jesus' purpose was to make the forgiveness of sins available to everyone. The fact that Jesus' job was to serve should cause every Christian to ask a second question: "Did Jesus give me a job?" We are not asking did Jesus give elders a job, or deacons a job, or preachers a job, or teachers a job, or Christian men a job, or Christian woman a job. Did Jesus give every person who accepts him as the Christ a job? Did Jesus give every person who becomes a Christian a job? Yes. We belong to "the servant" to serve. That is the job of every Christian.

Did Jesus leave heaven, live in poverty and hardship on earth, and sacrifice his physical life on the cross to create a self-centered life of ease for us? Jesus is our Savior. He saves us from our sins by forgiving us. He destroys our sins so that each of us can be a son or a daughter of God. Jesus, as God's child, made it possible for each one of us to be God's child. Jesus is God's son. He did make it possible for us to be sons and daughters of God. He did that so that we as sons and daughters could be what he as Son was. He did not do that so that we could become something that he was not. If he was a servant, we must be servants.

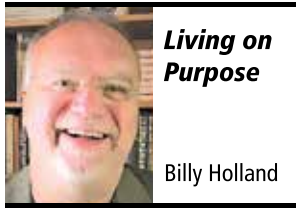
Jesus personally selected twelve disciples to follow him daily during his earthly ministry. These twelve men found it extremely difficult to understand that they were to be servants. These twelve men had an incorrect concept and a mistaken conviction, and Jesus could not get those thoughts out of their minds. Their incorrect concept and mistaken conviction followed this reasoning: Jesus was God's son, the promised Messiah. He proved that he was God's son by healing the sick, raising the dead, feeding the hungry, and controlling nature. He came to restore the kingdom just as God promised that Christ would do. So Jesus would become the literal king of Israel. When that happened, Israel would become a prominent Nation. Then these twelve men would serve with Jesus in his administration in this restored kingdom. This was the boiling question among the twelve of them: which one of them would be the most important person in Jesus' administration when he became king. They were thinking of status, of position, of power, of importance.

All of them would be important in the restored kingdom, but which one of them would be the most important? Throughout his entire ministry, Jesus could not change their thinking.

However, Jesus did make something very clear, and it is as certain for us as it was for the twelve. Their purpose as disciples was to serve; our purpose as disciples is to serve. Take a moment and read Matthew 10:24-25. Jesus used the obvious for the purpose of illustration. A student is not more significant than his teacher; a slave is not more significant than his owner. The ultimate accomplishment is for the student to equal to his teacher or the slave to be equal to his owner. Jesus was saying to the twelve, "Look carefully at the way my enemies treat me. They will treat you no differently. Do not expect things to be hard for me and easy for you." Now pause and look at Matthew 20:20-28. James and John, two of the twelve, had their mother go to Jesus personally and request that they be allowed to sit to the right and left of Jesus' throne when he became king. She obviously was expecting Jesus to be on the throne of Israel. Their request made the other ten disciples angry because they each wanted one of those special seats of importance. Jesus explained: "My kingdom will not be like other kingdoms." "In my kingdom people will not seek to possess a position or power or authority-in my kingdom that is unimportant." "The number one position in my kingdom will go to the person who does the work of a slave." "I did not come to be served, I came to serve." The point is clear: if Jesus did not come to be served, Jesus' disciples do not exist to be served. We Christians do not exist to be served; we exist to serve.

Someone says, "Oh, I get the point. We are to be servants. That means that as Christians we should set aside some hours to work for the church every month." I would never knowingly do anything to discourage anyone from being involved in one of the ministries of the congregation. In fact, I would do anything possible to encourage each one of you to be involved in one or more ministries of this congregation. But setting aside some hours to work for the church is not Jesus' point. That is not the point he was making. If you belong to Jesus Christ, you are a servant just like he was a servant. Being a servant is not merely what you do. It is not merely what you do for the church. It is not how you use some time that you schedule to be involved in a ministry. Being a servant is what you are. All the time. Seven days a week. At home. On the job. In the community. As a spouse. As a parent. As a neighbor. As an employer. As an employee. As a citizen. Christians are servants. Their Lord and Savior was a servant and is a servant. Christians are servants because they belong to the Chief Servant of all servants--they belong to Jesus.

God always answers our prayers



Living on Purpose
Billy Holland

I receive questions about God and the Bible, and one of the more frequent is whether God really listens and answers prayer. We know He answers every request because of His promise in I John 5:14-15. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Since we believe the Bible is true, this is an amazing passage, but, it's not the same as a signed blank check. Read again carefully and notice it says "according to His will."

This means we do not always receive everything we want exactly like we want it. It's true He doesn't ignore us and is always listening, but He also has a master plan for everything and everyone including our life and how we are connected with everyone around us. It's important to consider what an influence

and impact our miracle may have on others and how it might interfere with His divine design. There are many verses we can incorporate into this vast subject, such as Matthew 6:6, and 7:7-11, but to make a long story short, our point is that He will always answer yes, no, or maybe later. In this light, unless we are perfectly in tune with His Spirit, we will not always be happy with the answer.

I believe one of the greatest obstacles that prevents people from receiving their prayer requests is a lack of understanding. I'm not referring to denying the promises of God, but it's not accepting His declarations as a personal promise to a specific situation. For example, when those on their deathbed are reminded that God can heal, they will agree that He said this. However, the individual must have faith that Christ wants to heal them as His perfect will. Another crucial component when praying and meditating is to let God speak. He is always willing to reveal His will to us, but we are so busy talking we forget to listen. Let us begin the conversation by asking Him to show us His desires which in turn will allow us to know

what to pray for.

We hear about intercessory prayer where Jesus places burdens upon the hearts of individuals to reveal His secrets and mysteries. Would you like to walk and talk with Him in this way? The opportunity to abide in His presence is available for anyone who has a sincere passion to develop a deeper relationship with Him. Truly we can be as close to God as we want, but it's difficult to concentrate while allowing our flesh to distract us. Most Christians find themselves in a tug of war, doing whatever they want that satisfies the flesh while feeling guilty for not being more serious about the Lord. We will never be in control of our carnality until we develop a renewed mind. Yes, it's spiritual warfare, and to be an overcomer for God demands transformation and self-discipline. How could anything be more important or joyful than drawing nearer to Jesus?

My wife Cheryl has been having stomach and esophagus problems for a long time. For the last several months she has been having consultations with surgeons, endoscopes, and biopsies. Waiting for test results is

grueling but it's also a perfect opportunity to allow patience to have her perfect work. She just received news there is no cancer right before Christmas. She does have some slow-growing endocrine tumors in her stomach lining, but nothing to be worried about. We are grateful to God for His mercy and believe He is healing and protecting her. She has been healed several times in her life and it would be wrong not to acknowledge Him as Jehovah Rapha, "The Lord who heals." A special thank you to everyone who has been praying for her.

Jehovah Rapha was revealed to the Israelites after they crossed the Red Sea in Exodus 15:26, and is a promise of God's power and faithfulness to intervene, mend, repair, renew, or restore any type of physical, spiritual, mental, or emotional infirmity. If you know He is saying yes to your situation, read Psalm 103:1-5 and extend your unwavering faith to believe that God means what He says. Let's remember, the most important accomplishment we could ever hope for in our lives is that God would be glorified.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, certified chaplain,

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Hydrotherapeutic hangouts
- 5) Social blunder
- 10) "Did you forget about me?"
- 14) Carpenter's strip
- 15) Some clay pots
- 16) Short version of a long vehicle?
- 17) Offshore, and then some
- 18) Headgear that sparkles
- 19) Share a border with
- 20) Hang in there
- 23) Mini feature?
- 24) "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" sound
- 25) Somegumboingredients
- 28) Dungeons & Dragons beasts
- 29) Tirana's land
- 31) Ship parts
- 34) Rock with potential
- 35) Pro- (certain tournays)
- 36) Mobile phone perks
- 41) Eccentric
- 42) Sometimes it's a bust
- 43) Mimic's activity
- 44) Dues payers
- 47) Fizzled firecrackers
- 49) Rises dramatically
- 50) Foreign Legion hat
- 51) Despondent
- 54) In a good position
- 58) It's destined to happen

CLUES DOWN

- 1) Hyphen's relative
- 2) Kindergartener's jarful
- 3) Elite military unit
- 4) Two-wheeled carriage
- 5) Like some arches or novels
- 6) Visitors from afar
- 7) "Killing Me Softly With His Song" singer
- 8) Western card game
- 9) Son of Isaac
- 10) 1867 U.S. purchase
- 11) Emulate a bear
- 12) Non-flier of Australia
- 13) Quotable remark
- 21) Subject in sculpting
- 22) Reiner, Roy or Schneider
- 27) Archer, at times
- 28) Woodsy, for one
- 29) Turntable extension
- 30) Island neckpiece
- 31) Dances with themes
- 32) Cowboys' entertainment

By Bill Bobb

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SLOW COOKING WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- WORDS
- BARBECUE
 - BASTE
 - BLANCH
 - BRAISE
 - CARAMELIZE
 - COOKING
 - HOURS
 - LOW
 - MEALS
 - PATIENCE
 - PREPARE
 - RECIPE
 - REDUCE
 - ROAST
 - SEAR
 - SIMMER
 - SLOW
 - SMOKE
 - STEW
 - TEMPERATURE
 - TENDER
 - TIMING

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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SPORTS

TABC Awarded \$250K Grant to Combat Underage Alcohol Sales

The Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) received a grant of \$250,000 from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) for increased alcohol compliance operations across Tennessee. The grant requires additional operations in areas of the state that have a higher concentration of alcohol-related traffic fatalities. TABC Agents will use the Tennessee Integrated Traffic Analysis Network (TITAN), operated by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, to identify where a high concentration of alcohol-related traffic fatalities are occurring.

Chief Law Enforcement Officer Bond Tubbs will utilize the grant funds to pay for additional operations and overtime expenditures incurred through the additional enforcement

counter-measures. “Preventing the sale of alcohol to minors is a top priority. These funds will mean fewer minors will receive alcohol. We appreciate the Tennessee Highway Safety Office and look forward to our continued partnership,” said Chief Tubbs.

The grant cycle will run from October 2024 through September 2025. The TABC conducts minor compliance operations across the state and performs high-visibility enforcement operations at heavily attended events.

For more information about the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, please visit <https://tntrafficsafety.org>

For more information about the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission, please visit www.tn.gov/abc.

LIONS

From IB

wrong—was the theme of the night for Camden. With the team’s leading scorer Ayden Melton hampered with a leg injury—keeping him from playing consistent minutes—the Lions struggled on the offensive end of the court. With the scoring struggles, the confidence of the visiting Tigers began to rise. Camden led Waverly by only a single point, 18-17 at the half—the lowest first half total of the season for the Lions.

The game remained tight throughout the third quarter with Waverly actually taking the lead 33-31 heading to the fourth quarter largely due to the offensive performance of Malachi Burns who scored a game high 29 points.

Despite the frustrations, Camden used full-court defensive pressure late in the game to cause turnovers by the Tigers that allowed the team back into the game. With less than ten seconds remaining in the game and Camden trailing 43-43, Senior Guard Gage Johnson stepped to the free throw line and made both shots to give the Lions the 44-43

lead. It seemed as though they would escape with the win, but with the remaining second winding down, Waverly’s Dominik Williams released a three-pointer from the top of the key as time expired. The shot was spot on giving the visitors the 46-44 victory as players and coaches stormed the court to celebrate.

In the tough loss, Camden scorers included Nowah Porter (12 points), Ayden Melton (7 points), Angelo Arnold (6 points), Jake Reynoldson (6 points), Isaac Moore (4 points), Gage Johnson (6 points), Jake Barker (3 points).

Despite the loss, Camden is still in good shape in the district standings at 2-1 with the opportunity over the next couple of weeks to earn the one-seed heading into the district tournament.

This week the Lions will host non-district opponent Hickman County on Tuesday, January 28 and district opponent Huntingdon on Friday January 31.

The Lions’ overall record is 15-5 on the season. Photos courtesy of Mandy Moore.

Lady Lions Defeat Waverly at Homecoming

Adam Blackburn
Sports Writer

This past week Camden Central High School hosted their annual Basketball Homecoming week. Throughout the week students participated in several dress up days, competed in various activities including a student co-ed basketball tournament (which the Junior class won), and ended the school week with a school-wide pep rally on Friday afternoon. The homecoming game featured a familiar foe—the Waverly Lady Tigers—so Camden was eager to win the game for multiple reasons including capturing their first district win of the season.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday, January 21, the Lady Lions hosted the Stewart County Lady Rebels in the second district matchup of the season. Both teams had a loss to Huntingdon-last year’s district champion—but this game was a chance to take the early lead for the second spot in the district. The game started off about like one would expect with both teams making runs to keep the game score close.

While the game would be a low-scoring contest, Camden did enough in the early going to hold a 9-7 lead after the first quarter.

However, the second quarter belonged to the Lady Rebels as they took a 19-16 lead into the halftime locker room. Camden’s offense was lead by Miley Hartney in the first half who connected for two three-point baskets.

The third quarter saw Camden inch a little closer in this defensive contest thanks to Hartney and Melton knocking down free throws and Abbi-Grace Wallace connecting on a long range shot of her own. Heading to the fourth quarter, Stewart County held on to the narrow 26-25 lead. In the final quarter of play, Stewart County was able to extend the lead, and with their strong defensive play limit the scoring for the home team. In the final stages of the game, Camden’s game plan was to foul in order to save time and hope for misses from the Lady Rebels in order to stage a late comeback. Stewart County did a good job on the free throw line a made 8 of their 12 attempts in the fourth quarter alone to earn the 44-32 win.

Hartney led Camden in scoring with 10 points in the tough loss. Three Camden players scored 6 points in the contest—Wallace, Emma Pierce, and Addie Melton. Bailey Berry rounded out the scoring with 4 points in the game.

Despite the loss, Camden quickly turned attention to the Homecoming rivalry game with Waverly on Friday, January 24. Avoiding the 0-3 start in district play was crucial for seeding purposes in the district tournament that will be held in February.

Scoring would once again be hard to come by in the early parts of this game. Neither team could find much offensive rhythm in the first quarter with Waverly holding the slight 6-4 lead after the first quarter. Camden’s lone made field goal attempt of the quarter came on a three-pointer by Wallace. The second quarter saw the Lady Lions tie the game at 18-18 at the break. Wallace connected on two more three-point shots to lead Camden in scoring with 9 points in the first half. Pierce was able to contribute by driving to the basket to add 4 points.

By the late stages of the third quarter, Camden steadily built a lead. Wallace continued her good night offensively with 8 points in the third quarter alone—including two more long-range baskets. Hartney added 5 points and Pierce 4 points in what would prove to be the pivotal quarter of the contest. The Lady Lions held a 38-29 lead going into the final quarter of play. Waverly

did make several runs to cut the lead to 5 points at times. The Lady Tigers applied full-court pressure on defense in order to attempt a comeback. This resulted in several fouls, and Camden needing to connect from the free throw line to hold on for the win. They did just that by knocking down an impressive 11 of 12 attempts from the charity stripe. When the final buzzer sounded, Camden secured the win by a score of 51-43.

Wallace led Camden in scoring with 21 points in their first district win of the season. Pierce and Hartney both added an important 10 points each. Berry contributed 5 points, Melton 3 points, and Carson Douglas 2 points.

Camden sits in third place in the district standings (1-2) at the midway point. They will attempt to finish strong with hopes of moving into the second place slot over the next couple of weeks.

Another busy week is ahead with three home games scheduled: Tuesday, January 28 with Hickman County, Thursday, January 30 with Augustine School, and Friday, January 31 with district opponent Huntingdon.

Photos courtesy of Mandy Moore.

Tennessee General Assembly Introduces New Bills Related to Immigration, Businesses & Veterans

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The 114th Tennessee General Assembly began at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 for its 132 lawmakers to start the process of introducing new bills that could pass and go into effect this coming year.

Numerous bills have been filed so far and we are committed to explaining them to our readers so that you all will know what bills could potentially affect you in the future. There are currently over 10 different bills introduced in the state of Tennessee regarding immigration, businesses and veterans. Bills are labeled as SB (Senate Bills), HB (House Bills) and SJR (Joint Bills). These bills are as follows:

IMMIGRATION:
HB10: requires a law enforcement agency in custody of an individual unlawfully present in the United States to request an immigration detainer and detain such individual for the maximum period as specified in the detainer; requires such agency to transport such individuals not taken

into federal custody to a sanctuary city; requires department of revenue to request reimbursement for costs of detention and transportation of illegal aliens and to withhold federal petroleum taxes collected in this state if such reimbursement is not received.
SB6: requires a law enforcement agency in custody of an individual unlawfully present in the United States to request an immigration detainer and detain such individual for the maximum period as specified in the detainer; requires such agency to transport such individuals not taken into federal custody to a sanctuary city; requires department of revenue to request reimbursement for costs of detention and transportation of illegal aliens and to withhold federal petroleum taxes collected in this state if such reimbursement is not received.

SB17: requires law enforcement agencies and officials to communicate with federal officials regarding the immigration status only for an individual who has been arrested for a criminal offense; sets a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for a law enforcement agency that does not comply to be enforced by the attorney general and reporter.

BUSINESSES:
HB101: repeals the Unfair Milk Sales Act; removes the prohibition against selling milk below cost.
HB115: clarifies that the imposition of a criminal offense, penalty, or dismissal from employment does not apply to an officer or employee of the department of revenue or other employee or officer of the state who in good faith acts in accordance with present law requiring the department to publish on its website in June 2025 the names of certain taxpayers issued franchise tax refunds.

HB130: authorizes the sale of homemade food items that contain dairy, meat, or poultry to the extent permitted by federal law.
HB156: exempts child care agencies from business tax; requires the state to annually allocate the amount of such taxes derived from child care

services and received from counties and municipalities in the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

SB37: increases from \$20 to \$300 the annual report filing fee for for-profit business corporations and nonprofit corporations; changes from \$50 per member to a \$100 initial filing fee, and from \$50 per member totaling not less than \$300 or not more than \$3,000, to a \$300 annual report filing fee for limited liability corporations.

SB40: enacts the “Employee Ownership, Empowerment, and Expansion Act” to support the growth and expansion of employee-owned businesses.

SB171: enacts “The Ink of Hope Act”; requires tattoo operators and tattoo artists to complete up to one hour of training on recognizing and reporting signs of human trafficking.

VETERANS:
HB52: enacts the “Veterans Assistance for Livelihood, Opportunity, and Relief (VALOR) Act,” which exempts disabled veterans who have 100 percent permanent and total disability from a service-connected cause from the payment of certain taxes and fees.

We will continue to follow these bills as they go through the legislative process and keep you up to date on the outcome. Please follow our Facebook pages to make sure you have the latest up to date information on bills that might affect you and your family regarding immigration, businesses and veterans in Tennessee.

LEARNING

From IB

the pundits at ESPN, who relished Ohio State and Notre Dame in the football championship, will be on the warpath against the SEC.

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NEWS

Google Says It Will Change Gulf of Mexico to ‘Gulf of America’ for US Users

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The Epoch Times

Google said on Monday that it will change the name of the Gulf of Mexico to “Gulf of America” for users in the United States once the name change ordered by President Donald Trump is reflected in the federal system.

The tech giant said it will also rename Denali, the tallest mountain in North America, to “Mount McKinley” on Google Maps once the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is updated.

“We’ve received a few

questions about naming within Google Maps,” the company stated on X. “We have a longstanding practice of applying name changes when they have been updated in official government sources.”

The name change would only be visible to users in the United States, the company said. The name Gulf of Mexico will remain the same in Mexico, while users in other countries will see both names displayed on Google Maps, it stated.

Google’s announcement followed a recent statement from the U.S. Interior Department on Jan. 24, which

officially renamed the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America and reverted Alaska’s Denali to its former name, Mount McKinley, in compliance with Trump’s executive order.

The department said that it had been “working expeditiously” to update the official federal nomenclature in the GNIS to reflect the name changes “effective immediately for federal use,” according to the statement.

Trump signed an executive order just hours after his inauguration on Jan. 20, pledging to restore Denali’s former name in honor

of the 25th U.S. president, William McKinley.

Trump said that he wanted to honor McKinley “for giving his life for our great nation” and to recognize “his historic legacy of protecting America’s interests and generating enormous wealth for all Americans.”

After the United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867, a gold prospector named William Dickey referred to its highest peak as “Mount McKinley” in an 1897 New York Sun article.

Native Alaskan groups in the area have used their own names for the moun-

tain for centuries. The name “Denali” is an Athabascan word that translates to “the great one” or “the high one.” A consortium of Athabascan tribes in Alaska called the Tanana Chiefs Conference had advocated for years to use their name for the mountain.

Former President Barack Obama signed an executive order in 2015 renaming the 20,310-foot peak Denali in honor of native Alaskans. The Interior Department has described Trump’s decision to restore the peak’s historical name as “a meaningful recognition of President McKinley’s enduring

legacy.” Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) said on Jan. 21 that she strongly disagrees with the president’s decision to rename the peak.

“Our nation’s tallest mountain, which has been called Denali for thousands of years, must continue to be known by the rightful name bestowed by Alaska’s Koyukon Athabascans, who have stewarded the land since time immemorial,” she stated on X.

Jacob Burg and The Associated Press contributed to this report.

US Prosecutor Opens Probe of DOJ’s Jan. 6 Cases

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The Epoch Times

A U.S. prosecutor said on Jan. 27 that he’s investigating why federal prosecutors brought a felony obstruction charge against hundreds of people involved in the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol.

Ed Martin, interim U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, in an internal email ordered a review of the matter, directing employees to hand over files, emails, and other documents.

Martin wrote that the use of the charge, obstruction of an official proceeding, was “a great failure of our office.” He ordered the supervisors to provide a preliminary report on the matter to him by Friday.

“We need to get to the bottom of it,” Martin wrote. He’s calling it the “1512 Project” because the offense falls under that section of the law.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, which is part of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), did not respond to a request for more information.

Section 1512 of U.S. law prohibits people from obstructing, influencing, or impeding any official proceeding, or attempting to do so. It carries a prison term of up to 20 years.

Prosecutors with the U.S. attorney’s office in Washington charged about 260 people who were in or around the Capitol on Jan. 6 with obstructing an official proceeding.

Former police officer Joseph Fischer, one of the accused, challenged the charge in court. That led to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that concluded prosecutors were interpreting the law too broadly.

“On the Government’s theory, Section 1512(c) consists of a granular subsection (c)(1) focused on obstructive acts that impair evidence and an overarching subsection (c)(2) that reaches all other obstruction,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the majority. “Even setting surplusage aside, that novel interpretation would criminalize a broad swath of prosaic conduct, exposing activists and lobbyists alike to decades in prison.”

Before President Donald Trump took office, the

government dropped the charge or asked the courts to vacate the charge against most of the defendants or convicts.

Trump pardoned about 1,500 people charged over Jan. 6.

Martin, since taking over the U.S. attorney’s office following Trump’s inauguration, has signed numerous court documents asking judges to dismiss charges against Jan. 6 defendants, pointing to Trump’s executive order.

His filing in the case of Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes and some co-defendants prompted a judge to remove travel restrictions that had been imposed.

Martin, who attended Trump’s rally near the Capitol on Jan. 6, has served on

the board of a group called the Patriot Freedom Project, which raised money to support Jan. 6 defendants and their families. He’s also listed in court filings as an attorney for at least three defendants, including one who pleaded guilty to felony charges.

Martin has written about Jan. 6 on his blog, saying he watched thousands of hours of video from that day.

“If you watch it for a while you realize that 99.9% of it is normal people doing normal things: sauntering around and through the Capitol grounds and building,” he wrote.

Alexis Loeb, the deputy chief of the DOJ section that prosecuted the Jan. 6 cases before leaving the government in 2024, said that Martin appears to be in

his role “purely to execute on the president’s political priorities more so than the work of protecting public safety in Washington.”

Some people charged over Jan. 6 have expressed gratefulness to Martin. One person wrote on the social media platform X that she is now able to start the rest of her life with relief.

“My honor. Thank God not men,” Martin responded.

It’s unclear whether Trump intends to nominate Martin to the permanent post, which would require Senate confirmation. A White House spokesperson didn’t immediately respond to a text message about Martin on Monday.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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4TH GRADE WINNERS – From left: Ava Melton, Colton Roberson, and Averie Chandler.



5TH GRADE WINNERS – From left: Elly Gilley, Juliette Melton, and Kailani Capps.



6TH GRADE WINNERS – From left: Tatum Sturdivant, Hannah Leslie, and Eva Wright.



7TH GRADE WINNERS – From left: Jon Arnold and Kinley Hunley.



8TH GRADE WINNER – Joseph Hatley.



9-12TH GRADE WINNER – Thomas Reese Pettigrew.

4-H holds annual public speaking contest

On Thursday, Jan. 23, 51 4-H members and their guests from Camden, Holladay, and Big Sandy attended the 2025 Benton County 4-H County Public Speaking Contest. The 4-H Public Speaking contest allows students to develop a skill they can use for the rest of their lives. Students in each grade competed against each

other, delivering speeches that they wrote and practiced regarding subjects of interest to them. Whether they placed or not, each student who participated in the public speaking contest came away a winner for giving it a try.

In fourth grade, the winners were Colton Roberson in first place, Ava Melton in second place,

and Averie Chandler in third place.

In fifth grade, the winners were Juliette Melton in first place, Elly Gilley in second place, and Kailani Capps in third place.

In sixth grade, the winners were Hannah Leslie in first place, Tatum Sturdivant in second place, and Eva Wright in fourth

place.

In seventh grade, the winners were Kinley Hunley in first place and Jon Arnold in second place.

In eighth grade, the winner was Joseph Hatley. The winner for the 9-12th grade competition was Thomas Reese Pettigrew.


The first-place winners will advance to the North-

east Sub-Regional Public Speaking Contest, to be held on Monday, Feb. 24, at Houston County Middle School in Erin. Benton County participants advancing to the sub-regionals will compete with other students from Dickson, Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, and Stewart counties. The Benton County

UT-TSU Extension Office is very proud of all the students' achievements for showing up to participate in this year's county contest. The 4-H Extension agents thank all participants and their parents and guardians for attending. We wish the winners from each grade level the best of luck at the upcoming sub-regional contest.

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