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County Disperses Opioid Abatement Funds

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Humphreys County has taken a significant step in combating the opioid crisis by allocating funds totaling \$140,000.00 received from the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council. These funds, derived from national opioid settlements are designated for prevention, treatment and recovery programs aimed at addressing the impact of opioid addiction in the community. Humphreys County is projected to receive \$240,297.15 through annual payments through 2028.

To ensure Funds were distributed effectively, the County formed an Opioid Abatement Committee comprised of representatives from law enforcement, education, healthcare, the judicial system and the local drug coalition. The committee advertised a receiving period for funding applications, carefully reviewed the proposals and made recommendations to the Humphreys County Board of Commissioners. After review, the board passed a resolution approving the allocation of funds to selected entities.

The recipients of the opioid abatement funds include: Mid Cumberland Human Resource Agency-\$50,000.00 for the Neighborhood Service Center, a central hub for wrap around resident services at a new permanent supportive housing unit; 23rd District Judicial Advocates-\$30,000.00 for the purchase of household goods at living residences and a used van for transportation of Recovery Court participants; Humphreys County Board of

Education-\$30,000.00 for substance abuse prevention curriculum; No More Tears Recovery-\$30,000.00 for additional housing needs.

These funds will help strengthen critical services in the community, ensuring resources are available for those affected by the opioid epidemic. Humphreys County remains committed to addressing this crisis through collaboration and strategic investment in local programs.

For more information on the opioid abatement efforts visit <https://www.tn.gov/oac/county>.



PROACTIVE IN PREVENTION- County Executive Mike Pogreba and representatives of Mid Cumberland Human Resource Agency, 23rd District Judicial Advocates, No More Tears Recovery and Humphreys County Board of Education.

Tcat Dickson Receives Rural Healthcare Grant

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DICKSON, TN: TCAT Dickson has received \$160,750 from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Rural Healthcare Workforce Development Initiative making them one of five TCAT's across Tennessee and one of thirty-eight entities to receive these grant funds.

Dr. Levi Mayer, Vice President of Academics and Compliance for TCAT Dickson, said the funds will be used in multiple ways for TCAT Dickson students enrolled at the Dickson and Clarksville, campuses but will also benefit others working in the nursing industry. About half of the funds will be allotted for extra certifications, while half will be dedicated to student assistance for those enrolled in TCAT Dickson healthcare career programs.

"A portion of the funds will be used for tuition scholarships for IV Therapy classes which will be open to those active in the workforce and sent to us by

their employers. IV Therapy scholarships will be available to TCAT Dickson Practical Nursing students in Dickson and Clarksville, and to Practical Nursing students from TCAT Henry/Carroll and TCAT Hohenwald," Mayer explained.

According to Mayer, having the additional IV Therapy certification, which allows nurses to pump medications through IV's, will make nurses more employable and will provide them with opportunities to earn higher starting wages.

A portion of the funds will also be used for phlebotomy and telemetry certifications. "These were employer identified needs from local healthcare providers to upscale their current employees," Mayer said.

Half of the grant money will be dedicated to student assistance for TCAT Dickson students who are enrolled in any of the college's healthcare career programs at the main campus or extension campus in Clarksville. In addition to Practical Nursing offered at both locations, the college also offers Pharmacy Technology and Patient Care Technology / Medical Assisting at the Clarksville campus and Dental Assisting at the main campus in Dickson. "Funds may be used to offset the cost of books, drug testing, scrubs, and testing fees for students," Mayer said.

TCAT Dickson healthcare career students will also be able to apply for transportation and childcare assistance. Funds will be available to purchase parts for cars which will be installed by the college's Automotive Technology program. Available transportation funding will also include gas cards to help ease the financial burden of fuel prices students pay to attend classes and travel to clinical sites.

Childcare expenses and car part purchases will be paid directly to vendors and not to students. "If payments are issued directly to students, it would be considered taxable income for them," Mayer explained.

"Life happens. Life should not be an obstacle in the way of education. This grant will alleviate some of the obstacles in these areas," Mayer said.

TCAT Dickson will be

gin dispersing these grant funds July 1, 2025. Applications will be available for anyone wishing to receive assistance with tuition, books, drug testing fees, scrubs, test fees, transportation, or childcare.

TCAT Dickson is a Tennessee Board of Regents institution, is accredited by the Council on Occupational Education, and complies with non-discrimination laws: Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and ADA. Located on Highway 46 in Dickson, the technical training college also has extension campuses in Clarksville, and Franklin. Additional information about the school is located at www.TCATDickson.edu.



TCAT Dickson Practical Nursing Master Instructor Kristen Moffitt (third from left) provides guidance on starting a patient IV to students Caitlin Washer, Kayla Compton, and Caroline Pate. Practical Nursing students from TCAT Dickson, TCAT Henry/Carroll, and TCAT Hohenwald will be able to apply for tuition assistance to complete an IV Therapy course as well as receive monetary assistance to cover books, scrubs, testing fees, parts for automobile repairs, and childcare expenses beginning July 1 thanks to a rural healthcare grant TCAT Dickson has received.

Former Substitute Teacher Charged With Soliciting A Minor

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Jace Mortimer, a 21-year-old from White House, was arrested on February 10, 2025 for soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor.

Unconfirmed reports state that Mortimer met the child at Lakeview school while substitute teaching there. He then is alleged to have contacted the minor through technological means (unspecified whether these means were by text, email, or social media).

When Mortimer was to have allegedly solicit this minor (most cases of exploitation of a minor are regarding photographic or video material), the minor is said to have reported it to a trusted adult within the school. That trusted adult then reported immediately to the police and DCS. Then the minor's parent/s or guardian/s were contacted.

Mortimer has not yet been convicted and was released from custody less than an hour after intake, presumably on bond. He

passed all background checks and completed all requirements to be eligible to substitute teach in Humphreys County.

The school system is fully cooperating with the authorities.

This serves as a great lesson for parents and guardians to always keep an open line of communication with their child and discuss what is inappropriate or wrong behavior from another person, then how to respond if their child encounters such a situation. It can be anyone. Retrospective

research reported by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network indicates that as many as one out of four girls and one out of six boys will experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18. However, because child sexual abuse is by its very nature secretive, many of these cases are never reported.

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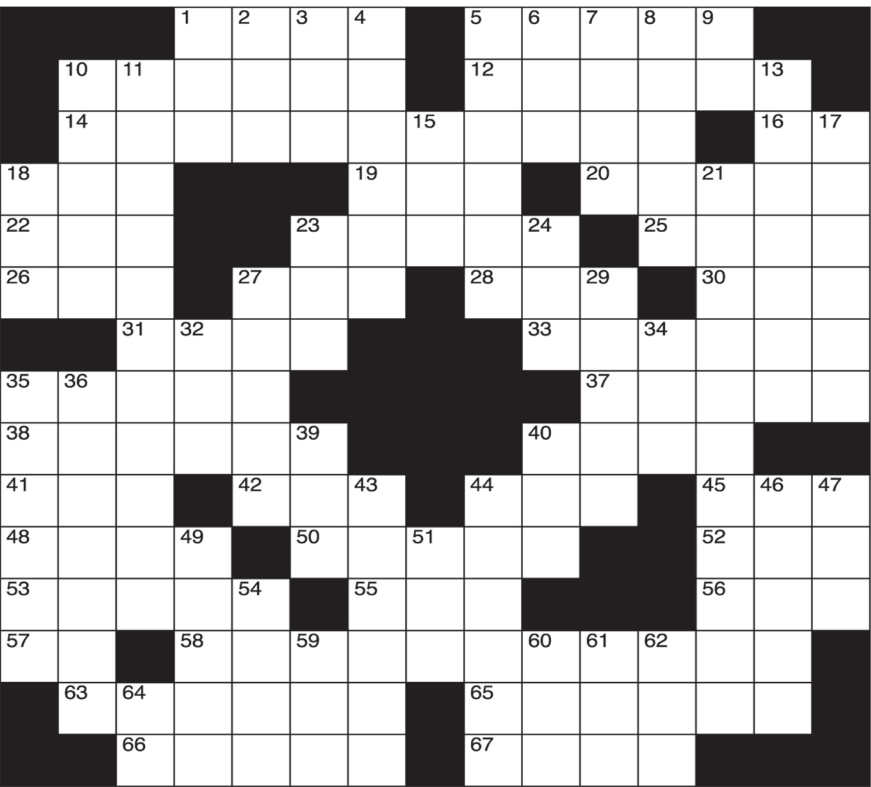
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SOCIETY



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tropical Asian plant

5. Yankees’ slugger Judge

10. Helps to preserve food

12. Plant disease

14. One who predicts

16. Equally

18. Burundian franc

19. Pouch

20. Arizona city

22. Surround

23. Hard, heavy timber

25. Witnessed

26. They ____

27. French river

28. A way to drink

30. Small constellation

31. Peruse a written work

33. Type of hound

35. Plant of the goosefoot family
37. Evade or escape

38. A way to confine

40. Volcanic crater

41. Weekday

42. Women’s service organization (abbr.)

44. Local area network

45. Sensory receptor

48. Posted

50. Tibetan pastry

52. Licensed for Wall Street

53. Very willing

55. Golf score

56. Consume

57. Touchdown

58. Tends to remind

63. In a way, smoothed

65. Poke holes in the ground

66. Herbaceous plants

67. Taiwanese river

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art

2. Boxing’s GOAT

3. Film for posterity (abbr.)

4. Prayer

5. Calculating machine

6. Keyboard key

7. Outburst

8. Man-eating giants

9. New Hampshire

10. Type of sword

11. Counting

13. Pants style

15. Political action committee

17. U.S. government legislative branch

18. Civil Rights Act component

21. Contractors take one

23. Spanish soldier

24. A person’s brother or sister

27. Expressed pleasurer
29. Song of praise

32. Shock treatment

34. Patti Hearst’s captors

35. Counteract

36. Goes over again

39. Popular Dodge truck

40. Male adult

43. A part of a river where the current is very fast

44. Rope used to lasso

46. Become less intense

47. Subway rodent

49. Lead alloy

51. Japanese honorific title

54. Advise someone

59. Famous NYC museum

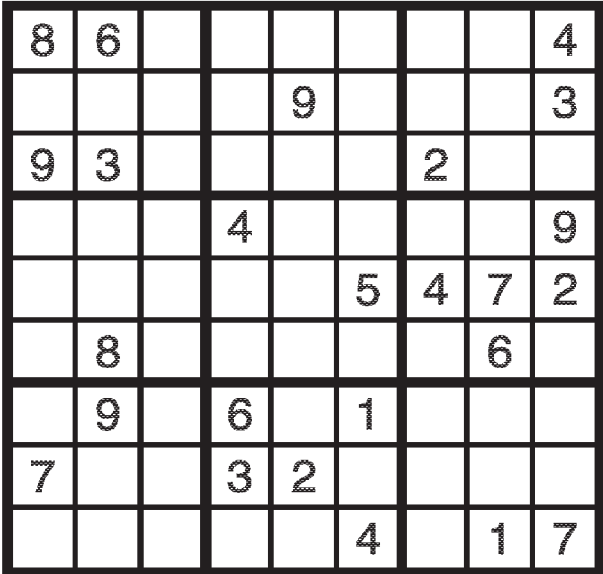
60. Ocean

61. Cathode-ray tube

62. Cologne

64. It starts with these two

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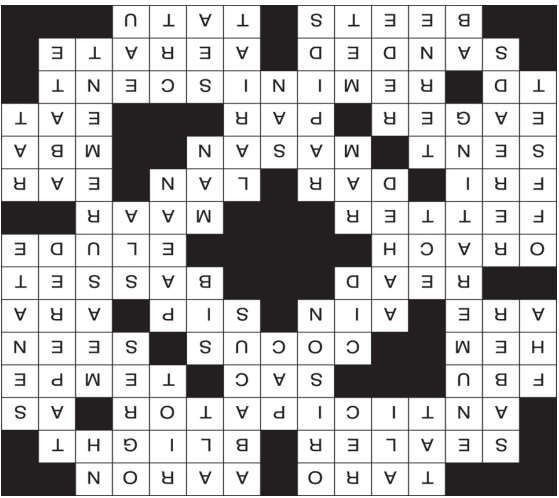
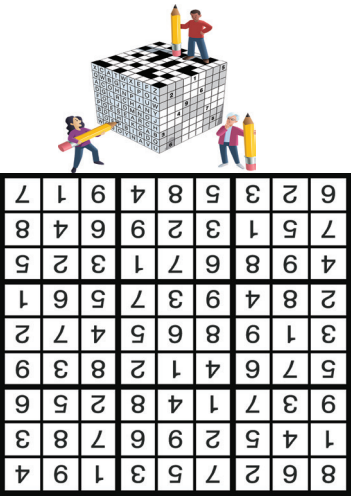
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SOCIETY

Humphreys County Humane Society Happenings

Adios My Friend

annHUNTER
Treasurer

Last Thursday started as usual. I woke up early, unloaded the dishwasher, got food ready for the pups and fixed my first cup of coffee before sitting on the couch to check my emails and messages. Bill was still resting peacefully in bed. But today was not go-



ing to be the usual day. As I opened Facebook, I saw where Phalby Walker had just posted that our dear friend Mark Morel, her husband, had passed away in the night. I woke up Bill and we both sat down and cried. We cried for Phalby, and we cried for ourselves because we would miss Mark being in our lives. Mark had been sick but he was one of those people that you never expected to leave this earth. Someone you could always count on to be there. His funeral service was on Saturday and Bill and I sat in the last row of the church. His family and friends spent time telling stories of Mark and how he made a difference to them and so many others. Mark was a husband, brother, dad, grandfather, friend, colleague, and co-worker. And the service was very moving and special. But one aspect of Mark's life, one we were so involved with, was not mentioned during the service. You

see Mark was a member of the Humane Society and a friend to so many four-legged critters. And if you will read on, I would like to share with you the Mark we knew.

We met Mark ten years ago at the Valentine's Luncheon, one of the Humane Society's annual fundraisers, and he and Bill became instant friends. Bill is a little shy when first meeting people but Mark was the complete opposite and he would not let Bill be a wallflower. On that day, Bill started an adventurous journey with Mark that would leave him with memories he will always cherish. Bill learned about Mark's colorful life and realized his passion for animals. Mark had numerous dogs he and Phalby had adopted from the shelter and his home was filled with cats, both young and old, that Mark spent time with daily. We quickly realized that Mark was willing to help in any way he could from adopting, fostering, driving transports, cleaning kennels, taking cans for recycling and making repairs to the shelter. Some of Bill's best memories are from the various transports.

Between the two of them, Mark and Bill drove to New Jersey, Michigan and Madisonville, Tennessee totally 20 transports and almost 500 dogs given a 2nd chance at life. The drives

were never dull. Mark would give Bill his daily Bible lesson on each trip and Bill was amazed at how much Mark knew about God's Word. The drives to the destinations were often filled with Bill driving and Mark talking. Something that always made me smile when Bill returned and shared some of the things Mark talked about. The return trips were always eventful because Mark had things he wanted to do on the way back. When going to Michigan, they took a detour to Lake Michigan and stopped at every little side road and stand they saw on the way. Mark would speak to everyone and before they left, he had made yet another friend. On one occasion coming back from Michigan, Mark was driving and of course, talking. He missed their turn off and before they knew it, they were sight-seeing in Chicago. It took them a little longer to get back on that trip. They only went to New Jersey once because Mark said it was too far to drive without making a couple of stops. It was that trip that Mark fell asleep at the wheel and he told everyone Bill saved their lives when he grabbed the wheel and steered the van back on the road. It was also on that same trip that the boys made a stop in Gettysburg, which they will both always remember. Mark and Bill made the drive to Madisonville more than any other and loved to stop and buy honey on their return trip. They had their favorite restaurants and before each trip, Bill would meet Mark in McEwen where he would always bring sweet rolls and sausage biscuits to eat on the way. I never knew what stories Bill would share upon his return but I knew they would be exciting. The Humane Society would not have been able to do what we did without the help

of these transports which earned Mark, Bill, and Ray Pruitt the James Warren Service Award in 2019 for saving so many lives.

Mark and Phalby were also given the Anna Dickson Volunteer Award in 2016 for the help they gave the animals in a variety of ways. If a dog needed fostering, we would always check with Mark and Phalby first. They liked to take in dogs that needed help such as senior dogs or Calhoun, the tripod. Many of the dogs, like Calhoun, never left. When the cans started to pile up at the Shelter, Bill and Mark would bag the cans and take them to be weighed and bring the check back to the Humane Society. We needed some dog houses at the Shelter and Mark volunteered to make them. When we needed someone to take cats to PetSmart for adoption and to clean the kennels, Mark would always be there. When Bill first met Mark, he had eighteen cats that he loved and cared for daily. In his early days, Mark did a lot of deer hunting but as he got older, shooting a deer held no thrill so he spent his last years buying corn and feeding the deer in his back yard. Mark was also Bill's partner when we drove the van in parades. If there was a parade, Mark was in it. He loved tossing candy to the spectators as Bill drove. The last parade was Veter-



an's Parade in 2023. Mark was truly a friend of the animals. The Humane Society, as an organization, will miss not seeing him at our meetings and fundraisers. But more than that, Bill will miss his weekly lunches at Damo's with Mark and I will miss his phone calls just to chat. He was a true friend and around him, you were never a stranger. The family has asked those who wish to make a donation in his memory, please send to Humane Society 112 Young Road, Waverly, TN 37185. In honor of Mark and all the things he has done over the years to help the animals, we are extending our free spay and neuter to sixty animals. Please contact the Shelter to see if you qualify. Even in his death, Mark will be happy to know he continues to help the animals.

A big Paws Up to those who attended the Valentine's Luncheon. We had a record number of meals provided and are looking for a bigger event next year. Our Yard Sale is scheduled

for 17th, 18th, 19th and 21st of April so mark your calendars. We will have more details in upcoming articles so do not forget to get those News Democrats!

Pinky and Daisy are still at the shelter, waiting for a foster or better yet, a family. As time passes, things get worse and worse for these girls. Please, if you can help either one of them, contact the shelter. Neither are perfect and will need some time to decompress before feeling completely safe. And Daisy needs a home without other dogs or cats.

Remember Phalby Walker as she moves forward without Mark. Celebrate Mark's life and be thankful if you knew him because if you did, he counted you as a friend. Remember the dogs and cats who need love and homes. More than anything else, love one another and pray for each other as we work daily to make our community a better place to live and a better life for those who call this home.



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Happenings on the Hill

The Museum Welcomes Salter's Chapel AME Church
On the crisp afternoon of Saturday, February 1, the Humphreys County Museum & Civil War Fort hosted a number of Salter's Chapel AME Church's congregation for several hours for a fun and informational tour. The Salter's Chapel group included 19 "youth and youth-at-heart" members of



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enthusiastic and inquisitive attendees.

Museum Curator Ted Rice led the tour through the Butterfield House, Slayden War Building, old Post Office, and Earthen Fort while being delt a succession of questions and comments at every turn. "There were so many interesting and inquisitive comments and questions in every room, in each building by members of all age groups" commented Ted, "and it was a

pleasure to address each one."

Many of the guests were fascinated by locating the names of relatives displayed on lists, newspapers, or photos of those who participated in WWII, and with the equipment used "back then." Of course, several of the younger in attendance took great pleasure in ringing the bell, now displayed in the Butterfield House, which was initially located at the

wooden bridge in Johnsonville which was burned during the Civil War battle there. Following the completion of the tour, thanks and appreciation was expressed by all.

The Salter's Chapel AME Church has invited Ted Rice to address the congregation Sunday, February 23, regarding black history in our local area, and would be delighted to extend an invitation to all.

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Stephen “Steve” Edward Matlock

Stephen “Steve” Edward Matlock, age 61, of McEwen, TN passed away at his residence surrounded by his loving family on Monday, February 3, 2025. He was born on January 30, 1964. Steve was a man of true character. A man who helped so many. Whose legacy will continue on. Steve’s life revolved around his wife, family, and friends. Hunting and the outdoors has always been his passion. The world was better with him in it. He will be missed, he will never be forgotten. He will always be loved.

Left to cherish Steve’s memory is his wife of 33 years, Angie Matlock of McEwen, TN; daughters, Alena Matlock (Matt Coleman) of Laverne, TN, Michaela Crafton of Camden, TN and Morgan Mayberry (Jed) of Waverly, TN; son, Mason Matlock (Ryley) of McEwen, TN; grandchildren, Addalynn Mayberry, Hudson Mayberry, Tyler Mayberry, and Liam Matlock; sister, Delilah King; brother, Mike Matlock (Becky); and his beloved furbabies, Bocephus and Evie.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Bertha Mae Matlock and Lush Edward Matlock.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. at Waverly Church of the Nazarene. (693 Airport Rd, Waverly, TN 37185).

Arrangements are entrusted to Luff-Bowen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made by visiting our website at luffbowen.com.



Mary Beth West Hernandez

Mrs. Mary Beth West Hernandez, age 63, of Dickson, Tennessee, passed away January 28, 2025, at TriStar Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tennessee. Beth was born November 19, 1961, in Waverly, Tennessee, to Wallace Buford and Mary Etta Dick West. She was employed as an Operator at Chemours in New Johnsonville, Tennessee. Beth loved hiking, especially in National Parks, arts and crafts, rock collecting, and she loved animals. She loved her grandchildren and greatly enjoyed watching them play in their sporting events. Beth made the “World’s Best Cheesecake!” She will be greatly missed by friends and family who loved her.

The family has chosen cremation. No public services will be held.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Joe Hernandez; and parents, Wallace and Mary West.

Survivors include her children, Sarah Humphreys (Zack) of Dickson, TN, Javan Patterson (Trudy) of Dickson, TN, Alex Patterson (Amanda) of Chattanooga, TN; brothers, Wallace “Buddy” West, II (Tamara) of Ponchatula, LA, Ben West (Michele) of Jackson, TN; sisters, Kathy Rice (Dennie) of McEwen, TN, Kim Lyttle (Gary) of New Johnsonville, TN; and grandchildren, Alexis Howell (Ethan), Emily McCartney, Kaeli McCartney, Sage Patterson, and Aubree Patterson.

Arrangements by Humphreys County Funeral Home (931-296-5955



Mark Thomas Morel

Mr. Mark Thomas Morel, age 71, of McEwen, TN, passed away Thursday, February 6, 2025, at his home. He was born on November 21, 1953, in Nashville, TN, to Thomas Morel and Jo Ann Williams Vester. Mark was a member of the Christ Community Church in McEwen and was a lifetime member of the Humphreys County Humane Society. He always enjoyed being outside, especially hunting, and he loved to collect various antiques. Mark never met a stranger and would never forget a story.

Mark dedicated 34 years of his life to a career as a signal maintainer for CSX, where he was known for his unwavering commitment, technical expertise, and reliability. His contributions not only ensured the safety and efficiency of many journeys but also left a lasting impact on his colleagues, who will serve as his pallbearers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Christ Community Church in McEwen with Mark’s friends and family officiating the service. Interment followed at Meadowlawn Cemetery in McEwen, TN.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Morel and Jo Ann Williams Vester; brothers, Christopher and Patrick Morel; and nephew, Captain Brent Morel.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Phalby Walker of McEwen, TN; stepdaughter, Jessica Mercer (Ian) of McEwen, TN; brother, Michael Morel (Molly) of Martin, TN; step grandchildren, Mark Mercer, Madelyn Russell (Patrick); step great grandchildren, Leighton Cook, Maverick Russell; several nieces and nephews; beloved dogs and kittens.

The family has requested no flowers; instead, they ask that memorials be made to Humphreys County Humane Society.

Arrangements by Humphreys County Funeral Home (931) 296-5955.



Stacy Lynette Bruce Tittle

Stacy Lynette Bruce Tittle, age 49 of Camden, TN, passed away at her residence on Friday, February 7, 2025. She was born in Camden, TN on November 21, 1975, to Priscilla and Thomas Bruce.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Thomas Leon Tittle of Camden, TN; mother, Priscilla Mae Thomas Bruce and father, Thomas Leslie Bruce, both of Sun Lake, AZ; and brothers, Nick Bruce of Queen Creek, AZ and Kenneth Bruce of Maricopa, AZ.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at Antioch United Methodist Church. (3116 West Antioch Road, Springville, TN 38256).

Arrangements are entrusted to Luff-Bowen Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made by visiting our website at luffbowen.com.



John Robert Macconi

John Robert Macconi, age 93, of Waverly, TN passed away peacefully at home in his grandson Aidan’s loving arms on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Born June 4, 1931 to the late Assunta Vinci Macconi and Giovanni Macconi, he was a very proud first generation Italian-American. He was a career DuPont employee for 48 years. Although his degree was in Chemistry from the University of Delaware he spent the primary part of his career in safety and environmental compliance.

John’s passions were traveling and photography. His adventurous spirit led him to many exciting world travels such as ziplining over Victoria Falls in Africa, African safari’s, trekking the Himalayas, climbing a peak near Mt. Everest, sailing to Antarctica and several Outward Bound survival trips. When asked where he was going next he would reply “some place I haven’t been.” On one of his adventures he booked specific flights so that he could circumnavigate the globe.

In his younger years he loved to hunt bear, moose, caribou and mule deer. But as he aged he preferred to watch his hummingbirds and “chase rainbows” with his grandchildren. His joy came from sharing his love of slapstick comedy and westerns with his grandchildren.

John was well known for being a social person who looked forward to his lively conversations every Tuesday night for Happy Hour at the home of John and Fran Birkhead, especially the bantering that would occur between him and Ms Annie Swafford.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of almost 40 years, Dianne Macconi of Waverly, TN; daughters Marcelle Mollick (George), Lisa Keim (Mark) and Janah Dotson (Riley); seven grandchildren, Gina Smith, Jeffrey Garber, Kevin Garber, Nicole Keim, Aidan Oakley (Audrey), Ayslin Dotson and Jude Dotson; 11 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren; sister Gloria Marandola.

Along with his parents, John is preceded in death by his siblings Roland Macconi, Pete Macconi, Horace Macconi, Laura Gagliardi and Rena Molinari.

Visitation was held on Friday February 14 at Luff Bowen in Waverly from 1pm - 5pm, Memorial Service followed at 5pm. Friends and Family spoke in tribute to the life and legacy of John.

A Celebration of John’s Life was held the following day on Saturday, February 15th from 4pm-8pm at the Waverly Café.

Arrangements are entrusted to Luff Bowen Funeral Home.

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James 5:16

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pray For Forgiveness
1 John 1:9

Pray For Healing
James 5:13-14

Pray For Strength
Matthew 26:41

Community Calendar

White Oak Women’s Exchange
The White Oak Women’s Exchange (WOWE) will meet on Friday February 21st at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall at Waverly United Methodist church, 115 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185. This is our monthly sewing program and meeting. Everyone Welcome!
Please note if Humphreys County Schools are closed due to weather, we do not meet.

24-Hour Food Pantry
Located at New Johnsonville Post Office. Items needed/available include hygiene products, canned foods, boxed or dried goods, non-perishables. Drop-off or pick up anytime.

Perry County Veterans Town Hall
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 2-5 pm. Azbill Community Center, 113 Factory Street, Linden, TN 37096. Join us to about VA programs like PACT Act, Caregiver Support Program and Woment Veteran Program. During free event, eligible Veterans can enroll in VA Health care and learn about additional VA Programs, services and benefits.

Hickman-Patterson American Legion Post #34
The following classes will be given on February 22, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the American Legion Hall.
Be Red Cross Ready- Preparedness, Hands only CPR (non-certification class) and Ready Rating (for businesses and organizations).

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On behalf of our daughter Tresa Garber Staggs who passed away February 2nd 2025 I would like to thank Luff Bowen Funeral Home for the service that they did. Would like to thank the Plant Church of Christ ladies and the Waverly Presbyterian Church ladies for the wonderful meal. Also Glen Hopkins and Pastor Dylan Simmons for the officiating of the service. A special thank you for all who came by to visit at the funeral home, cards, flowers, gifts, and phone calls. It means more than we can say. May God Bless you all.

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FAITH COLUMN

Lord Forgive Me And I Will Be Clean

God’s love and His provision of eternal salvation is the greatest peace and security we could ever hope for. We heard His truth, became convicted, we saw our need for a Savior, and by faith we repented of our sin, and cried out for Him to save us. Second Corinthians assures us that when we receive Jesus as our Lord, our old spirit becomes converted into a brand new creation.

Within this process, we became a child of God and our names were written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. How do we know this? Because the Bible teaches in many places including John 3:16, that whoever places their trust in God shall be saved. After we repent and are baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit, God’s plan is for us to grow strong in our faith, and become spiritually mature as the goal is

to take on His nature and character – to be like Him.

If there comes a time when we intentionally step off the narrow path, we can become what is called lukewarm or backslidden. I sing an old song called, “Your drifting too far from the shore” which is saying the Lord is beckoning for you to come back to Him. Yes, we all sin, but this does not mean we are lost again. The Holy Spirit will always convict God’s children to repent and then lead them back into a right relationship with Him. Remember the passage in Matthew 18:12 where Jesus leaves the ninety-nine to bring the one wayward sheep back into the fold. He loves His children and will never give up on us when we stray.

Romans chapter 6 explains about the transformed life and the dangers of sin after we are born-again. We should be encouraged to know that we cannot be made to disobey God as sin cannot overcome us or hold us captive any longer. Verse 14 says, “For sin shall not have dominion over you: you are no longer under the law, but now under His grace.”

Verse 16 makes it clear that if we are drawn back into the darkness of disobedience, it’s because we made the decision to follow the enemy and turn away from God. “Don’t you realize that you choose your own master? You can embrace sin and death or obedience to God. The one to whom you offer yourself, they will be your master, and you will be their slave. Do you not comprehend that when you yield yourselves to either God or the devil, your behavior reveals the one you truly love?”

The point is that when we sin, we do not need to be saved and baptized again, we simply need to be sorrowful for our rebellion and to repent for how we allowed our carnality to control us and disappoint Him. Sin should make the child of God nauseated and if it does not convict us, that individual has lost their reverential fear of God’s holiness. He is faithful to forgive and restore all those who are sincere. Grace allows us to be reconciled, and rededicate our promises to love and serve Him and be restored in our personal relationship with Him.

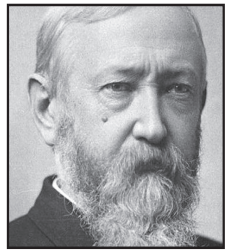
First John 1:6-10 reminds us of His willingness to forgive and reconcile us back to Him. Verse nine says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Psalm 51 is a beautiful collection of verses for repentant prayer. Verses 10-12, “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and sustain me by your mercy.”

Romans chapter 6 is such an amazing explanation of how a Christian has died to sin and is buried with Christ in His death. Then we are resurrected into a new creation as Christ rose from the dead by the glory of God the Father. Now when God sees us, He sees the righteousness of Christ. Romans 5:1-2 declares, that we have been justified by faith, which gives us joy and peace. May we wake up every morning and ask for an awareness of God’s

presence, that we might be focused on Christ and be willing to do His will. Yes, we will be tempted to sin,

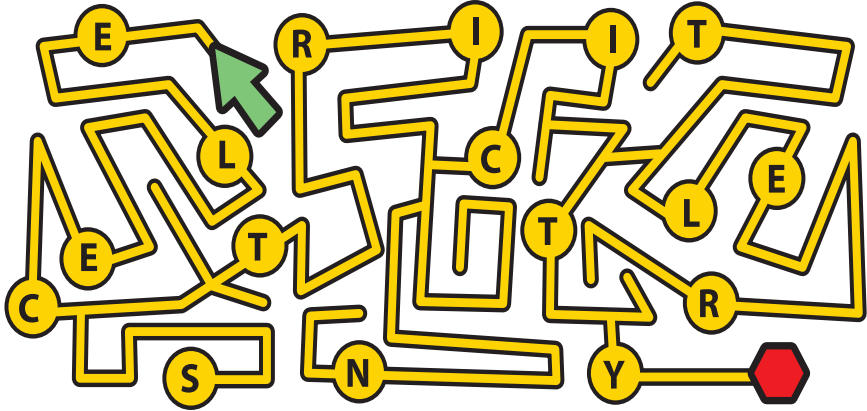
but we are always given the freedom to choose good or evil. Dr. Holland is a minister,

chaplain, and Christian author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhol-landministries.com.



Not for President Harrison!

Benjamin Harrison, our 23rd president, was the first president to have this in the White House. However, he was so scared of it—he never used it! What was it? The letters along the correct path on the maze spell the answer.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

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Jesus answered, Verily, verily,
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McEwen Senior Center News

evelynLEE
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Last Friday was our Gospel/Potluck and we missed a few folks, however we did have a couple of new faces. We welcome Candy Miller and Jim Long to our night of gospel/potluck fun. We only hope that everyone will be healthy enough to come back on March 7th for more fun. It was also a fun day on Monday when we started our Valentine week with BINGO and Rebecca Craft. She made it fun with 12 BINGO designs and when we would BINGO we gave a gift to another for a valentine friend, so everyone got a gift from a valentine friend. We encourage you all to join us every Monday for fun, however BINGO is 2nd & 4th Mondays while painting with Rita Poole is 1st & 3rd Mondays at 10am.

This Tuesday was our

Valentine luncheon and Rita Poole prepared heart shaped hamburgers and gravy. We also had so many side items to enjoy. There were so many valentine desserts that we had leftovers (cupcakes and strawberry cake). Marvin England gave us a blessing for our meal. We had our tables decorated with hearts filled with candy by Diane Baker. We elected a valentine king and queen which are Ed & Mary Lou Bauer (Congrats!). Marvin England's granddaughter Erica Parker came as a guest today and it was good to have her come by. Don't forget we will have a white elephant sale on March 29th. Also remember the seniors still play card games on the weekday afternoons, (except Wednesdays) around 2pm till they quit.

We would ask that you take time to pray for these folks: Ronnie England in hospice, Irma Shattuck, Ed & Mary Lou Bauer,

Virginia Napier, Marcia Simpson, Toad Smith, Sue Smith, David Stokes, Carol Hadley, Ralph Simpson, Clay Hilton (June Stewart's nephew), Jerry Baker, Joyce Burns, Linda Brazzle, Odie Profitt, Robert Charnock, Sandy Browning, Betty Haxton, Bobby Owens, Mary Hooper, Pat & Marcelle Neblett, Sherri Anglea, Bernadine Gray and Kevin Todd & Hyla Lee. Folks in the nursing home and assisted living are as follows: Herb Capps, Abbie Deck, Dot Holloran, Brenda Nichols, Mary Lana Adams, Laura Hooper, Jametta Grady and Rose Uptain. We also pray for the Military: Dustin Proctor as well as many others that are unnamed. I would also like to take time to acknowledge the birthdays for February: Gary Walker 3rd, Cynthia Stewart 4th, Ed Bauer 4th, Gail Smith 8th, Candy Seaton 14th, Douglas Simpson 17th, Odie Profitt 21st and Bonnie Mathis 22nd. We



VALENTINE FUN - left to right: standing: 2024 Queen Mae Phy, seated: 2025 Queen Mary Lou Bauer, seated: 2025 King Ed Bauer, standing: 2024 King Harry Williams).

would also like to pray for all those that help others whether they are first responders or just volunteers. Thank you to all that make it possible to have the

center, so the seniors have a place to enjoy everyday life with their many friends. Thank you to the ones that help with the luncheons, exercises, fundraisers and

many other things. Today's prayer: Loving God, thank you for sending sunshine to brighten our days and rain to sustain all your beautiful creation. Amen.

President's Day

Back when I was much younger, we celebrated two Presidents birthdays in February. George Washington, our 1st President born

McEwen Happenings

Sandy Browning

on February 22, 1732 and Abraham Lincoln, our 16th President born on February 12, 1809. Both days were holidays and later things

changed and we now just have one government holiday, President's Day, on February 17th, celebrating all president's birthdays. In school, our teachers would cut out a profile of president Washington and Lincoln out of black construction paper, and we had these cut outs to help us celebrate and to remember our former presidents and their birthdays.

Congratulations to the Warriorette of the Week, Alicia Black. Alicia is such a sweet, caring young lady.

She is a great friend to others and tries and gives her very best everyday. Good job Alicia.

MHS had a talent show. The winners were:

Most Talented — Giselle Williams (Piano — “Interstellar”)

Most Entertaining — Dylan Green, Seth White, Rachael Lynch, Hayden Johnson, Hailee Betty, Paris Shoemake, Benton McClanahan, Sarah McLaughlin, Paisley Wehman, Trinity Claxton, Isabella Rickard, and Jesse Kilpatrick. They did a skit, a Trivia Game Show. I always enjoy young people displaying their talents and doing their best.

As I write this article,

it has been raining “cats and dogs” as the old saying goes. And more rain is predicted for the weekend...3-6 inches. For those who have lived through flooding, and have lost so much, this is a scary time. We pray that the efforts of cleaning up the creeks and flood areas has helped, and that homes will not be destroyed again. We are thankful for the updates that Jesse Davis, from McEwen Weather Center provides to keep us alert and prepared. I pray for safety for our community.

One never knows..there are people who pray for you without your presence and without your knowledge. Perhaps those prayers save you any times I your life. Be grateful for those prayers.

Waverly First Baptist called a new youth direc-

tor. We met Saturday night for a meet and greet session. All kinds of snacks were brought and we had a great time of fellowship, then we asked Ken Stutler to take the floor and tell about his previous ministries, how he came to know the Lord, and why he feels called to take this position. Ken has a lovely wife, Alyssa, and they are expecting their first baby in May. Be in prayer for this family as they accept this new position, and become residents of our county. Welcome Ken and Alyssa.

The McEwen High School A-team (Appreciation Team) celebrated Principal Appreciation Day earlier in the month with Mr. Jason Wallace. A delicious breakfast was served, he received hand written notes of appreciation, and they presented him with a gift certificate from The Farm Store. Part of their decoration said, “Our principal is the “cream of the crop”. Mr. Wallace, I think the students really like you. Thank you for a job well done.

The McEwen FFA story will air next week (Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. on RFD-TV) during a special two-hour program. RFD-TV visited the high school interviewing Ag students and teachers and these interviews will air for National FFA week.

Happy Birthday to Joanie Coleman 2/20, Heather Little 2/23; Jessie Parchman 2/24; Arlo Ridge 2/25; Tom Bob Hipshire 2/26; Susan Miller 2/27 and Skylar Suits 2/28. Hope you all have a blessed birthday.

Be in prayer for the following people. Don Shanley, Annette Marcum, Nancy Turner, Cheyenne Stewart, Vonda Burgess, Jerry Pangle, Timothy (Bubba) Tummins, Laura Hooper, Hank and Barbara Hurd, baby Prim Sanders, Judy Hale, Perky Pernell, DeAnn Pierce, Ruth Capps Young and myself. If you would like to be put on this prayer list, or submit news about your family, church happenings, community happenings etc., please phone or text me 931-622-3595.

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If you frequent downtown Waverly, whether it be for work or pleasure, you've probably come across a friendly orange and white tabby cat with a bell collar. If you work in that area, then you probably know him well. His name is Thomas, and he is a downtown staple.

Thomas the Cat was fortunate to be rescued by the Humphreys County Humane Society and brought to the Waverly Animal Shelter when he was a kitten. For whatever reason, he was not adopted as a kitten like his littermates, who arrived with him. He remained at the shelter until he was 18 months old.

Thomas's great adventures started when, one late winter day, Thomas had an

unintentional visitor at Waverly Animal Shelter. Opening the door where the cats and kittens were housed, the only thing that could be heard was an extremely vocal meow and a furry white leg beckoning to the back of the room from the last kennel. There he was, on his best behavior and asking for a family to call his own. The rest is history. Thomas had found his forever home. Thomas was adopted February 24, 2017, and entrusted to the care of Tim Patrick and Kesha Hill of McAdoo House.

Growing up at the Shelter, Thomas was very curious and ready for his big adventures but had not had the opportunity to see the world around him. He had never walked on grass or played in the leaves until he was adopted and released out into the playground, he now calls his own.

It was fortuitous that McAdoo House ended up with Thomas as its representative. McAdoo House has a rich history. It was built in 1878 by Attorney Hugh McAdoo who served as Speaker of the Tennessee Senate. It was then owned by State Comptroller Peter Pickard starting in 1883. One of the lesser visible features of the beautiful establishment is brick walls that are a foot thick. It was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. It seems that McAdoo House is destined to have a "man about town" within its list of charms and offerings. Today Thomas can be found among the beautiful foliage and landscaping surrounding the establishment that now serves as a venue for a multitude of occasions. Thomas says it is well worth reaching out and seeing what they may offer for your special occasion.

Years later, Thomas, who is sometimes jovially called "The Meowyer of Waverly", makes his rounds. Just to mention a few of his stops,

Thomas can be spotted at Waverly City Hall and 911 office to see Joela and Sherry and Waverly Police Officers, Porch Stribling and Webb to say hello to Ansley and Jaquita, The Boardwalk even though he was not allowed inside because he didn't have his ID on him, and After Glow Salon to see Brittany. There are many more visits Thomas regularly makes, but you get an idea of his route.

This young man has wet cat food, then dry to snack on. His favorite treat, Temptations MixUps, is a surefire way to get his attention. He is definitely high maintenance when it comes to food! Thomas is not ashamed to have pretention about his water preferences either. Mr. Thomas will not drink water out of a bowl like normal cats; he has his own water fountain he drinks out of at MacAdoo house and otherwise enjoys drinking from a water hose. No stagnant water for him!

He also enjoys playing in boxes and with paper, be-



A FAN OF THOMAS- One of the many perks of Ansley Graves' work with Porch-Stribling-Webb, Inc. is getting regular visits from Thomas.

ing the scholarly man about town he is.

If you happen to spot Thomas while you are in his area, say hello and give him a nod. He is a friend to all and lives a very happy and full life.

We would like to give a special thank you to Ansley Graves with Porch-Strib-

ling-Webb, Inc. for bringing the story of Thomas to our attention. We also would like to extend a thank you to McAdoo House's Kesha Hill for supplying his background information and sharing the story of her companion, as well as sharing such a charismatic young man with all of us.



LOUD AND CLEAR- The day Thomas was adopted, Kesha Hill didn't even have to see another cat. She knew going in that she wanted one who was not a kitten and needed a home that would have been easier for a kitten to find. Walking through the door in the cat area of Waverly Animal Shelter, the cat who would be named Thomas made it loud and clear, quite literally through the waving of a paw and very loud meowing, that he was the one for the job.



FELINE NOTIONS- Thomas is the definition of a perfect model. He is able to make any surroundings enhanced with his presence alone.





Congratulations to Alicia Black for being our Warriorette of the Week.



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Happy President’s Day!

President’s Day is always the 3rd Monday in February. I think it is a holiday that is often forgotten. I know myself when men-

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Wendy Lee

tioning it to people, they didn’t realize it. This was originally created to honor the founder of our country George Washington. Many workers have the day off from work and students got a day off from school. Please continue to pray for all that are in need.

Charlie and Dana Musick enjoyed visiting Natchez, MS, and Galveston, TX. From Galveston they boarded a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico. They visited Mayan Ruins, a bee sanctuary and went on a chocolate tour. There were live shows and great food every night. It was a wonderful trip.

In case you haven’t heard the news yet Waver-

ly Cash Saver is now back in the pizza business. Plaza Pizza is up and going. Be sure and check out Waverly Cash-Saver’s Facebook page. You can view the full menu there and also in the store.

The Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Of Waverly Central High School are hosting a Shoe Drive. They can use any type, any size, gently used or new. This is actually a fundraiser for their group. The shoes will then be sent to developing countries. The shoes can be sent to school with any student or dropped off at the main office. Mrs. Rebecca Porch is coordinating this project.

Humphreys County Dixie League Baseball and Softball sign ups began Saturday February 15th. Please see their Facebook page for a complete schedule. Sign ups will be held at the Allen Sports Complex in Waverly. These teams are for ages 4 to 18.

Mark your calendars ahead of time. Saturday

March 1st will be the 3rd annual Old Time Pig Butchering at Overholt’s. Call or text 615-268-4375 to sign up for the day.

Waverly Church of Christ has opened their Enrichment Center to everyone. It is open Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm. Stop by during those hours and get your steps in. Nineteen laps around the center equals one mile.

Trace Creek Baptist Church will host their annual Daughter of the King Ball. It will be held on Friday February 28th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. It will be an evening for daughters and dads filled with dinner and dancing. See the Trace Creek Baptist Church Facebook page for registration by February 23rd.

There will be A Hippie Hooper Memorial Sporting Clay Event on March 15th. Proceed will go towards the Wheaties kids Christmas program. It will be held at Cross Creek Clays in Palmyra. Please contact Scott Buchanan for details: 931-622-1287.

The Humphreys County Humane Society has a booth at Reclaimed Off Main. They are in need of items for their booth. Clean, unbroken, used or new items will be welcomed. Please send a message on the Human Society Facebook page.

The Waverly Animal Shelter is always in need. They are in need of cleaning supplies, pet food and treats. Volunteers are needed to foster dogs and cats. If you have time to cuddle a puppy or take a dog for a walk then the shelter is the place for you. Stop by soon and see what you can help with. Call for more information, 931-296-7319.

Happy Birthday to all that have birthdays this week. May you have a wonderful day and a blessed year.

Please contact me with your news. Call 931-296-7441, email pondmoma2@yahoo.com, message on Facebook, or mail info to P.O. Box 955, Waverly, TN 37185.

Prayers that we all have a blessed week.



kenSMITH
Contributor

Area waterways saw a rise in levels with the rainfall we have been blessed with. Kentucky Lake is predicted to rise into the 357 ft. levels this week, with strong flows predicted between 80-120,000 cfs. Both the Duck and Buffalo Rivers saw a drastic rise, with the duck river rising 10 plus feet over normal. The Cumberland River at Dover and Clarksville is predicted to rise about 10 ft. over the weekend (Feb 15th), with a flow over 80,000 cfs. Surface water temps the first week of February rose into the low 50’s, but with the return of winter, expect most areas to return into the mid 40’s.

I did get a chance to get out and chase the crappie last week, and did come up with a few keepers. The crappie seemed to be scattered, as the water temps were in the 50’s, and had moved into water depths of around 11 ft., slow was the norm for enticing the fish into biting, and seemed to do better when fishing near the bottom. I did see a few bass showing up on my sonar in the same areas I crappie fish, along old creek channel drops and humps inside the bays. With the strong flow we are seeing on the main rivers, expect many fish to move into the protected areas out of the strong flows. The white bass should start their annual spring migration towards spawning areas as the water warms back up. Some are being taken at “outflow areas” where impoundments are releasing water. The Duck River is an important spawning area for white bass, and often late February and throughout March are good times to catch them. I haven’t heard any information on how the Sauger have been doing, with the strong current, I do expect it to be too difficult to fish for them this week. And they will begin their spawning activities once water temps rise and stay in the low 50’s, which is usually late February into March. As

the Sauger spawn, they will stop feeding and become hard to catch. Trout stocking will begin at the end of this month. Local streams will be stocked during the last week of this month, and will be re-stocked through April. Areas include: Humphreys County, Hurricane Creek at Loretta Lynn’s Ranch (at the Mill), and Tumbling Creek. Houston County Hurricane and Whiteoak Creek (Rainbow and Magnolia Bridge), Stewart County at Standing Rock Creek, Dickson County at Montgomery Bell State Park at Acorn Lake, and Montgomery County at various Fort Campbell streams. If fishing for trout, individuals 13 yrs. - 64 yrs. old must have in addition to the regular fishing license, a trout license \$21. Senior citizen license holders do not need a trout license, nor do children 12 yrs. and younger, or those fishing with a junior fishing license (age 12-15yrs).

We are around a month out for the opening of the spring Turkey season, with the Juvenal hunt April 5-6th, and the regular hunt starting on April 12th-May 25th. The delay in the hunting season was implemented to help

in reproduction in wild turkeys, as many areas across the state have seen a drop in the turkey populations. The idea is that when the season starts early in the breeding cycle, the “boss gobbler” who has had to fight for dominance throughout the winter and spring, gets taken out, the other gobblers now have to fight to gain the top position for the top breeding rights, and that could influence the hens getting breed, resulting in a lower nesting success. We are coming up on some fur auctions and sales in March, the fur market is expected to be down from last year, due to many factors. A couple of sales upcoming are: Fur Harvesters Auction INC out of Canada (www.fur-harvesters.com) and United Trappers of Kentucky (www.Kentuckytrappers.com) as the results come in next month, I will try to keep everyone updated on the prices. Last year the Kentucky Trappers sale saw average prices; raccoon-\$1.59, Gray Fox-\$8.13, Red Fox-\$6.65, Mink-\$2.47, Skunk-\$9.04, Beaver-\$30.79, Coyotes-\$3.78, Bobcat-\$40.69, and otter-\$28.24 with Caster averaging \$14.49.


Area outdoor activities; TWRA Elk Quota Hunt application period through Feb 26th (TnWildlife.org), Trapper BOW Education event on March 28-29th at Buffalo Ridge Refuge in Humphreys County for women (TnWildlife.org), Fort Donelson “Civil War Symposium” at Fort Donelson in Dover

on Saturday, February 22nd. (931-561-5031 or 931-801-4530), TN Mad Catters on March 2nd at Cuba Landing Marina, also the local Wild Turkey Banquets are; LBL Longbeards on March 1st at Stewart County Visitor Center in Dover (Jeff Hancock 615-948-2308), North Central Chapter Banquet on March 7th at Wilma Rudolph Event Center, 8 Champion Way Clarksville Tn. 37042 (Jereme Odom 931-216-3800), Buffalo River Longbeards Banquet on March 14th at Azbill Community Center 113 Factory Street Linden TN 37096, Three Rivers Banquet on April 5th at JERA building New Johnsonville, TN 37134 (Eric Fuller 931-622-3521).

HUMPHREYS COUNTY
ARREST REPORT


The Following is the Humphreys County Arrest Report Summary for the week of February 3 – February 9, 2025. The arrest report is a matter of public record at the Humphreys County Sheriff’s Office. Individuals listed in the report are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This record reflects all county law enforcement agencies.

- Grays, Roshea Lamonte Jr.: DORSL
- White, Kevin Wade: DORSL
- Lewis, Kamaron D: DORSL, FTA
- Hoover, Heather Renee: VOP
- Hunter, Geralisha Annice: Poss of Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange
- Hall, Anthony Lewis: Simple Possession/Casual Exchange
- Welker, William Robert: Aggravated Assault X2
- Hooper, Daryl Stephen: False Reports/Statements
- Bradford, Jackie Joel Jr.: VOP
- Brock, Jerry Wayne: DUI, Violation of Implied Consent
- Jewell, Jacob Lee: DORSL
- Najafabadi, Homayoon Karshenas: DORSL
- Mason, Shandra Nicole: DORSL
- Tarp, Bella Leilani: Child Abuse or Neglect (If Violent) X2
- Reece, Michael Lee: VOP
- Chappell, Stephen Lynn: VOP
- Corrales, Antonio: DORSL, Removal of Registration Decal or Plate, Speeding 21 MPH Over Limit
- Ealy, Tomeisha NMN: DORSL, FTA
- Hayes, Aaron Daniell: VOP
- Hairston, Paris Kennard: FTA, Poss of Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession/Casual Exchange
- Smith, Diana Joy: DORSL, FTA X2
- Catt, Scott Leon Ross: DORSL
- Gonzales, Deana Michelle: Simple Possession/Casual Exchange, Speeding Warning Only
- Jeffrey, Nathan Dell: Violation of Parole
- Durdin, Bethel Annette: DORSL, Financial Responsibility Law, Registration Violation
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- Jones, Alec Ryan: MANF/SELL/DELIVEERY/POSSESS of Meth, VOP
- Lucas, Harold Wayne: Simple Possession/Casual Exchange
- Allen, Russell Eric: VOP
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- Holston, Daniel Luther: Domestic Assault
- Huffman, Jason Eric: DORSL, Falsification of Drug Test Result, Poss of Drug Paraphernalia, Speeding 21 MPH Over Limit
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