



East Hardin Elementary Students play doctors

2nd grade students at East Hardin Elementary performed "contraction surgeries."

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HCHS evens record at 1-1

The Hardin County Big Maroon Tigers evens their 2025 record at 1-1 after rolling over the KIPP Memphis Phoenix Friday, Aug. 29.

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Pickwick Landing State Park

PLSP is seeking volunteers to help cleanup the park's river and shorelines on Saturday, Sept. 6.

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New findings implicate Sheriff Pusser in wife's murder

New evidence suggests that famed McNairy County Sheriff Buford Pusser may have murdered his wife, Pauline Pusser on August 12, 1967.

Note: The Courier staff watched the livestream video from Mark E. Davidson's, District Attorney General, 25th Judicial District of Tennessee, Facebook page, on Friday, Aug. 29, which is where most of the following information stems from.

Davidson announced on Friday, Aug. 29, that investigators uncovered major inconsistencies in Pusser's account and believed that if Pusser were alive today, the TBI could produce an indictment against him for the murder of his wife.

"The dead cannot carry out justice, it is up to the living," said Davidson, and that "justice was a long time coming."

He called Pauline's killing "not an accident" but "an act of intimate, deliberate violence."

The story of Pauline's death helped to make Buford a legend in West Tennessee, and the U.S., as he has been portrayed as a sheriff who took on the State Line Gang and other lawbreakers in McNairy County by primarily using a big walking stick. Several books and movies, notably

"Walking Tall," films, helped to portray Pusser as a larger than life personality who battled criminals even if it threatened his or his family's lives.

While rumors have been circulating for decades that Sheriff Pusser was responsible for his wife Pauline's death official reports have stated that it was Buford's "fight against

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Hardin County Travel Snapshot (2024)

Values represent the direct impact for both domestic and international travel

Direct Visitor Economic Impact

Spending	\$49,403,700
Employment	339
Labor Income	\$9,214,600
State Taxes	\$2,636,300
Local Taxes	\$2,165,300

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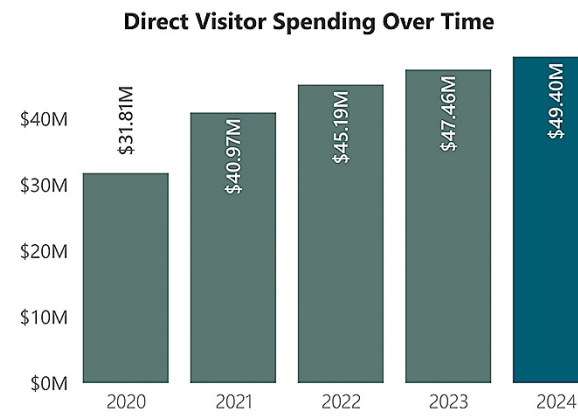
County Rank

2024 visitor spending ranking compared to all 95 counties.
Previous Rank: 39

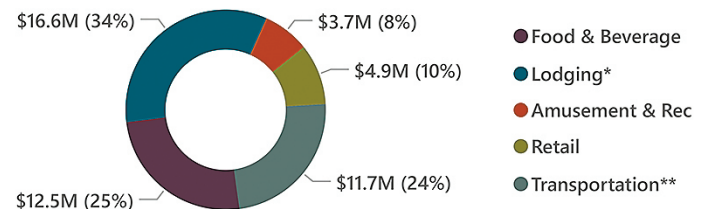
Daily Tourism Impact

On an average day, visitor spending generated:

- \$135,353 in daily expenditures
- \$25,245 in daily labor income
- \$7,223 in daily state tax collections
- \$5,932 in daily local tax collections



Direct Visitor Spending by Industry



This economic impact report attributes 6.79% of retail and non-retail sales in Hardin County to travel and tourism.

* A small portion of Lodging comes from second home spending

** Transportation includes both ground and air transportation

What is "direct visitor spending" and why does it matter?

Direct visitor spending are those dollars that a visitor exchanges with businesses in the five categories shown in the pie chart (below). It does not include indirect spending (ex: B2B purchases) or induced spending (ex: employee wages spent in the local economy). Visitor spending injects real money into the local economy and generates taxes for local and state government budgets.

Hardin County tourism spawned close to \$50 million in spending

Visitors to Hardin County generated \$49,403,736 in spending last year according to data released by Tennessee's Tourism and Economics and the Tennessee Department of Tourism Development last week.

The report was released on Monday, Aug. 27, and the almost \$50 million of spending by tourists in the county represents a 4.09% increase of spending from 2023.

"Tourism continues to be Hardin County's strongest economic engine, and these numbers prove just how impactful our visitors are. With nearly \$50 million spent here in 2024, we're not only supporting local businesses and creating jobs, but also easing the tax burden on our residents. Hardin County's beauty, history, and outdoor adventure keep drawing visitors, and we're proud to see that momentum growing year after year," Director of the Hardin County Convention and Visitors Bureau Beth Pippin said.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- Direct visitor spending in Hardin County generated \$2,636,324 in state tax revenue and \$2,165,328 in local tax revenue.
- If it were not for state and local taxes generated by tourism, each household in Hardin County would pay \$443 more in state and local taxes.
- Hardin County ranked 39 among the 95 counties in Tennessee based on visitor spending.
- Research conducted by Tourism Economics, is commissioned by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. The data highlights the impact of visitors within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Hardin County.
- "I'm so grateful to our amazing tourism and hospitality industry for these remarkable results," said Mark Ezell, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. He added, "The Tennessee

Tourism team has been able to leverage bigger tourism budgets to help grow visitor spending over 36% in these last six years. We are leading the nation as one of just a few states that are aggressively growing tax revenue from non-Tennessee residents to benefit all seven million Tennesseans."

Statewide, Tennessee's tourism industry broke records for the fourth consecutive year in 2024, generating \$31.66 billion in direct visitor spending and welcoming 147 million visitors.

2024 Statewide Highlights:

- Tennessee saw a 12% year-over-year increase in international travel spending. This is notable because the report does not consider impacts from new direct flights from Iceland and Ireland added in Spring 2025.
- Those impacts will not appear until next year's report.
- 74 out of 95 counties saw year-over-year growth.
- Tennessee direct visitor

spending has grown 36.6% over 2018 compared to the US AVG growth of 17.4% per data from Tourism Economics.

Tourism is a powerful economic driver across all 95 counties, generating \$3.3 billion in combined state and local tax revenue.

Tourism boosts local economies, supports businesses and jobs, funds public services and creates a better quality of life for all Tennesseans.

The 2024 Economic Impact on Travel Report analyzes statewide spending and visitation from domestic and international travelers to Tennessee.

The report includes methodology used to determine visitor spending, tax generation, job creation and more.

The Tennessee Travel Impact Interactive County Dashboard provides instant access to key metrics, statewide and by county, about the economic impact of travel to Tennessee.

All data is sourced from the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and — See Tourism, page 10A

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AM Showers
High: 76 Low: 56

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High: 85 Low: 54

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 83 Low: 60



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Pusser

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time,” that led to her death.

In 1967, Sheriff Pusser and his wife Pauline were ambushed while driving down a rural Tennessee road, in an attack he said was meant for him. Pusser said he was shot in the face and that his wife was killed.

The TBI is now stating that based on evidence discovered over the last two plus years, that it is likely Buford's story was not true.

TBI officials stated that evidence suggests Pauline was shot outside of the vehicle and later moved inside the vehicle. Evidence also suggests the gunshot wound Buford received was self-inflicted. Both of these discoveries vary from Pusser's accounts detailing when his wife was murdered.

Last week's announcement is available on District Attorney Mark E. Davidson's Facebook page and the TBI stated that the autopsy and findings report will be released in full to the public, after redactions are made and in accordance with Tennessee's Open Records Law.

Additionally, do to the nature and interest of the case, UTM will digitally have the files available to search online through its digital archives, but it will take "some time."

Family Reactions

The Courier did receive a statement from Buford and Pauline's granddaughter, Madison Garrison Bush, Friday

evening, Aug. 29.

Bush statement shares her feelings that any new findings in her grandmother's murder death does not help her family.

Bush said, "The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has released autopsy results of my grandmother, Pauline Pusser, that suggest she did not die in the manner that has been believed since 1967. These findings have led Tennessee's 25th Judicial District Attorney General Mark Davidson to suggest that her husband, my grandfather, Buford Pusser, if alive today would be indicted for her death. I personally never knew Buford or Pauline and cannot speak to their relationship or what happened on the morning of August 12, 1967. What I do know, is my family has endured traumatic loss that few people can comprehend. A dead man, who cannot defend himself, is being accused of an unspeakable crime."

She continued, "I don't understand what justice can be accomplished by pursuing this theory of my grandmother's death. Our family has been through enough pain and loss because of my grandfather's law enforcement career and we aren't looking to reopen closed wounds."

Pauline's brother, Griffon Mullins, however, said in a video played at the press conference that he was thankful for law enforcement's work seeking the truth of his sister's murder.

"I am devastated, you know it's been a long time

since she left, but I always had in my heart, I had a lot of time to think and look back at Pauline's life, and she didn't tell me a whole lot, she was not the type of person to tell you her problems, but I knew deep down that there were problems in her marriage."

He added, "Perfectly honest with you, I'm not totally shocked, and I would like to say how happy I am to have TBI and Mark Davidson, the District Attorney, to give me some of the news. I know in my heart that they had poured their life into this investigation. And I would like to tell the people, whoever side they are on in this case, accept the findings, which I am going to do, and finally get myself the closure after these 57 years."

Statement from the City of Adamsville

The City of Adamsville acknowledges the recent findings of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation regarding Buford Pusser on their Facebook page. The statement was as follows: While this information is not what we had hoped to receive, the City remains committed to addressing these matters in a responsible and transparent manner.

Mayor Jackie Hamm, in collaboration with the Board of Commissioners, will carefully review the implications of these findings and determine the appropriate course of action with respect to the Buford Pusser Museum and other related matters. This review will occur in a public study



Courier editor Jennifer Magie's photo of the Ambush Site of Sheriff Buford Pusser and Pauline Pusser taken in 2022.

session, followed by a public meeting, in order to ensure that all decisions are made openly and with full accountability.

The City of Adamsville values the input of its citizens and encourages community participation in this process. While the legacy of Buford Pusser has been a part of our identity, Adamsville is defined by much more. We are

a resilient and united community that prioritizes the well-being of our residents, the future of our children, and the continued growth and progress of our city.

Buford Pusser Museum

There's been speculation that Adamsville Buford Pusser Museum will be closing, the museum issued a statement on Facebook that any reports of them closing at this time is false.

The museum's Facebook page said the museum will be open this Thursday, Sept. 4, Friday, Sept. 5, Saturday, Sept. 6, during its regular business hours.

The Courier suggests you check back on their Facebook page or call the museum at 731-632-4080, to confirm the museum's opening dates.

The Courier will update this story in the following weeks.

"Southern Fried Funeral" auditions are this week

Auditions for Dreamweavers of West Tennessee's autumn production of "Southern Fried Funeral" will be held at Savannah's Historic Theater at 75 Court St., this Friday and Saturday.

No acting experience is needed, just come to the audition with your southern charm and maybe a little sass.

"Southern Fried Funeral" is a comedy about how southern funerals can bring out the worst, the best, and the funniest in people, and the Frye family is no exception.

Dewey Frye is dead and his wife Dorothy is left behind to pick up the pieces and hold her family together. If you love a good family feud, sweet tea, and southern wit, this one's for you.

The cast includes six women and five men, ages 18 and older as follows:

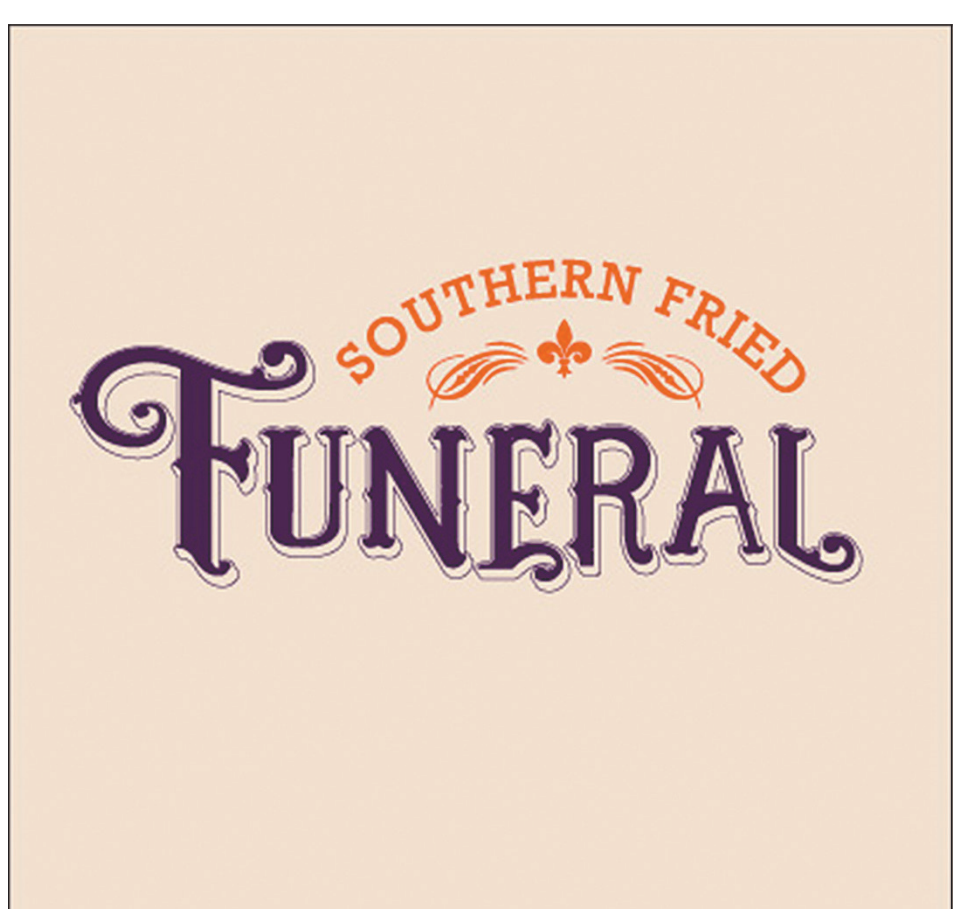
- Dorothy Frye: 50s/60s, Dewey Frye's widow and the matriarch of the family.
- Sammy Jo Frye: Lefette: 30s, the middle child and future president of the Junior League.
- Harlene Frye: 30s/40s, the oldest child and prodigal daughter.
- Dewey Frye Jr.: 20s, the youngest child and not the brightest bulb.
- Dub Frye: 50s/60s, Dorothy's brother-in-law.
- Atticus "Attie" Van Leer: 30s/40s, family lawyer and on-again-off-again love interest of
- Harlene Beecham Lefette: 30s, Sammy Jo's husband.
- Martha Ann Fox:

50s/60s, Dorothy's best friend, first name pronounced "Marthann."

- Fairy June Cooper: 50s/60s, contemporary of Dorothy and Martha Ann, they've been friends since high school.
- Benny Charles Greenwood: 50s/60s, best friend of Dewey Frye Sr.
- Ozella Meeks: 60s/70s, chairwoman of the SonShine committee at church, a position she does not take lightly.

Auditions will be held on Friday, Sept. 5, at 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 10 a.m.

Show Dates are October 17, 18, and 19. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the theatre from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Support St. Jude's at Pickwick Parrot Head Club's Annual Golf Tournament

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Pickwick's Parrot Head Club will be holding its 6th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser event this month, which supports St. Jude Research Children's Hospital.

The tournament will be held at Shiloh Falls Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 26, and Saturday, Sept. 27.

"Shiloh Falls Golf Club is newly open with 18 new holes. Participants in years past played 9 holes, so this year they will be playing a 18 hole course," said Event Organizer Jo Maness.

She added, "We have several new contests and events this year, including the chance to win a free car for the hole in one contest."

Last year businesses and organizations supported six high school teams to play during the event and for those interested the cost to sponsor the youth teams is \$500.

It is also \$500 for a four man team to play in the tournament's golf scramble.

Golf hole sponsorships are also available and those interested in playing or being a sponsor can download a registration form on the organization's

Facebook page.

A form can also be emailed by calling 731-212-1444.

"We are encouraging people to help Pickwick Parrot Heads support St. Jude's Hospital. We learned that over the last five years our golf tournament was able to raise more than \$57,000 for the hospital, which provides free services to children with cancer and other pediatric diseases, including treatment, travel, housing and food," Maness said.

Maness also invites people to join Pickwick Parrot Heads as they also raise funds to support many local charities in Hardin, McNairy and Tishomingo Counties.

"There are too many organizations to list but we have raised funds for Hardin County's Country Christmas, Sheltering Tree Ranch, McNairy County Children's Support Fund, Iuka's Food Bank, and more."

Maness said, "Join us. You will have a lot of fun while supporting good causes. That is our motto, 'Party with a Purpose.'"

Pickwick's Parrot Head Club holds its monthly "social meetings," on the first Friday of every month at Club 50 at Freddy T's in Pickwick, 12750 TN-57, Counce.





September 2025 Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5 Int'l. Day of Charity Nat'l. Cheese Pizza Day	6 Read a Book Day Beard Day
7 Grandparents Day MTV Video Music Awards Nat'l. Beer Lovers Day	8 Int'l. Literacy Day Star Trek Day	9	10 Suicide Prevention Day	11 Patriot Day	12 United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation	13 Selichot
14 Emmy Awards	15 Day of Democracy	16 Int'l. Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer Mexico Indep. Day	17 Constitution/Citizenship Day	18 AIDS and Aging Awareness Day Nat'l. Cheeseburger	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day MIA Recognition Day	20 Batman Day Nat'l. Pepperoni Pizza Day Oktoberfest (start)
21 St. Matthew Int'l. Day of Peace	22 Start of Fall Autumnal Equinox Rosh Hashana World Rhino Day	23 St. Padre Pio Int'l. Day of Sign Languages Nat'l. Voter Registration Day	24 Rosh Hashana Ends	25 Nat'l. Comic Book Day Nat'l. Daughter's Day Nat'l. One Hit Wonder Day World Maritime Day	26 Nat'l. Pancake Day Int'l. Day for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	27 Nat'l. Chocolate Milk Day World Tourism Day
28 Gold Star Mothers Day Nat'l. Drink Beer Day Nat'l. Son's Day World Rabies Day	29 Nat'l. Coffee Day World Heart Day	30 Int'l. Podcast Day Int'l. Translation Day				

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

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

September 4
District 3 Community Center; 491 Hinton Rd., Counce; Free Art Class sponsored by Dist. 3 Community Center and St. Peter's by the Lake Church; **1 p.m.-3 p.m.**

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

September 5
Parrot Heads Club; First Friday at Freddy T's - Club 50; **6 p.m.**

Historic Savannah Theater; 75 Court St.; Auditions for DreamWeavers' production of "Southern Fried Funeral"; no acting experience needed; **7 p.m.**

September 6
Historic Savannah Theater; 75 Court St.; Auditions for DreamWeavers' production of "Southern Fried Funeral"; no acting experience needed; **10 a.m.**

Cherry Mansion; 265 Main St.; 36th Annual Sunset Symphony; **5:30 p.m.**

September 8
Savannah Lion's Club; Mollie Monday's Restaurant; **6:30 p.m.**

September 9
Savannah Rotary Club; Mollie Monday's Restaurant; **12 p.m.**

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

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

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

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

September 11
The Colonel Joseph Hardin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Hardin County Library Welch Room; **10 a.m.**

Hardin County Republican Women; Mollie Monday's; 275 Eureka St.; Dutch lunch at 12 p.m.; everyone is welcome; **12 p.m.**

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

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

September 13
Burnt Church Community Center; 120 School Dr.; Annual Bluegrass Festival with 10 or more bands and open mic; bring a lawn chair; there is a small admission fee for those 12 and older; **12 p.m.-?**

September 14
Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA); Sheltering Tree Ranch; Airport Rd.; For information, 731-607-1569 or email drodney72@yahoo.com; **2:30 p.m.**

September 16
Mt. Vinson UM Church; 2379 Mt. Vinson Rd.; Stantonville; Shiloh Piecers Quilt Guild regular monthly meeting; email ShilohPiecers@gmail.com for more information; **10 a.m.**

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

HC Senior Center News

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We offer Dominoes daily, full fitness room, craft and sewing room, Hand and Foot on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Calendar subject to change
SEPTEMBER

4; 10 a.m.; Devotional with Arden
4; 10:30 a.m.; BINGO with Day
5; 10 a.m.; Movin' & Groovin'
8; 9 a.m.; Arthritis Exercise
8; 10 a.m.; Movin' & Groovin'
9; 9 a.m.; Chair Yoga
9; 10 a.m.; Bible Study with Joe Loncar
10; 8:30 a.m.; Pickleball
10; 9 a.m.; Arthritis Exercise
10; 9:30 a.m.; Watercolor
10; 10 a.m.; Movin' & Groovin'
11; 9 a.m.; Foot Care with Arden
11; 9:30 a.m.; Watercolor
11; 10 a.m.; Stepping into Fall at Tennessee Street Park
12; 10 a.m. Movin' & Groovin'
15; 9 a.m.; Arthritis Exercise
15; 10 a.m.; Movin' & Groovin'
16; 9 a.m.; Chair Yoga
16; 10 a.m.; BINGO with Haley
17; CLOSED (come to the Fair for Senior Day)
Hours of operation:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed all major holidays.

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pickwick Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

School Lunch Menu

Monday: Chicken and Waffle Sliders, Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla with Mexican Rice, Seasoned Green Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Apple Wedges, Frozen Mixed Berries, Cup Choice of Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Tenders, Fluffy Bridgford Roll, Cheeseburger, Pizza Snackable, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickle, Tater Tots, Broccoli with Cheese, Pineapple Tidbits, 100% Frozen Fruit Juice Sidekick, Choice of Milk

Wednesday: Stuffed Crust Cheese or Pepperoni Wedge Pizza, Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato and Pickle, Tiny Triangle Potatoes, Cucumbers and Grape Tomatoes, Sliced Pears with a Cherry, Fresh Strawberries, Choice of Milk

Thursday: Mini Corndogs, Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich, Creamy Coleslaw, Straight Cut Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Melon, Frozen Diced Peach Cup, 100% Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday: Breaded Steak Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, and Pickle. Travelin' Taco, Fritos Corn Chips, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Raisels, Choice of Milk

Elementary Breakfast

Monday: Wild Mike's Mini Cheesy Bites, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Blueberry Bash Mini Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Hot Ham and Cheese Slider, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Thursday: Chicken Chunks, Pop-Tart, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Friday: Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

Mark your calendar

September 19; Main Street downtown Clifton; Clifton Market on Main with local growers and artisans offering fresh produce, canned goods, handmade products and more; new vendors welcome; contact 931-213-4194; **5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.**

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School killings, we need more than prayer



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Satan will do anything. He knows no boundaries. He will do anything to kill or wound you or the most innocent, vulnerable people.

Little children sat in their school mass last week in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The students were at Annunciation Catholic Church which is also home to an elementary school. A shooter fired through stained glass windows into the church where students were attending mass, killing two and injuring

17 other people. They were in a place of reverence and worship. Yet, while they were inside a sanctuary of worship, in the middle of mass, an evil person invaded their sacred space and did the devil's work of killing and wounding. What should have been moments of devotion turned into death and despair.

I will not mention the shooter's name because doing so only fulfills his/her goal to die with some kind of sick, horrific fame.

Let us please continue to pray for the hurting families in Minnesota who will never escape the pain of losing their little children who were simply in school and in a

time of Christian worship.

No family or child should ever have to worry that going to school might end in their last day of life. Nor should anyone have to worry that going to church might be the most dangerous place they could ever be. Yet, we know that school and church shootings have become a sick routine of American life.

This has to be stopped. Please media people, please stop listing the names of those who commits such hellish acts.

Please, all school officials and church leaders, please know this only has to happen once to your local school or church. Once it does, you and your community will

never get over it. Please utilize every means of security. Take nothing for granted. Prevention is the key. Uniformed security is vital. Terrorist shooters are cowards. They prey on the unprotected and the unsuspecting. They prey on little children, an unarmed class of kids or a church filled with unarmed people. They do not want to deal with uniformed, armed guards. They look for the most vulnerable.

While many of us believe in prayer, it's time to do more. Faith without works is dead. Social Media giants like Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok, must start notifying police when posts are made that come across

as being threatening to society. People with such problems need to be placed in mental hospitals for treatment and observation. While we cherish free speech, we are past the day of tolerating speech that is filled with threats. Over a year ago someone said "President Trump should be placed in the bull's eye". That was soon followed up by someone almost successfully taking his life.

Parents must be in control of their houses. Know where every gun is and be sure they are locked up in safe places. Even if you have adult children living in your home you must be the ruler of the house. If they are living with you then you rule. Be a strict su-

pervisor of all weapons.

We also must have stricter gun control such as mental health evaluations for all gun purchasers under 25 and longer waiting periods for buying semi-automatic weapons. Home visits should be made 30 days after the purchase of a semi-automatic weapon. This home visit would be to personally counsel the owner of the weapon about the safety and care of the weapon and also to do a mental health assessment. This all sounds invasive but we can't keep saying just pray. It's time to do something.

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

Governance by threat, not constitutional order



Michael Barone
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The Constitution of the United States lays out a complex scheme of governance that has mostly worked for the 237 years since it became effective with the ratification of the ninth

state, New Hampshire, in 1788.

There have been exceptions, of course. Abraham Lincoln took extraordinary steps to quell the rebellion of 11 Southern states. Franklin Roosevelt disregarded judicial precedent and daily reset the price of gold by whim.

President Donald Trump, in his second term, has been doing something like the same thing by employing

threats of actions outside traditional norms to get others to do things in ways he wants. And quite effectively, so far.

He has relied on an adventurous interpretation of the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act to raise tariffs on nations friendly and hostile. Many have responded positively, meekly accepting imposts and mouthing insincere praise.

He has said he's firing

a member of the Federal Reserve board of governors, despite ambiguous statutory authorization and admonitory language in a Supreme Court opinion suggesting the president's right of dismissing executive branch personnel doesn't cover the Fed. But financial markets seem not to have taken umbrage, and the Fed chairman has moved to lowering interest rates, as Trump has been de-

manding.

But his most effective governance by threat has been on deporting illegal immigrants. By sending one illegal (described in headlines as "Maryland father") to El Salvador and threatening to send others to its notorious prisons, by picking public fights with "sanctuary city" officials, by showing (in some cases justified) contempt for decisions of federal judges, he seems to have prompted the departure of hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants from the United States.

The evidence, as always with illegal immigration, is not precise. But it comes from diverse sources, which have earned some respect for rigorous analysis.

The Pew Research Center, in a report released last week, estimated that the nation's "unauthorized" immigrant population increased from 10.2 million in pre-COVID-19 2019 to 14 million in 2023, plus an estimated 3 million in 2023-24.

The Center for Immigration Studies, which has urged greater restrictions on immigration, in an Aug. 12 report, pointed to Census Bu-

reau estimates showing the total foreign-born population increasing from 45 million to 53.3 million during the 48 months of the Biden administration, then falling to 51.1 million from January to July this year.

The illegal immigrant population increased from 10.2 million to 15.8 million in the Biden years, CIS estimates, with two-thirds of the foreign-born increase consisting of illegal immigrants. But during Trump's first six months, it estimates, the number of illegal immigrants has fallen from 15.8 million to 14.8 million.

Such a decrease is in line with official data. From January to July this year total U.S. employment has increased by 1.5 million, but the number of foreign-born workers with jobs has fallen by 500,000.

Buttressing this picture is an estimated 5.8% decline -- that's \$3.7 billion -- in remittance sent from the United States to Mexico. That suggests that many illegal immigrants from Mexico have left the U.S. in the past six months.

"A historic immigration drop," the Wall Street Journal headlined Monday, "is changing the job market." It cites — See **Order**, page 5A



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• "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary."
H.L. Mencken

• "Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."
Ben Franklin

• "They throw you a round ball and give you a round bat and tell you to hit it squarely."
Ted Williams,
quoted in Yahoo Finance

• "The truth is different these days. It's more of a hunch you're willing to die for."
Homer Simpson



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The Tennessee Teacher Licensure Tango



JC Bowman
Professional
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Tennessee has created a teacher licensure system that could confound even the most determined of souls. Suppose you have tried to navigate the labyrinthine paths of the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) to become a teacher. In that case, you might think it's a reality show—"Survivor: Teacher Licensure Edition." Contestants (aka aspiring educators) face challenges like the Praxis exams, background checks, and a complex web of requirements, all while trying to keep their sanity intact.

Let's break this down: the current licensure framework includes the Practitioner License, which sounds like a title you would find in a medieval fantasy novel, and the Professional License, which feels more like a badge of honor for surviving the gauntlet of education. The requirements? A bachelor's degree, com-

pletion of an Educator Preparation Program (EPP), and passing the Praxis exams—all while dodging the occasional meteor that might represent the latest legislative change.

Regarding legislation, the Teacher Paycheck Protection Act seeks to raise starting salaries to \$50,000 by 2026. This is excellent news for aspiring teachers, but what does it do for those who have been working harder than a cat in a room full of rocking chairs? However, let's not forget the real issue: we still have a significant number of vacancies and underqualified teachers filling those spots. It's like trying to fill a leaky bucket with water while the holes keep getting bigger.

Now, let's talk about the challenges. The licensure process is about as user-friendly as a Rubik's Cube in the dark. Non-traditional candidates, such as career changers or out-of-state educators, must navigate the TDOE's maze, which feels more like a secret society initiation than a straightforward application process. If you think applying for a driver's license is tough,

try becoming a teacher in Tennessee. We welcome all elected officials to give it a try.

And what's with all these assessments? The Praxis exams are seen as burdensome and costly, like trying to buy a unicorn at a premium price. Some experienced educators still have to jump through these hoops, even though they can teach circles around the requirements. Meanwhile, the 2021 Tennessee Literacy Success Act adds yet another layer of complexity, leaving teachers frazzled and wondering if they should take up knitting instead.

But wait! There's hope on the horizon! Proposed changes aim to streamline the process, reduce assessment burdens, and enhance support for new teachers. We could see expanded job-embedded programs, reduced requirements for out-of-state teachers, and perhaps even a micro-credential system for those wanting to specialize in niche areas, such as teaching dogs to read. Okay, maybe not that last one, but you get the idea.

The Licensure Review Committee is working hard to improve the situation, proposing the

removal of the edTPA requirement and strengthening clinical practice. They're even looking to make the licensure process coherent—like a well-conducted symphony instead of a cacophony of confused educators trying to figure out how to play the triangle.

And let's not overlook the innovative teacher residency programs emerging in Memphis. These programs are producing new teachers at a rapid pace, offering tuition-free master's

degrees and housing stipends. It's beneficial for everyone, except for traditional educators who feel they are now competing against a well-funded, high-powered version of themselves that funded their own education. How long will these teachers stay in the classroom?

While Tennessee's teacher licensure system is functional, it's crying out for reform. We need to make it more accessible and supportive while ensuring that teacher quality doesn't

slip through the cracks, as was the case with last week's homework.

If we can balance these reforms with a healthy dose of common sense, we might create a system that produces not only qualified educators but also happy ones. Because let's face it, happy teachers lead to happy students—and that's a lesson worth learning!

(JC Bowman is the executive director of Professional Educators of Tennessee, a non-partisan teacher association located in Nashville, Tennessee.)

Child trafficking rises amidst Biden presidency; new bill seeks to avert crisis



Marsha Blackburn
U.S. Senator
(R-Tenn.)

Since Inauguration Day, President Trump has been hard at work delivering on his mandate to secure the southern border, achieving historic results.

Under President Biden, the average number of border crossings each month neared 160,000. Some days saw as many as 15,000 illegal crossings. Under President Trump, those numbers have plummeted to all-time lows. In July, border encounters nationwide totaled just 24,630. At the southwest border, there were 4,598 encounters over the entire month—lower than the daily average under the Biden administration.

At the same time, President Trump has ramped up deportations of illegal aliens who have no right to be in our country. Since January, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has deported close to 200,000 people, including drug dealers, cartel members, and violent criminals. If the agency keeps up its current pace, it will conduct the most deportations in a single year in over a decade. In addition, 1.6 million illegal aliens have left the country under President Trump, including many hoping to avoid

deportation.

President Trump's leadership is keeping criminals off our streets, making our communities safer, and restoring law and order. To supercharge these efforts, Republicans secured major wins in the landmark One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) to bolster border security.

On top of finishing President Trump's border wall with hundreds of miles of new barriers, the OB BB provides funds to hire thousands of new ICE agents, increases detention capacity, and invests in local law enforcement to facilitate cooperation with federal law enforcement efforts.

These measures are vital to ensuring that Biden's border crisis—and all the suffering it caused—can never happen again. To that end, the law also includes my provisions to empower Border Patrol to collect fingerprints and DNA from minors who appear at the border.

Under President Biden, hundreds of thousands of minors appeared at the southern border. Through a heinous practice called "child recycling," cartels trafficked many of these children to help unrelated illegal aliens gain entry into our country by presenting themselves as a family unit. According to ICE, some children have been "recycled" across the border more than half a dozen times.

President Biden had a responsibility to place

migrant children with vetted sponsors. Yet his administration reportedly lost track of 320,000 migrant children who faced the threat of abuse, sexual exploitation, and forced labor.

Joe Biden's open border created one of the worst humanitarian catastrophes in our nation's history—which is why all Americans should be grateful that President Trump is doing everything in his power to keep our border secure. To support this effort, I recently sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Noem urging her to use the One Big Beautiful Bill provisions to ensure migrant children are fully protected from harm and exploitation.

By fingerprinting and DNA testing migrant children, border agents will be able to quickly confirm familial relationships and help bring child trafficking to an end. Reports show that up to 30 percent of minors who are DNA tested are found to be unrelated to their accompanying adult. Under these provisions, any illegal alien who falsifies a familial relationship with a minor will face up to 10 years in prison.

Human trafficking is a modern-day slavery that harms the most vulnerable among us, especially children. As the administration works to keep our border secure, I will continue to do everything possible to bring this heinous practice to an end.

Social Security Matters: Ask Rusty



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I'm in poor health and need to know my Social Security options

Dear Rusty: I plan to stop working very soon. My health is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024, and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to?

Signed: *Unhealthy and Struggling*

Dear *Unhealthy and Struggling*:

Sorry to hear that your health is failing, and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear – Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year (in April 2026), your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 (or \$1950/month.) The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year). If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won't count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1950.) If your monthly earnings exceed that amount, you won't be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400. If you don't exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won't be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you attain your full retirement age (FRA), your earnings limit will be much higher (about 2.5 times more, or something more than about \$63,000.) If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 (before your FRA) and your benefits won't be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA.

For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won't exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security's earnings test. So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January

2026, likely without worry about the earnings test, and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting, you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security's earnings tests prior to reaching your full retirement age, or SS will take away some of your benefits. They "take away" by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5300, or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

You do, however, have another option as your wife's surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your plans for working enter this decision. If you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time (to get a higher amount). You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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an American Enterprise Institute report whose three authors project the first negative net migration year in many decades, with 205,000 more immigrants leaving than entering the country.

They express fear of reduced -- or negative -- economic growth in future years, which they estimate at a decrease of 0.03% or 0.04% of gross domestic product. Of course, for U.S. citizens and legal immigrants, this might be at least partly offset by rising GDP per capita.

Beneath these cold numbers, there are undoubtedly warm -- and scalding -- human stories, of hardworking immigrants whose hopes of advancement and affluence have been crushed, of close-knit families and plucky young individuals feeling forced to pull up stakes and flee. It's not hard to imagine why

people fearing that even innocent contact with police -- as a victim in a traffic accident, for example -- could lead to years in a Salvadoran prison might decide that America is no longer safe for them.

One can see how many Americans feel sympathy for people in that situation, even as they avoid the uncomfortable likelihood that those entering the U.S. illegally will include a larger percentage of violent criminals than among legal immigrants.

One can also see how many other Americans might put the moral onus on whoever in the Biden administration thought it wise, for reasons never sufficiently explained, to admit millions of people with no perceptible path to legal status, even if their policy success depends on the unseemly practice of threatening confinement in hellish foreign prisons.

Those of us who prefer regular order within the

constitutional framework to policy produced by Biden-ish indirection or Trump-ish bombast must face the fact that we seem as distant from any bipartisan bargain on immigration law as we have been since the last one was passed 39 years ago. And those who cheered the mass influx of illegal immigrants under former President Joe Biden or the mass self-deportations now going on under Trump with reckless disregard for their human costs may want to consider whether better results might be obtained within the constitutional scheme.

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



SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on September 18, 2025, at or about 10:00 AM, local time, at the front door of the Hardin County Courthouse, 465 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372, pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Crystal Cherie Hobbs and Jacob Perry Hobbs, wife and husband, to Chicago Title Insurance Company, as Trustee for Triad Financial Services, Inc. dated January 19, 2024, and recorded in Book 835, Page 1, Instrument No. 172646, and modified in Book 840, Page 951, in the Register's Office for Hardin County, Tennessee ("Deed of Trust"), conducted by Padgett Law Group, having been appointed Substitute Trustee, all of record in the Hardin County Register's Office. Default in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust has been made; and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party entitled to enforce the debt: TRIAD FINANCIAL SERVICES Other interested parties: None The hereinafter described real property located in Hardin County will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

Legal Description: Beginning on an angle iron found, being the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to Packaging Corporation of America by Deed recorded in Deed Book 194, page 808, Register's Office Hardin County, an exterior corner of a recently surveyed 5.894 acre tract (Tract 14), which is a part of the tract of which the herein described tract is a part and an exterior corner of the herein described tract; runs thence South 42 degrees 49 minutes 59 seconds East a distance of 318.95 feet, along and with the South boundary of said Tract 14, being the North boundary of the herein described tract, to an iron rod set in the North right-of-way of a proposed County road (based on a total width of 50 feet), being the southeast corner of said Tract 14 and the northeast corner of the herein described tract; runs thence along and with the North right-of-way of said proposed County road, being the South boundary of the herein described tract as follows: South 44 degrees 25 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 154.89 feet, South 50 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds West a distance of 81.09 feet, South 56 degrees 27 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 277.85 feet, South 75 degrees 41 minutes 16 seconds West a distance of 41.10 feet, North 88 degrees 06 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 238.36 feet to a point in the intersection of the North right-of-way of said proposed County road and the East right-of-way of another proposed County road (based on a total width of 50 feet) and being the southwest corner of the herein described tract; runs thence along and with the East right-of-way of said proposed County road, being the West boundary of the herein described tract as follows: North 07 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds East a distance of 82.14 feet, North 05 degrees 01 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 211.93 feet, North 08 degrees 38 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 20.95 feet to an iron rod set in the East right-of-way of said proposed County road, being the southwest corner of a recently surveyed 3.792 acre tract (Tract 11) which is a part of the tract of which the herein described tract is a part and the northwest corner of the herein described tract; runs thence North 49 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 397.24 feet, along and with the centerline of a 25 foot wide utility easement, being the South boundary of said Tract 11 and the herein described tract is a part and the northwest corner of the herein described tract; runs thence North 49 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 397.24 feet, along and with the centerline of a 25 foot wide utility easement, being the South boundary of said Tract 11 and the North boundary of the herein described tract to an iron rod set in the South boundary of the aforementioned Packaging Corporation of America Tract, being an exterior corner of said Tract 11 and an exterior corner of the herein described tract; runs thence South 84 degrees 18 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 171.47 feet, along and with the South boundary of said Packaging Corporation of America tract, being the North boundary of the herein described tract to the point of beginning, containing 6.038 acres of land, more or less, and is subject to 1/2 of the aforementioned 25 foot wide utility easement. (Description according to survey of William Ashe, Tennessee Registered Land Surveyor No. 937, dated August, 2004) Record Book 834 page 2997

Street Address: The street address of the property is believed to be 115 Estate Circle, Counce, TN 38326, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property. In the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control. Map/Parcel Number: 156-096.10

Current owner(s) of Record: Crystal Cherie Hobbs and Jacob Perry Hobbs

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Sale at public auction will be on October 1, 2025 at 2:00PM local time, at the front door, Hardin County Courthouse, 465 Main Street, Savannah, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Thomas A Washburn and Robin Michelle Washburn, to Creasy & Jones Attorneys at Law, PC, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding on October 28, 2021 at Record Book 782, Page 737; conducted by LLG Trustee TN LLC, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Hardin County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

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Current Owner(s) of Property: Thomas Alan Washburn

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE ESTATE OF MAUDIE MEEKS

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of August 2025, Letters of Testamentary, in respect of the estate of MAUDIE MEEKS, who died on January 10, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of Chancery Court for Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of August 2025.

/s/ Matthew West, Personal Representative /s/ Alexandra Blackburn, Attorney for the Petitioner /s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (942tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN KIRKPATRICK

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of August 2025, Letters of Administration, in respect of the estate of VIVIAN KIRKPATRICK, who died on August 14, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of Chancery Court for Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22nd day of August 2025.

/s/ Jeffrey D. Franks, Administrator /s/ Nan Barlow, Attorney of the Administrator /s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (8282tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE ESTATE OF NELL DICUS

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of August 2025, Letters of Testamentary, in respect of the estate of NELL DICUS, who died on August 22, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of Chancery Court for Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 25th day of August 2025.

/s/ Cathy Blodgett, Personal Representative /s/ Nan Barlow, Attorney for the Petitioner /s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (8282tp)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE ESTATE OF JIMMIE E. TEAGUE

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of August 2025, Letters of Testamentary, in respect of the estate of JIMMIE E. TEAGUE, who died on April 23, 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Probate Division of Chancery Court for Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident, and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same in triplicate with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2); otherwise, their claims will be forever barred:

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. This the 22nd day of August 2025.

/s/ Teresa Burgess, Personal Representative /s/ Christina McConnell, Attorney for the Petitioner /s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (8282tp)

In the Chancery Court of Hardin County, Tennessee Fort Financial Credit Union vs. Trevon D. Campbell Civil Action No. CH-929

Notice by Publication to Trevon D. Campbell TO: Trevon D. Campbell:

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Chancery Court of Hardin County, Tennessee to be held on the 7th day of October, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Hardin County Chancery Court, 465 Main Street, Savannah, TN, to answer a civil action brought by Fort Financial Credit Union for a money judgment of \$32,224.96, plus costs, interest, and attorneys' fees by reason of non-payment on a Retail Installment Contract. Your failure to appear or assert your rights may result in a default judgment being entered against you.

Attorneys for Plaintiff are Matthew R. West and Morgan L. Weeks, Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell, whose address is 105 S. Highland Avenue, Jackson, Tennessee 38301. If you need assistance or accommodations because of a disability, please call Jennifer Fielder, Clerk & Master, at (731) 925-8166.

It is ordered that publication of this notice be made for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Courier, a weekly newspaper published in Hardin County, Tennessee.

This the 5th day of August, 2025. By: Jennifer Fielder, Clerk & Master (8144tc)

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern I am filing for a new title for a 1980 Green Toyota Pickup VIN: FJ45237143 Anyone with proof of claim should contact Dave Monnier 5235 Coffee Landing Rd Morris Chapel, TN 38361 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

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To whom it may concern I am filing for a new title for a 1983 Green Toyota Pickup VIN: FJ45360111 Anyone with proof of claim should contact Dave Monnier 5235 Coffee Landing Rd Morris Chapel, TN 38361 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern I am filing for a new title for a 2001 White Dodge Dakota VIN: 1B7GG22X11S159566 Anyone with proof of claim should contact Donald Bonee 550 Hwy. 69 Savannah, TN 38372 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern I am filing for a new title for a 1981 Toyota Land Cruiser (Green) VIN: FJ40382482 Anyone with proof of claim should contact Dave Monnier 5235 Coffee Landing Rd Morris Chapel, TN 38361 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern I am filing for a new title for a 1998 Tan Chevy Lumina VIN: 2G1WL52M9W9311805 Anyone with proof of claim should contact Brianna Haddenham 230 Yancey Lane Crump, TN 38327 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern I am filing for a new title for a 1996 Toyota Land Rover (Green) VIN: SALLDVBGDGA97230 Anyone with proof of claim should contact Dave Monnier 5235 Coffee Landing Rd Morris Chapel, TN 38361 by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

Audition for "Hometown Dickens Christmas on Main" event

For the very first time Charles Dickens will be on display in Adamsville for the city's Hometown Dickens Christmas on Main, Friday, Dec. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This year, Downtown Events Alliance of Adamsville Founder, Robin Lees, and Arts in McNairy's President, Joanna Pitts, have joined forces to bring a Christmas Carol Event on The Square in Adamsville, 142 East

Main Street.

This event is joined by Sherry Holsing, Event Assistant and Coordination of Sponsorship, Donna Cunningham, The Dickens Community Choir Director, (ages 10-adults), Christy Robinson of Nans Flowers and Crafts, in charge of Decor and Adamsville Academy School of Dance and Gymnastics, Trixy Grant, Choreographer.

Organizers are ex-

cited about bringing the streets of Downtown Adamsville alive with a fully costumed choir, A Christmas Carol, with performers, carolers, dancers, carriage rides and those officiating the event.

The event will be videotaped by Jessica Bearson Paxton and sound and lighting will be provided by Jimmy Hardin.

Kettle corn food trucks, candied apples

and other traditional food items will be available.

Downtown businesses, and restaurants will also be open, as well as a Handmade Vendors Christmas Store at the EventSpace, 118 Main St.

At 7 p.m., children will line up for Father Christmas of A Christmas Carol Ghost of Present and Master of Ceremony, Mayor Jackie Hamm.

There will be a 20 minute "A Christmas Carol," performance written by Shawn Pitts and his

daughter, and directed by Joanna Pitts. Along with the Community Choir, directed by Donna Cunningham and AIM will hold open auditions for both performances.

On Monday, Sept. 15, those 10 years old and up can audition for The Dickens Community Choir at Good Hope Baptist Church in Adamsville, 678 Good Hope Road, at 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 6, those interested in participating (Ages 10 and

up) can audition for The Dickens Actors for the Christmas Carol, at the Latta in Selmer, 205 W Court Avenue, at 6 p.m.

For more information on the Dickens Community Choir auditions private message director Donna Cunningham on Facebook.

Those interested in additional information on The Dickens Actors auditions for the Christmas Carol, private message director Joanna Pitts on Facebook.



Organizers for Hometown Dickens on Main from left, Sherry Holsing, Donna Cunningham, Joanna Pitts(AIM), Robin Lees(DEA) and Christy Robinson.

Community care extended

Veterans who receive community care for medical treatment have been required in the past to seek and receive new referrals every 90 to 180 days. Just getting that referral or authorization can cause delays in treatment. Now, with changes at the VA, those referrals won't be as frequent.

Starting now, in 30 different categories of medical care, referrals and new authorizations will only be required once a year.

Community care can literally be a lifesaver for veterans who live too far from a VA medical facility, whose closest facility doesn't provide the medical care that's required or if the VA's wait times are not acceptable.

Here are a few of the 30 medical categories that are now eligible for the longer authorization: cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, pain

management and pulmonary.

If you've been getting community medical care and are subject to the need for frequent reauthorizations, contact the Community Care office at your closest VA medical center to ask how the new rule impacts the schedule you'll be on going forward. Ask whether the new "year" began when your current authorization period did, or whether a new year begins right now. Get the answer in writing, if you can. Take the steps you need to, to guarantee that your authorization is indeed extended so you don't discover at the last minute that there's been a problem and that your file was overlooked.

If you'd like to take advantage of community care, you need to be enrolled in VA health care or be eligible for it.

If you're getting VA

care, tell your VA physician that you'd like to get community care. If they think it's appropriate, they will start a referral.

Once you find a civilian community care provider that you like, be sure to verify that they're part of the VA's network before you get any treatment from them, otherwise VA won't pay for it.

To learn more about community care or to find a provider in your area, go online to www.va.gov/communitycare.

On the Record August 23-27

Savannah Police Dept.

The following items are derived directly from official Savannah Police Department reports and spokesmen.

Aug. 23

Jerry Wayne French, 53, homeless, was arrested at 175 JI Bell Lane (Walmart) for theft of property under \$1000, burglary, criminal trespass, and simple possession.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., an officer responded to a person shoplifting at Walmart. Prior to arrival the officer was advised that the suspect was wearing a black shirt and a cross on his cap, and that he was concealing items in his backpack while he was inside the store.

Officer was unable to make contact but was told the suspect, identified as French, dropped his backpack in the store and fled.

Officer was then able to make contact with French behind the Dollar Tree Store across the street. The officer was able to place French in custody after presenting his taser and initiating its laser targeting due to French being a known flight risk.

Upon searching French's backpack the officer found a green leafy substance in a ziplock bag and stolen items from Walmart valued at \$175.42.

French was also placed under arrest for a previous trespass on July, 19, 2024.

Aug. 27

Amber M Canada, 36, 260 Harrison St., was arrested at 175 JI Bell Lane (Walmart) for theft of property.

At approximately 6:28 p.m., the police departed was advised that a suspect, identified as Canada, ran out of Walmart after a loss prevention agent attempted to stop her from taking unpaid items out of the



store.

An officer pulled over a vehicle at Hwy 226 and Hwy 64E, where Canada was a passenger.

Canada acknowledge she had warrants, stepped out of the vehicle and was placed into custody.

The total amount of her attempted theft from Walmart was \$488.77, but \$216.92 could not be returned to the store as it was for food items during Canada's attempted theft and that amount will have to be paid by Canada.

NOTICE

The Hardin County Board of Education will hold a meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hardin County Board of Education located at 155 Guinn St. Savannah, TN 38372. (Downstairs Board Room) Public is invited.

Chancery Court Resale

680 Cravens Drive, Savannah, TN 38372
Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 11:00 AM
Chancery Courtroom
Hardin County Courthouse
Savannah, TN

Notice is hereby given that due to the prior bid having been raised in the Hardin County Chancery Court case CH-945 In the Matter of Paul McMullen, Special Commissioner, Jennifer Fielder, will resell the tract of land on Cravens Drive in Savannah, Tennessee, on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 11:00 AM, in the Chancery Courtroom of the Hardin County Courthouse.

- ♦ Assessor's Map: 72I, Group F, Parcel 8
- ♦ Source of Title: Record Book 741, Page 159, Hardin County Register's Office
- ♦ Property Description: Approximately 1 land Unit with a house roughly 800 sq. ft.
- ♦ Ten percent of the high bid due at sale; balance due upon court confirmation
- ♦ Announcements made on the day of the sale take precedence over advertising
- ♦ Sale is subject to court approval
- ♦ Property will be sold AS IS, with no warranties, express or implied.

For directions to the property and other information, contact Hardin County Chancery Court, Office of the Clerk and Master, at 731-925-8166.

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
Plaintiff,
vs. Docket No.: CH-960
Consolidated

**DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS
AND PROPERTY OWNERS, ET AL,**
Defendants.

ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appears to the Court in this cause from the complaint, the returns of process, the Attorney's Affidavit Requesting Service by Publication, and the record as a whole, that the identities and/or whereabouts of the following are unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry:

- (e) All delinquent taxpayers listed below;
- (f) Any and all unborn, unfound, and unknown heirs and lienholders of the delinquent taxpayers listed below;
- (g) Any and all unborn, unfound, and unknown owners and lienholders of the parcels of property subject to sale listed below; and
- (h) Any and all unborn, unfound, and unknown interested persons in the parcels of property subject to sale listed below.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all delinquent taxpayers listed below, any and all unborn, unfound, and unknown heirs and lienholders of the delinquent taxpayers listed below, any and all unborn, unfound, and unknown owners and lienholders of the parcels of property subject to sale listed below, and any and all unborn, unfound, and unknown interested persons in the parcels of property subject to sale listed below are all hereby named Defendants in this lawsuit, and that publication be made by four consecutive weeks in The Courier, on or about the dates of August 14, 2025, August 21, 2025, August 28, 2025, and September 4, 2025, notifying each of them to file an answer or otherwise defend against the complaint filed against them. The costs for said publications shall be charged as court costs to each parcel listed in the publication.

Answers or other defenses must be filed with the Hardin County Chancery Court, Office of the Clerk and Master, 465 Main Street, Savannah, Tennessee, no later than October 6, 2025, which is thirty (30) days from the date of the final publication of this Order. The complaint shall be deemed confessed as to all Defendants who fail to timely pay the delinquent taxes or file an answer or other defense, and judgment and/or an order to sell corresponding property may be entered ex parte as to such Defendants without further notice.

UNLESS CORRESPONDING DELINQUENT TAXES ARE PAID OR AN ANSWER OR OTHER DEFENSE IS TIMELY FILED, A HEARING ON THE COMPLAINT SHALL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 7, 2025, AT 9:00 AM, OR ON ANY DATE THEREAFTER DESIGNATED IN THE COURT RECORD, AND JUDGMENT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT AND/OR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE DELINQUENT TAX LIEN MAY BE ENTERED AS TO ALL PARCELS LISTED HEREIN AND ALL PERSONS MADE DEFENDANTS BY THIS ORDER. Defendants need not attend said court date unless they dispute the tax debt and have timely filed an answer or other defense to the complaint.

If the delinquent taxes and associated interest, fees, expenses, and court costs owed on a parcel are paid in full at the Hardin County Chancery Court Clerk and Master's Office, this lawsuit will be automatically dismissed as to that parcel, and no answer or appearance is required by the corresponding delinquent taxpayer(s).

Delinquent Taxpayers/Defendants	Maps and Parcels
ABRAXAS ENTERPRISES, INC.	44 - 4.18
AMAROK DRAGON LLC	47N A 115.00
ARGUILLA, FREDDIE M.	138I A 75.00
ARGUILLA, JENNIFER	138I A 75.00
BABA SOMNATH LLC	156F A 2.02
BAUGHMAN, TED	138C A 1.00, 1.01
BROOKS, LORETTA	47 - 2.00
BRUNTZ, NEIL HAROLD	86F B 8.00, 9.00
CERRO GORDO COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.	4 - 21.02
ELDER, WANDA D.	155O A 4.00
HOFF, ROWLAND B.	37G D 4.00
HOFFMAN, E. LYNN	162K C 23.00
KENNELLEY, JASON	147 - 24.03, 24.05
LANKFORD, PHYLLIS	83I D 16.00
LIPHAM, MARCUS	137K K 1.00
MEEKS, JIMMY	140 - 31.00
MEEKS, MAEBELL	140 - 31.00
MICHAEL GROSS, INC.	155N C 3.00, 155N B 45.00, 155O B 3.00, 155O B 18.00, 155N D 11.00
MOODY, RAY	71N A 40.00
PHIPPS, BETTY	68E A 1.00, 3.00
PRIETO, JESUS	84F B 5.00
PRIETO, NINFA	84F B 5.00
PRIORITY FIRST PROPERTIES LLC	155K A 28.00
STRZYZ, THOMAS	87 - 20.01
WHITE, GAYLORD	161D B 5.00

This is the 5th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Vicki Hoover, Chancellor
Order Directing Service by Publication approved for entry:
/s/ Martha S. Smith #010612
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SCA’s athletic programs include basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball. We are excited to see how our coaches continue the legacy of shaping and developing our stu-

dent-athletes to excel on and off the court. This year brings the addition of Coach Hunter Hays to our coaching and teaching staff. Coach Hays will serve as head coach for both the girls’ and boys’ basketball teams, as well as Athletic Director.

Students at SCA can begin participating in the school basketball program as early as the second grade. This “developmental league” approach for second through fifth graders allows students an opportunity to build a foundation in the fundamentals of the sport at an early age. Fourth grade students can participate in softball and baseball at the middle school level.

Volleyball is available to girls in the fifth through eighth grades. As SCA’s newest sport, it has been exciting to see the growth in this aspect of our athletic program.

Over the last several years, we have been able to improve several areas within the school to assist in the academic growth of students. Access to technology in the classroom is an area we have improved in recent years, with a one-to-one ratio of students to Chromebooks. Each classroom has also been equipped with an upgraded “smart board” for teacher use to aid in the instructional process.

Additionally, our science and math curriculums have been updated to better serve student needs. We are excited to see how our teachers continue to incorporate these new tools to provide students with an interactive, fun learning environment.

As an accredited institution through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the spiritual cultivation of our students will continue to be at the forefront of every aspect of our school day. We are looking forward to walking through God’s Word during our weekly chapel times as we begin our school year and



Students at Savannah Christian Academy lessons focus on academic growth, spiritual cultivation, and athletic progress, enabling students to excel both in and out of the classroom.

being led in worship by our student praise teams. Whether students are in the classroom or on a sports field, we are excited to see how they grow

and develop their Biblical worldview and learn to live a life glorifying God. (Editor’s Note: The Courier accidentally ran last year’s Back to School

article and photos in our August 28th edition. This is the article that should have been in last week’s paper. The Courier regrets the error.)

Obituaries

J.E. “Tuff” Blackwelder

Oct. 5, 1933 - Aug. 29, 2025



J.E. “Tuff” Blackwelder, 92, of Savannah, passed away on Friday, Aug. 29. He was born on October 5th, 1933, son of Tony and Daisy Meadows Blackwelder. On October 5th 1961, he married Elizabeth Hosea who survives.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 and was stationed in Alaska. He was a member of New Harmony Baptist Church and loved to sing. He sang with many Gospel Groups over his lifetime, traveling many miles around the area, and enjoyed every minute of it. He was also a Mason.

He worked many different jobs over the years; plumbing, steel mill, and the city water department. He retired from Southgate Supply, a plumbing and electrical supply store. He went back to work for the Hardin County Solid Waste Department where he finished his career.

J.E. was known for his can-do attitude, in his day-to-day life, and as a woodworker. His generosity was boundless; he was quick to help whoever he could in any way he could.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; one brother, Dan Blackwelder; sisters-in-law, Amanda Sue Hosea, Juanita Blackwelder, and Betty Blackwelder; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Vaughn T., Bert, Bernice, Hugh, Tommy, and James “Peck”; three sisters, Margaret Northcutt, Emogene Polk, and Sarah Evans; brother-in-law, Bill Hosea; and his sister-in-law and buddy, Janice Hosea.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, August 31, at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Savannah, Tennessee, with Johnny Burns and Tony Polk officiating. Burial followed at New Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery in Savannah, Tennessee.

Death Notices

James Kirkpatrick

James R. Kindrick, 92, of Savannah, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 24, the son of the late Samuel B. and Mildred Lucille Cross Kindrick.

He was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Russom, who preceded her husband in death.

Mr. Kindrick worked in production making American Home Products for Boyle Midway. He was Southern Baptist in belief.

He is survived by his daughters; brothers, Gene Kindrick and J.W. Kindrick; sisters, Faye Shankles, Mildred Tack-

er, and Kathleen Roberts; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, James was preceded in death by his brothers, Alvin Kindrick, Charles Kindrick, and Tommy Kindrick; and sisters, Martha Coln, Betty Jean Coln, and Nellie Carter.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, August 28, at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Savannah, with Henry Richerson officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Vinson Cemetery in Stantonville, Tennessee.

Volunteers needed at Pickwick Landing State Park

Volunteers are invited to join kayak or walking shoreline teams to help cleanup Pickwick Landing State Park this weekend.

Pickwick Landing State Park and the Hardin County Tennessee RiverLine Local Leadership Team are partnering with the Tennessee Valley Authority for a large river cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Volunteers may join a kayak shoreline team or a walking shoreline team. Volunteers will receive event swag as a thank you.

“The goal of Tennessee State Parks is to preserve, protect, and share our national resources. We hope to provide a clean and beautiful place for people to relax and enjoy nature.

“After a busy summer, we start to find discarded items and trash along the shoreline. We would love for the community to come out to help us restore the beauty of our shorelines and protect the health of the lake

we all love,” said Rachel Booth, Pickwick Landing State Park. Interpretive Park Ranger.

Those interested in volunteering should register online at <https://tinyurl.com/25b8ad9t>

Registration should include a valid email address so staff can confirm your kayak or walking preference. Confirma-

tion emails will be sent through the park volunteer portal.

Volunteers should bring a refillable water bottle and sun protection. Wear sturdy shoes if you plan to walk the

shoreline. Kayakers should wear water shoes that strap to the foot.

In case of inclement weather the cleanup will be rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20.



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THE BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

This Sunday is known as Grandparents day. Grandparents often speak of how GRAND that their grandchildren are. But today as grandchildren, we can say how GRAND that Grandparents are. There is something special about the bond of a grandparent and grandchild. I believe there is a special place in both of our hearts and lives for both grandparents and grandchildren. I have often heard the saying from Grandparents that if they knew Grandchildren would have been this great, they would have had them first. We all know that is impossible, but I can say some of the most happiest days I have ever seen by some people are the days they become grandparents. Today we find a heart so grateful for all Grandparents and here is why. Grandparents are the pillars of our families, providing wisdom, love, and guidance. Grandparents have always had a unique ability to shower their grandchildren with unconditional love. They are always ready with a big warm bear hug, a listening ear, and often a word of encouragement. Their love reflects the love of God, who loves us unconditionally, shows us a little extra grace, and forgives us no matter what. It is often Grandparents who passing down faith to the next generation. They teach us the values and principles that shape our character and guide our decisions. They plant seeds of faith that continue to grow throughout our lives. Of course, the examples of righteousness and integrity that comes from Grandparents are like no other. Their faith is evident in their actions, and they encourage us to live a life pleasing to God. Their legacy of faithfulness is a blessing to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents are a precious gift from God. As we celebrate our grandparents, let us remember the blessing they are in our lives.



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Community news Pickwick



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Hello. Pickwick United Methodist Church - Announcing plans for a Pumpkin Patch Fund-raiser in October. More than just a place to buy pumpkins, our pumpkin patch will have fall festival activities and photo opportunities for the whole family. Schools and daycares are encouraged to schedule field trips. Exact dates will be announced soon. Stay tuned for more exciting news!

District 3 Community Center - Bingo every Thursday at 10 a.m. then painting class at 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Cards on Friday 1 p.m. Yoga, call Cathy 731-607-8436 for details, is Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Our next Craft Fair is Oct. 10 - 11.

Pickwick Landing State Park - Pickwick Pickup Saturday, Sept. 6, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. We have partnered with TVA to host a large-scale river clean-up. We'll be doing kayak shoreline clean-

ups and walking shoreline clean-ups. All registered volunteers will receive some fun swag for their assistance! Meet at: Varies by assignment. Your reporting location will be emailed to the address you provide at registration. Price: FREE. Be sure to include a valid email address in your registration so park staff can contact you to confirm your size and kayak or walking preference. Emails are sent from our volunteer portal, Galaxy Digital. Please bring a refillable water bottle, sun protection, and sturdy shoes if you plan to walk the shorelines. Water shoes that strap to your feet will be best for kayakers. In the event of inclement weather, we will reschedule this event for Sept. 20. Contact Rachel Boothe 731-458-7851, rachel.boothe@tn.gov.

Interested in taking you or your family out on a pontoon ride with Tim this year? Check back in October on our park events page to learn about our fall pontoon rides.

Sept. 13, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2025. We have a variety of activities and events planned for Girl Scouts Love State Parks

weekend. Join a Park Ranger or TN Naturalist for a scheduled program or craft your own adventure! Materials for self-guided activities will be available at the Park Office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All programs are free unless otherwise noted. Contact Jillian Ross 731-458-7955, jillian.ross@tn.gov.

Sheltering Tree Ranch - Become a sponsor for the 2025 Fun Day, Oct. 11, 2025! This event is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and helps support various aspects of the organization such as student scholarships, ranch improvements and day to day programs and upkeep. Fun Day Sponsorship: \$200 to become a sponsor for this event you can mail cash or check to P.O. Box 1656 Savannah, TN 38372 or bring sponsor cash or check to The General Store Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Full Sponsors Receive Your name/Company's name on a professionally printed sign along the entrance of the Ranch! #shelteringtreeranch, info@shelteringtree.org 731-925-2922.

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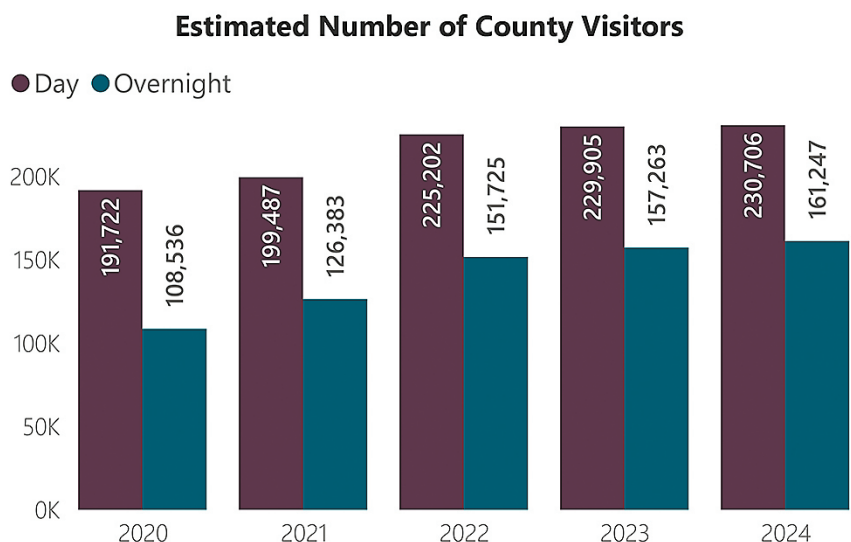


Who counts as a visitor?

Someone who completes any journey for business or pleasure, outside their normal community and not part of a normal routine.

- **Day visitor:** one whose trip involved travel >50 miles from home, spending time in destination market, and returning home to sleep.
- **Overnight visitor:** one who spent one or more nights in a lodging facility, short-term rental, the home of friends/family, etc.

Below is a modeled estimate of county visitation illustrating how visitors to this county factor into the overall state visitor totals.

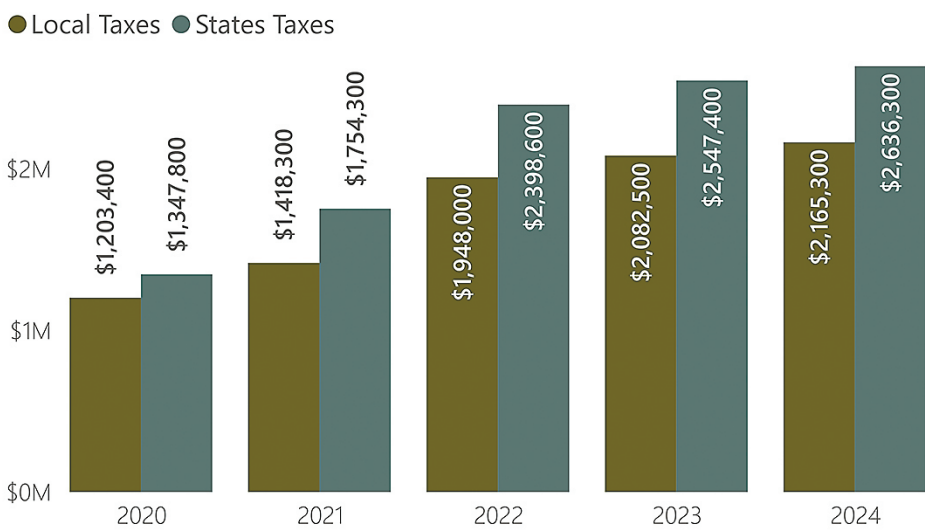


Note: Local DMOs may publish their own visitation numbers. Do not compare this visitation data to other state, national, or local models. Methods, assumptions, and data inputs may vary.

How do visitors help this community?

Visitor spending produced state and local tax collections; reducing the burden on residents to support infrastructure, education, health and safety services, etc.

State and Local Tax Collections from Visitor Spending



Tax Savings per Household

In **2024**, visitors to **Hardin County** generated **\$443** in tax savings per household through state and local tax collections.

Statewide AVG savings per household: \$1,174

*Based on 2023 American Community Survey 5-year estimated households: 11K

ABOUT THIS REPORT

Economic impact and visitation are modeled using data from Smith Travel Research, AirDNA, Arrivalist, TN Dept. of Revenue, TN Dept. of Tourist Development, US Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, Longwoods International, Visa Data Insights, Zartico, Placer.AI, and Tourism Economics. This report should not be compared with versions published before 2020 due to the changes in model and vendor.

Tourism

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Tourism Economics, with national benchmarks provided by U.S. Travel Association.

Looking ahead, there are many tourism high points for Tennessee that will make it easier to capture in-state and out-of-state visitor value, including the following:

- New direct flights from Icelandair and Aer Lingus to Nashville.
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- New Southwest Airlines service connecting Nashville to Knoxville.
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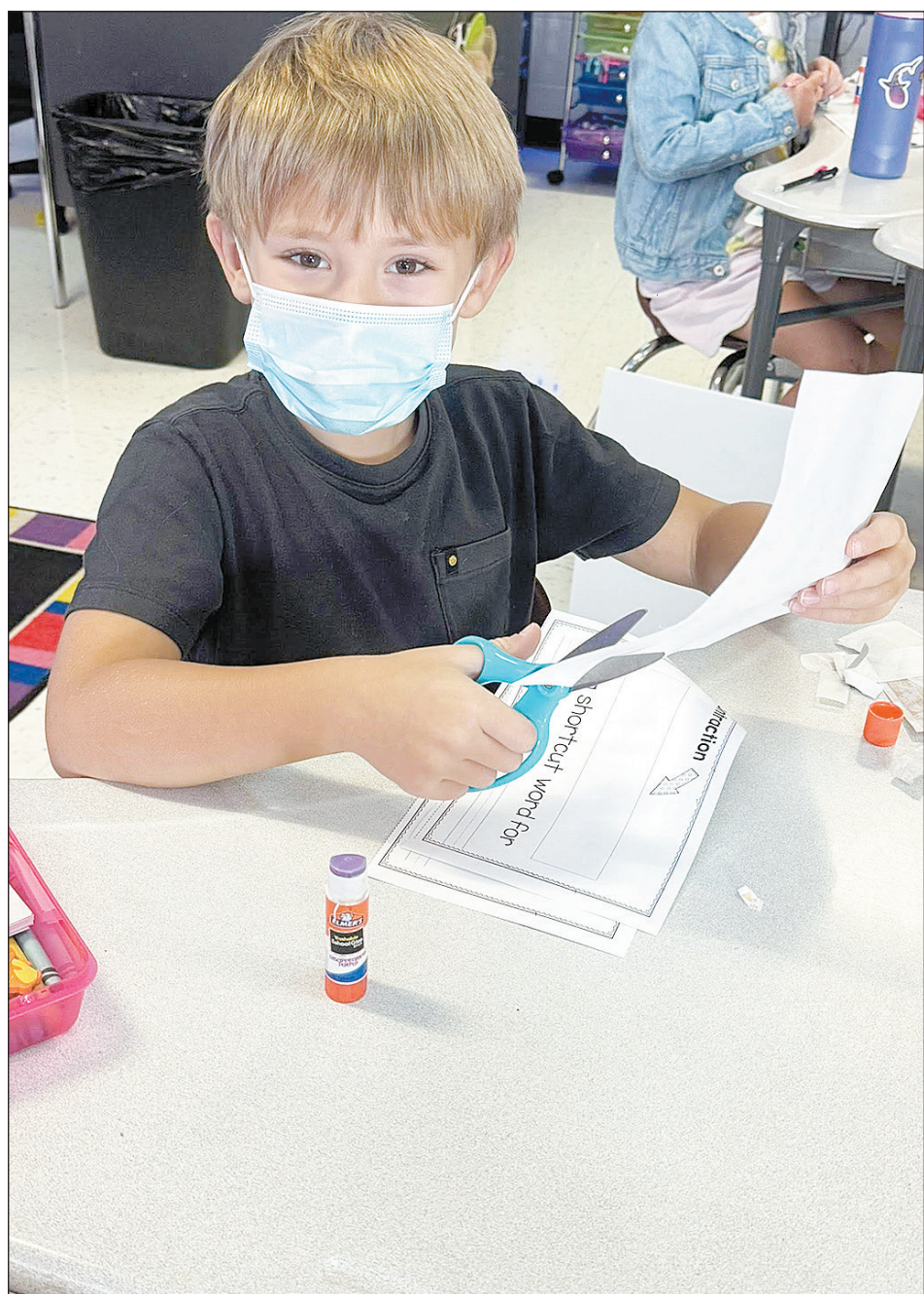
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The full 2024 Tourism Economics Statewide Economic Impact Report is available online at industry.tnvacation.com/industry/research.



"Doctor" Enoch Alexander enjoys performing "contraction surgeries."

East Hardin Elementary 2nd graders conduct surgery

East Hardin Elementary 2nd grade students are learning about contractions. To make learning fun, students performed "contraction surgery," complete with masks, gloves, and bandages. Students learned how to take apart contractions to form two words and put them back together again. These "doctors" were phenomenal and are ready for their next patient!



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SECTION B

HC Tigers roll all over KIPP Phoenix to even record at 1-1

Hardin County dominates team from Memphis by final margin of 42-6 in week two action.

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A nice sized crowd turned out at Jim Carroll Stadium in Savannah Friday evening, August 29 to get an early start on the holiday weekend by taking in a football game between the Hardin County Tigers and the KIPP Collegiate Phoenix. The weather was picture-perfect just before kickoff when HCHS Senior Wade Daniel led the crowd in a pre-game prayer which was followed by The Pride doing a great job with their rendition of Our National Anthem.

HC Tiger Captains Maddox Ruddle, Chris Rodriguez, Caleb Murphy, and Lamarion Wyke then walked to the middle of the field to meet the KIPP captains and game officials for the pre-game coin toss. KIPP won the toss and deferred their choice until the second half as Hardin County prepared to receive the opening kickoff.

HCHS Tigers 42
KIPP Phoenix 6
First Quarter

HC started at their own 42 after the kickoff. QB Adam Coleman fired a pass to Lamarion Wyke

for a nice gain before Coleman kept on the next play and broke several tackle attempts to move the chains to the KIPP 31 yard line. Wyke then moved the pigskin all the way to the Phoenix 13 for another first down. Two plays later Coleman kept the ball and carried the ball down to the eight yard line. Maddox Ruddle then took a handoff and blasted his way into the end zone for a Tiger Touchdown. Jonah Wilson booted the extra point to make it 7-0 with 9:21 remaining in the opening period.

Wilson sailed a pooch kickoff to the KIPP 32 yard line. A reverse play was stopped for a five yard loss by Keaton Davis. A KIPP running play then gained five of the lost yards back with Ellis Smith making the tackle in his first action of the season. An incomplete pass brought out the punt team for the visitors. The kick was almost blocked but instead was shanked out of bounds at the KIPP 42 with 8:12 on the game clock.

A quick pass to Davis ended up gaining 19 yards to the KIPP 23 and moved the chains. Coleman kept for nine



Tiger Lamarion Wyke catches a pass over the middle and makes a nice move to get open for big yardage.

hard yards as Ben White then followed with a very nice 14-yard gallop into the end zone for a Tiger Touchdown. Wilson was perfect with his point after kick as HC increased their lead to 14-0 at the 7:16 mark.

A KIPP kick returner broke free for a long return on the ensuing kickoff and took the football all the way to the Tiger 17. The Phoenix tried a toss sweep but Chris Rodriguez and a host of Tigers stopped the play for no gain. An incomplete pass followed with HC Junior Ayden Perez on the coverage.

KIPP then connected on a quick slant pass to the Tiger five yard line for a first down before Keaton Davis made the stop. Ellis Smith stopped the next play for a gain of one. Two plays later a KIPP run took the football to the two yard line. On fourth down and goal, the Tiger "D" stopped a running play at the one as Caleb Murphy, Javier Chavez, and a host of Tigers turned the ball over to the Tiger offense with 2:54 left in the first quarter.

Coleman kept the football on the next snap and gained 24 yards out to the HC 25. Three plays later Coleman kept again and fought and spun his way out to the 40 to pick up a fresh set of downs. A holding penalty called on HCHS soon made the line to gain first down and 17. Three plays resulted in no gain so sophomore Ben Duncan came on to punt the ball to the KIPP 48 as the second period got under way.

Second Quarter

The Phoenix attempted a toss sweep but HC junior Ryland Luker made a great open-field tackle for a six-yard loss. A KIPP pass attempt on the next snap resulted in an interception by Lamarion Wyke near the 50 yard line as the talented Senior returned the football all the way to the KIPP end zone for a Pick-Six Tiger Touchdown as the Tiger sideline and fans in the stands went crazy. Wilson drilled the extra-point kick through the uprights to make the new score 21-0 with 9:23 left until halftime.

Wilson avoided another long return by squibbing his kickoff to the KIPP 30. KIPP struck like lightning as they broke a 70-yard run for a touchdown. The KIPP two-point conversion attempt was stopped by Coleman and others to keep the HC lead at 21-6.

KIPP then kicked off with Ben White making a nice return to the HC 49 yard line. White followed by running through a big hole created by his O-Line for a first down at the KIPP 35. Two plays

later White found running room once again to move the chains to the KIPP 21. White followed with carries of four and three yards before a hard count by Coleman drew KIPP offside to give HC a first down at the KIPP nine. Coleman kept and fought through three tacklers all the way to the one yard line. Heath Hardin came on in a power set and powered his way in for a Tiger Touchdown on the next play. Wilson stayed perfect with his point after kick to make the score 28-6 at the 5:01 mark.

Wilson squibbed his kickoff to the KIPP 37. Three plays later KIPP was faced with a third down and 14 situation. A long pass then looked to be open before Keaton Davis came out of nowhere to break it up and bring on fourth down.

KIPP punted to the Tigers but a holding penalty soon followed to make it first down and 20. A quick sideline pass from Coleman to Wyke moved the ball to the KIPP 34 to move the chains. Maddox Ruddle then ran very hard to the KIPP 24 for yet another first down. A pass attempt was incomplete and very nearly picked off for a pick-six. Coleman kept again on the next play from scrimmage and punished anyone attempting to tackle him as he ran the ball all the way to the KIPP three yard line for a First and Goal. The Tiger O-Line got a great surge on the next snap and Maddox Ruddle got in behind them and followed the convoy into the KIPP end zone for a Tiger Touchdown. Wilson sent his kick up and good to put the home team on top 35-6 with 1:20 remaining in the first half.

Wilson sent his squib kickoff to the KIPP 44. KIPP was able to move the ball down the field as the Tigers were keeping everything in front of them and letting the time run off of the clock. The KIPP quarterback ran out of bounds on the final play of the first half as the two teams headed off for their break.

The Pride continued to work on their 2025-26

Field Show, "Unplug", and did a great job during their halftime performance.

Third Quarter

Wilson put up a short pooch kickoff to begin third period play with Coleman and Quiad Franks making the tackle at the KIPP 35. Two QB runs picked up 10 yards and a first down before another QB keeper gained another five yards with Hardin and Patrick Austin in on the tackle. A run to the left was thrown for a two-yard loss by Chris Rodriguez. Two plays later the Phoenix connected on a quick out pass to the HC 44 to move the chains. Three plays later KIPP used a quarterback keeper to move the chains to the Tiger 29 before Rodriguez and Ellis Smith knocked him down. Murphy stopped the next run for a gain of one before a pass to the end zone fell to the grass incomplete. The QB then ran another keeper and was hit in the backfield by Davis and finished off by Chavez. On fourth down and eight KIPP sent a pass down near the goal line that saw Davis make the interception in the end zone and the ball placed at the 20 with 2:28 on the clock.

HC got started with a nice run from Ben White for a gain of 18. Coleman ran for five yards with KIPP then jumping offside to give HC a fresh set of downs. Coleman and Wyke hooked up on a long pass up the Tiger sideline that was caught for a gain of 31 yards to the KIPP 21 to move the chains as the third period came to a close.

Fourth Quarter

White carried twice to pick up another first down at the 11. Two plays later White kept up his strong running with a gain of nine yards to the KIPP two. Coleman then kept and galloped into the end zone for a Tiger Touchdown. Wilson tacked on the extra point to make the score 42-6 with 10:50 on the clock that was now a TSSAA running clock.

Reserves began to fill the trenches as KIPP kept the ball on the ground. A run went for four yards with junior Brodie Bixler making the hit. Quiad Franks blasted through the line and stopped the following play for a five-yard loss. Austin made a big hit on the third down play to leave fourth down and long. KIPP attempted a pass but Isaiah Bingham had other ideas as the freshman defensive back snagged the ball for an interception and returned it to the Kipp 22.

Sophomore QB Parker Savage went back to pass but was forced to scramble and made an incredible play by making his way into the end zone for a touchdown before the play was called back due to a holding penalty on the Tigers. The ball was moved back to the KIPP 35 before Bingham carried the ball for six yards. Savage then spotted a receiver open deep over the middle and sent a beautiful pass down near the goal line but it was incomplete. The ball went over on downs at the KIPP 32 and they ran one final play with Franks making the hit just before the clock hit 0:00 as HC won 42-6.

Record: 1-1

TIGER STATS

First Downs: HCHS 16 KIPP 7. **Team rushing:** 30 carries for 243 yards and 5 touchdowns. **Individual rushing:** Aidan Coleman 11 carries for 108 yards and 1 touchdown; Maddox Ruddle 4 for 28 yards and 2 touchdowns; Ben White 10 for 90 yards and 1 touchdown; Isaiah Bingham 2 for 12; Lamarion Wyke 1 for 7; Heath Hardin 1 for 1 and 1 touchdown. **Passing:** Coleman 4 of 7 for 77 yards; Parker Savage 0 for 1. **Receiving:** Lamarion Wyke 3 catches for 58 yards; Keaton Davis 1 for 19. **Extra point kicks:** Jonah Wilson 6 of 6. **Punting:** Ben Duncan 1 for 21. **Kick-off return:** Ben White 1 for 18.

Tackles: Quiad Franks, Heath Hardin 5; Ellis Smith, Maddox Ruddle 3.5; Chris Rodriguez 3; Farris Rasbach, Lamarion Wyke 2; Jaidden Green, Caleb Murphy, Keaton Davis, Aidan Coleman 1.5; Ryland Luker, Ben White 1; Patrick Austin, Javier Chavez .5. **Tackles for loss:** Franks 2; Rodriguez, Luke, Davis. **Pass break-up:** Davis 1. **Interceptions:** Davis 1, Wyke 1 for pick-six touchdown, Isaiah Bingham 1.

"I was very pleased with how we competed and executed Friday night," said Tiger Head Coach Alex Seaton. "That was my challenge to our guys all week-to have 11 guys executing at the same time in all three phases of the game. I was especially proud of our offensive line with how they executed and blocked up front. I was also pleased with our defensive line in how they controlled the line of scrimmage.

"We need to build off of the things we did well this past week as we look forward to beginning region play at Dyer County.

"Thanks You to everyone that turned out Friday night to cheer on our Tigers. We hope to have a good number of our faithful fans to make the trip to Newbern with us Friday night. Go Tigers!!!"



HC quarterback Aidan Coleman has lots of his friends blocking for him as he splits the middle of the KIPP defense for a long gain.



HCHS Senior Ben White crosses the goal line for a touchdown vs KIPP Friday night. White ran for 90 yards on 10 carries and scored one touchdown.

Hardin County Tigers (1-1)
@ Dyer County Choctaws (2-0)
Friday, September 5 • 7 p.m.
Dyer County High School in Newbern

Coach Alex Seaton and his group of Big Maroon Tigers will make the long bus ride into northeastern Tennessee for their first Region 7-4A match-up of the season with the Dyer County Choctaws, a team they were in the same region with not too long ago. The Choctaws advanced to the TSSAA State Quarterfinals in 2024 and are expected to be a tough opponent. Coach Seaton knows his team will need to play well to hold up in their first road trip of the season. "We're excited to open Region play vs a good opponent Friday night," said Seaton. "They are a talented team that is returning a lot of kids from a State Quarterfinal team last season. They run a spread-style offense and throw it around quite a bit. Defensively, they play an aggressive style of defense with a lot of man coverage. We will need a good week of practice as we will have to be able to execute and pick up positive plays consistently to do what we need to do in the game."



Tigers Jaidden Green (#50) and Chris Rodriguez (#21) come very close to blocking this punt and do cause the punter to shank it out of bounds, resulting in a very short kick.

Adamsville takes early lead and goes on to win 14-12 over Chester County

Cardinals take football first and score on very first play from scrimmage for second consecutive week

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A very large crowd packed out Lendon Martin Memorial Stadium Friday night in Adamsville as the Cardinals welcomed the Chester County Eagles for some action on the gridiron.

AHS Cardinals 14
CCHS Eagles 12
First Quarter

For the second con-

secutive week Adamsville struck like lightning on the very first play from scrimmage. The Cards used a bit of trickery as QB Ben Hill handed the ball off to JC Gray for what appeared to be a jet sweep running play around the other end. The Eagle defense bit on the play as their cornerback charged up the field and Cardinal Senior DJ Jones ran right past him. Gray planted his feet to come

to a quick stop and lofted a beautiful pass down the field which Jones hauled in and sprinted 80 yards to the end zone for a Cardinal Touchdown as the AHS fans went wild. Junior Rudy Brown nailed the extra point try to put the home team up 7-0 about 15 seconds into the game.

No other points were scored in the opening period as the Cardinal defense kept the Eagle offense pretty much bottled up on their own side of the field.

Second Quarter

Chester County came to town with one of the top high school kickers in southeast that was easily kicking 50-60 yard field goals while warming up before the game. The Eagle kicker scored the only points of the second quarter with a 39-yard field goal as Adamsville carried a 7-3 lead into the halftime break. Adamsville was greatly hampered by penalties during the first half and had a touchdown called back.

Third Quarter

The third period was another defensive struggle as both teams were unable to reach the end zone. The CCHS kicker



The Adamsville Football Cardinals burst through the cheerleader banner and rush on to the field moments before kickoff Friday night. —All photos courtesy of Kara Powers



Adamsville QB Ben Hill runs up the field while looking for a receiver as a Chester County lineman chases him in hot pursuit.



AHS Junior Asah Story makes a sure tackle of an Eagle ball carrier Friday night.



HCHS Lady Tiger Ella Hammond looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to as AHS Lady Cardinal Ava Edwards closes in from behind to pressure her.

Hardin County hosts Adamsville on Soccer pitch

Lady Cardinals score first and keep adding on to win rivalry match-up by 6-1 margin

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The Hardin County Lady Tiger Soccer team welcomed the Adamsville Lady Cardinals to Savannah Sportsplex Thursday, August 28 for some spirited soccer action on the pitch.

AHS Lady Cards 6
HCHS Lady Tigers 1

Adamsville scored first in the opening 10 minutes of action to grab an early lead. The Lady Cards kept scoring and did a good job of frustrating the Lady Tiger scor-



AHS Lady Cardinal Maddie Surratt and HCHS Lady Tiger Grace Ann Butkey battle in the box in the early minutes of rivalry action.

ing chances as they went to win a 6-1 match.

LADY CARDINAL STATS
Goals: Hayley Sims 6

Record: 3-0-1
LADY TIGER STATS
Goal: Ella Hammond 1
Record: 1-1

struck again with a 29-yard field goal in the third quarter to tighten the score to 7-6 as the action headed into the final 12 minutes of action.

Fourth Quarter

Adamsville was finally able to cross the goal line again in the fourth period when Cardinal Senior QB Ben Hill connected with junior receiver Lucas Hughes for a 16-yard touchdown pass. Rudy Brown was true with his point after kick to give AHS an eight point lead at 14-6.

Though they had only been able to cross the 50 yard line once in the game, Chester County was able to connect on a long pass late in the game and got down into scoring position. The Eagles punched the ball into the end zone on an eight-yard run to cut the AHS lead to 14-12. Chester County went for the two-point try to tie the game but were turned away by the Cardinal defense as AHS maintained their 14-12 lead with very little time in the game.

The Cards got the football and forced CCHS to call their final time-out and went into the Victory formation to close out the game and won a tight 14-12 contest.

Record: 2-0

CARDINAL STATS

First Downs: AHS 17 CCHS 9. **Turnovers:** AHS 1 CCHS 1. **Total Yards:** AHS 309 CCHS 226. **Rushing:** Avery Burks 15 carries for 100 yards. **Passing:** Ben Hill 12 of 23 for 131 yards and 1 touchdown, 1 interception; JC Gray 1 of 1 for 80 yards and 1 touchdown. **Receiving:** DJ Jones 1 catch for 80 yards and 1 touchdown; Isaac Howard 2 for 44; Lucas Hughes 3 for 31 and 1 touchdown; JC Gray 2 for 29; Avery Burks 5 for 27. **Extra point kicks:** Rudy Brown 2 of 2. **Tackles:** Burks 8.5; Asah Story 6.5; JC Gray 3; Matthew Dooley 2.5; Isaac Howard, Hayden English, Lucas Hughes, Jacob Dooley 2; Bear Engel 1.5; Jaxon Grant, Easton Thompson, Jackson Johnson, Caleb Sides, DJ Jones 1. **Interception:** Howard, Brody Hensley 1.

"Well this was the sec-



Cardinal Senior Running Back Avery Burks discards an Eagle tackle attempt and heads upfield for a big gain vs CCHS.



Cardinal Senior Wide Receiver Isaac Howard snags a pass in the end zone that would have scored a touchdown had it not been nullified by an AHS penalty.

ond straight game that we've scored on a long play on the very first play from scrimmage, that has never happened in my career," said Cardinal Head Coach Brandon Gray. "We played really well all game long but we had a lot of untimely penalties, including several that brought back touchdowns. Both teams had a lot of penalties.

"Our kids played and executed well. They hit

on an 80-yard play to get down in position to score their only touchdown very late in the game. Aside from that our defense kept them pretty much bottled up one their side of the 50 all night long.

"We will take our bye week this week to work on ourselves. We need to work on coverages, timing, and routes so we can be ready for Riverside in two weeks."



Adamsville Junior Jacob Dooley bull-rushes an Eagle that has no chance of slowing him down Friday night.

AJHS Football Cardinals hold off determined Pickwick team for 24-8 win

Adamsville goes on road to win over a good Eagle squad and improves to 3-0 for the season

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The Adamsville Cardinals traveled to Pickwick Southside Tuesday evening, August 26 for some football action vs the Pickwick Eagles. Pickwick gave an excellent effort before Adamsville headed home with a 24-8 road victory in their pocket.

**AJHS Cardinals 24
Pickwick Southside
Eagles 8**

First Quarter

AJHS scored on the very first play from scrimmage as Lucas

Sheets caught a pass from Ford Frank and went 70 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed as the Cards led 6-0 with 7:48 showing on the game clock.

Pickwick got the ball at their own 30 after the kickoff and quickly ran three plays and punted the ball back to the AJHS 35. The Cards struck quickly again as they needed just four plays to cover 65 yards with the last 43 yards coming on a 43-yard touchdown gallop by Jayden Grisham. The extra point try again failed and Adamsville led 12-0 at the 3:09 mark

in the opening period. PWSS once again went three and out against the stout Cardinal defense and punted the pigskin to the 50 yard line on the final play of the opening period.

Second Quarter

AJHS took over at midfield and used six plays to matriculate down the field with Jayden Grisham scoring on a four-yard touchdown run. The point after try failed to leave AJHS with an 18-0 advantage with 4:40 left in the first half.

Pickwick received the kickoff at their own 30 and again ran three plays before punting the ball to the AJHS 44.

Adamsville scored quickly as five plays

later they reached the end zone on a five-yard run by Jayden Grisham to put AJHS on top 24-0 just before halftime.

Third Quarter

Pickwick got things started in the third period by getting the football at their own 30. The Eagles kept the ball on the ground and picked up a first down before eventually losing yardage on a couple of plays and punting the ball to the Cards at their own 30 yard line.

Adamsville went on a nine-play drive before eventually having the ball go over on downs at the Eagle 30 just before the third period ended.

Fourth Quarter

Pickwick set out on a long scoring drive that

covered 70 yards and used eight plays before Cam Bonee scored on a 13-yard gallop. The Eagles added the two-point conversion to make the new score 24-8. Adamsville took the kickoff and ran three plays before the final horn sounded to end the game.

AJHS Record: 3-0

CARDINAL STATS

Offensive
Lucas Sheets 102 yards receiving and 1 touchdown; Jayden Grisham 87 yards rushing, 3 touchdowns; Henry Hopper 66 yards; Jaylon Baxter 30 yards; Jake Jensen 4 yards; Ford Frank 26 yards rushing, 127 yards passing, 1 touchdown

Defensive (Tackles)
Riley Grisham, Jaylon Baxter 3, Jayden Grisham, Henry

Hopper, Eben Killingsworth, Jaxton Robertson 2; Brooks Childers, Ford Frank, Ray Conley, Tucker Rummell, Damian Lard, Jaxton Jones, Lucas Sheets 1.

"Southside has a fine team," said Cardinal Head Coach Michael Harvill. "They pushed us for four quarters. I think they will impress a lot of people this year. Coach Robby Jenkins and his staff are doing a fine job.

"As for us, we still have a lot to work on offensively. We have to get things cleaned up, too many penalties and still having trouble converting our extra points. Defensively, we had a great game. I am very proud of the way they played."

HCCHS Golf hosts 31st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament

Hardin County Golf welcomes 75 golfers representing 11 schools in 31st Invitational Tournament at Pickwick Landing State Park Golf Course.

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The Hardin County High School Golf program continued a long tradition Monday, August 25 as they welcomed golfers from West and Middle Tennessee as well as North Mississippi to Pickwick Landing Golf Course for their 31st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament.

The 18-hole tourney began Monday morning and continued until mid-afternoon in very comfortable temperatures.

Tullahoma took First Place in the Boys event with a team total of 308.

Scotts Hill and Bolivar tied for Second Place at 329, one stroke ahead of Fourth Place McNairy Central and their 330 score. Other finishers were: Fifth-Lawrence County 331, Sixth-Tishomingo 335, Seventh-Bartlett 346, Eighth-Lexington 347, Ninth-Hardin County Tigers 356, 10th-Fayette Academy 406.

In Boys Individual

competition, Brody Fulmer of Tullahoma earned Medalist honors with a two-under 70. Connor Daniel of Bolivar and JoJo Howard tied for Second Place with each shooting a 74.

Individual 18-hole scores for Hardin County were: Sam McGinley 81, Westin Roten 90, Eli Moore 90, Justin Albers 95, Bryson Matlock 96.

Finishing atop the Girls standings was Scotts Hill with a team total of 176. McNairy Central grabbed Second Place with their 184 score as Briarcrest earned

Third Place honors with a 188 total. Other finishers were: Fourth-Bartlett 198, Fifth-Bolivar 210, Sixth-Hardin County Lady Tigers 217, Seventh-Lexington 218, Eighth-Tishomingo 242, Ninth-Lawrence County N/A.

In Girls Individual competition, Cadey Maness of McNairy Central claimed Medalist honors with her 77. Oakley Blankenship of Scotts Hill finished in Second Place with a 79. Taking Third Place was Ella Knighton of Briarcrest with her score of 90.

Individual 18-hole scores for Hardin County were: Lainey Deberry 102, Ashlan McLean 115, Emily Wright 117.

HCMS Football Tigers drop 22-0 home game to Lewis County

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The Hardin County Middle School Tiger Football team welcomed Lewis County to Jim Carroll Stadium Thursday evening, August 28 for some action on the gridiron.

**Lewis County 22
HCMS Tigers 0**

The two teams battled evenly and finished the first quarter knotted in a 0-0 tie.

Lewis County scored six points during second quarter action and car-

ried the 6-0 advantage into the halftime break.

The visitors really got rolling in the third period as they put 16 points on the scoreboard while keeping the home team scoreless for another quarter.

Neither squad scored in the final quarter as Lewis County boarded their bus for the long trip back home with a 22-0 road win over the Tigers.

Record: 0-3

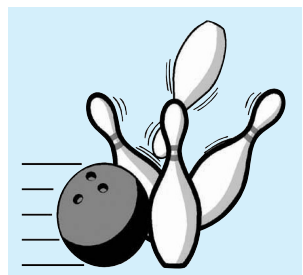
TIGER STATS

Rushing: Ricktavius Tomlin 17 carries for 104 yards; Everett Carroll 5 carries, C.J. Melson 2 carries. **Passing:**

Melson 2 of 5 for 27 yards. **Receiving:** Josiah Knight 1 catch for 25 yards; Jacaden Westenhauser 1 catch for 2 yards.

Tackles: Ashton Bigbie, Tomlin 8; Patrick Burkhardt 7; Graden Ripley 4.5; C.J. Melson, Bailey 4; Karlile Jackson 3; Cole Qualls 2; Dolan Williams, Ayden Simboli 1.5; Lucas Vickery 1.

"During the game we made two good plays then one bad one," said Tiger Head Coach William McAdams. "We are still getting in our own way. We must commit to getting better each and every play."



League Bowling High Scores

Monday Morning Coffee Cup August 25th

Men
Scratch Game — Charles Lewis 222
Scratch Series — Charles Lewis 600
Handicap Game — Mark Suffling 247
Handicap Series — Mark Suffling 688

Women
Scratch Game — Katie Stacy 167
Scratch Series — Katie Stacy 455
Handicap Game — Beverly Taylor 236
Handicap Series — Beverly Taylor 670

Monday Youth Trio August 25th

Boys
Scratch Game — Maximus Magee 232
Scratch Series — Maximus Magee 572
Handicap Game — Maximus Magee 247
Handicap Series — Maximus Magee 617

Girls
Scratch Game — Bella Alcott 237
Scratch Series — Libby Bromley 645
Handicap Game — Bella Alcott 262
Handicap Series — Eliza Brown 696

Monday Night Classic August 25th

Men
Scratch Game — David Channell 266
Scratch Series — Bryan Crittes 661
Handicap Game — David Channell 279
Handicap Series — Wesson Heath 774

Women
Scratch Game — Ava Alexander 235
Scratch Series — Ava Alexander 599
Handicap Game — Ava Alexander 262
Handicap Series — Ava Alexander 680

Tuesday Night Ladies Classic August 26

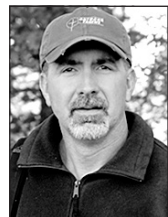
Women
Scratch Game — Katie Stacy 178
Scratch Series — Rhonda Gray 489
Handicap Game — Rhonda Gray 257
Handicap Series — Rhonda Gray 756

Tuesday Night Y/A Sport Aug 26th

Boys
Scratch Game — Paul Robert Pilkinton 210
Scratch Series — Paul Robert Pilkinton 523
Handicap Game — Paul Robert Pilkinton 242
Handicap Series — Paul Robert Pilkinton 619

Girls
Scratch Game — Katelynn Woodard 174
Scratch Series — Katelynn Woodard 474
Handicap Game — Alyssa Crittes 225
Handicap Series — Katelynn Woodard 612

Outdoor Truths



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We are quickly coming to everyone's favorite time of year. The signs of summer's close are the start of school, Labor Day, and another hunting season. Autumn in most states brings cool mornings and warm evenings. It's the days that country folks enjoy the screen door and open windows. The air seems cleaner and fresher, and the once hazy skies are now as clear as a mountain stream. The most prominent signs of fall are the leaves that are changing from hues of green into colors as different as the trees themselves. My part of the country is known for the beautiful fall colors that cover the mountains like Joseph's coat of many colors. During the summer months, from a distance, every tree looks the

same. The hills seem covered with one big blob of green. And while the evergreens may stand out from their needles, the rest of the landscape is uniform. Each tree has thrived under the good conditions of spring and summer. When the pressure of fall comes each tree begins to show its own unique colors. Fall is not the time of plenty; it is the time of lack. This lack is what causes the leaves to turn. We might say that when each tree is under the pressure of a lack of sustenance it begins to show its true colors. The same can be said about us.

Many times in our life, we are forced under some pressure. One of the most common pressures is the one that comes from a perceived lack of what we need. As with any pressure we are squeezed to the point that what is inside comes out. We show our true colors. Now this doesn't mean that one bad moment is the determining factor of who we really are. But

pressure that is put on us over time will reveal what we are made of. What we need to understand is that many times it is God who is applying the pressure to us. He is not doing it so He can find out what we will do - He already knows; but He is doing it so we can know and so that we can see what is truly in our heart and if we really trust in God who has promised to provide everything we need. Thankfully, these difficult times are only seasons. Although they seem permanent at times, one day they will give way to another time of growth and prosperity. And I pray that while autumn is in the air, your summer of blessings is just arriving.

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SUN.: 2:00
THURS.: 7:00

CAUGHT STEALING
(R)
FRI. & SAT.: 7:10
SUN.: 2:10
THURS.: 7:10

WEAPONS
(R)
FRI. & SAT.: 6:45
SUN.: 1:45
THURS.: 6:45

Fantastic 4 FIRST STEPS
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FRI. & SAT.: 7:00
SUN.: 2:00
THURS.: 7:00

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THURS.: 6:50

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FRI. & SAT.: 6:55
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THURS.: 6:55

"THE CONJURING: LAST RITES" starts Thurs., Sept. 4
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Tennessee before the Secondary School Athletic Association

Courtesy of TSSAA

Imagine you're a high schooler in 1920, traveling with your friends from school to play football against a team the next county over. You're excited, that is, until you arrive to find your opponent appears to have three stout, 25-year-old coal miners on their team. What do you do? After all, there were no rules against it.

This scenario wasn't hypothetical for many Tennessee students in the early 20th century. The chaotic world of unregulated high school athletics created situations that seem absurd today—grown men competing against teenagers, players switching teams between games, and coaches recruiting athletes from outside of school. These problems would persist until 1925, when the creation of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association aimed to bring order to the mayhem.

The Educational Landscape

To understand why such chaos existed, we must first examine Tennessee's educational infrastructure at the turn of the century. Public education remained a nascent concept. Few state-supported high schools existed, and attendance wasn't mandatory. Most Tennesseans lived in rural communities where educational opportunities were scarce, often limited to small schools with one or two teachers paid directly by parents.

This sparse infrastructure naturally meant organized sports barely existed. Yet change was coming. In 1909, the state legislature began earmarking funds for education, triggering a slow but steady transformation. County high schools emerged. Teacher training improved. The University of Tennessee received more considerable state support. As schools became more organized, student activities—including sports—followed suit.

The growth, however, largely occurred without leadership or oversight. This vacuum created fertile ground for the problems that would eventually demand a governing body for athletics.

Competition Without Rules

The absence of central authority meant each school team operated independently. Some

created their own rules. Many had none at all. The result was predictable: eligibility standards varied wildly, age limits were non-existent, and players sometimes suited up for multiple schools in the same season.

Coaches, driven to win at any cost, embraced questionable tactics. They recruited from pool halls and street corners. They offered under-the-table payments and "gifts" of equipment. They compensated players for travel expenses. These tactics not only created competitive imbalances but also undermined the educational mission of schools themselves.

The concept of high school sports being exclusively for high school students—something we take for granted today—simply didn't exist. Teams of actual students regularly faced squads with no age or enrollment restrictions. This diminished both the value of competition and the integrity of the sport.

The College Shadow

As college sports gained popularity and prestige, high school programs felt pressure to emulate their practices. Unfortunately, this often meant adopting the same problematic behaviors: recruiting athletes from far-flung areas, offering improper inducements, and prioritizing athletic achievement over academic progress.

The situation created a peculiar hypocrisy. Coaches and boosters would decry recruiting violations when used against them, while simultaneously engaging in the tactics themselves. Everyone wanted a level playing field—so long as it tilted in their favor.

Early Reform Efforts

Not everyone accepted this chaos as inevitable. Forward-thinking principals recognized that sports, properly directed, could incentivize academic achievement and build character. These educators understood that strong leadership was essential to holding coaches accountable and to align sports programs with educational goals.

Regional organizations began emerging to address the problems. The Middle Tennessee High School Athletic Association represented one such effort. Individual tourna-

ments implemented their own regulations. Blinkey Horn, sports editor of The Nashville Tennessean, enforced strict eligibility rules for entrants in his prestigious Tennessee-Vanderbilt basketball tournament.

These isolated initiatives, though admirable, highlighted a fundamental limitation: they only affected participating schools during specific events. The broader landscape remained unchanged. Schools competing outside these tournaments continued operating in the wild west of unregulated competition.

The Breaking Point

By the early 1920s, the situation had become untenable. The competitive gap between schools following rules and those ignoring them widened dramatically. Academic integrity concerns mounted. Parents grew frustrated watching their children compete against adults. School administrators faced increasing pressure to either join the arms race of recruiting or accept perpetual defeat.

The hypocrisy had become too blatant to ignore. Schools needed protection from each other—and from themselves.

The Birth of Order

In 1925, a group of principals decided enough was enough. Led by G.C. Carney of Nashville Central High School and A.J. Smith, superintendent of the Clarksville School System, they spearheaded the creation of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

These men had witnessed the participation of non-students firsthand. They'd seen the lack of consistent eligibility standards destroy competitive balance. They understood that individual schools were powerless to effect meaningful change. Only collective, cooperative action could restore integrity to high school athletics.

The TSSAA's formation represented more than bureaucratic problem-solving. It reflected a desire for purpose-driven sports. The organization's founders believed athletic participation should develop character, teach teamwork, and guide students towards excellence—values often obscured in the win-at-all-costs environment of unregulated competition.

A New Era Begins

The establishment of the TSSAA marked a watershed moment in Tennessee education. For the first time, high school athletics would operate under uniform standards. Age limits would be enforced. Academic requirements would matter. Recruiting violations would carry consequences.

The organization ensured sports would complement, rather than compromise, the educational mission of schools. It recognized that the true value of high school athletics lay not in championships but in shaping well-rounded individuals prepared for success beyond the playing field.

Dove Season opened across Tennessee on Labor Day

Courtesy of TWRA

NASHVILLE --- Tennessee's 2025-26 dove season opened on Labor Day, Sept. 1 at noon (local time) and is one of the state's most long-standing hunting traditions.

Tennessee's dove season is once again divided into three segments: Sept. 1-Sept. 28; Oct. 11-Nov. 2; and Dec. 8-Jan. 15, 2025. Hunting times, other than opening day, are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

Doves are found throughout various regions in the state, with the highest concentration in farming areas. Hunters must have a valid state hunting license and a Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit while hunting. Before hunting on private lands, hunters are required to ask for permission.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) manages dove hunting fields in each of the four regions. For more information and the location of fields, visit <https://www.tn.gov/>

Over-age players and those not enrolled in school would have to find another team. With TSSAA established and dozens of schools joining each year, high school sports would finally be for high school students.

The TSSAA's founding

didn't solve every problem overnight. Enforcement would prove challenging. Some who held sports above education would resist. New issues would emerge as sports evolved. But Tennessee had taken a crucial step toward ensuring that athletics served the best interests of students and schools. The era of anything-goes competition had ended. The age of organized, educational athletics had begun.

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The daily bag limit for mourning doves is 15, and there is no limit on collared doves. Doves not readily identifiable as collared doves will be considered mourning doves and will count toward the mourning dove daily bag limit. No person shall take migratory game birds by the aid of baiting, or on any baited area. Any auto-loading or repeating shotgun must be incapable of holding more than three shells while being used for dove hunting.

In addition to the start of dove season, the early season for Canada geese, brant, blue, snow, and Ross' Geese (light geese) also starts on Sept. 1 and runs through Sept. 21. Refer to the 2025-26 Tennessee Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Guide for daily bag limits.

Other hunting seasons that open Sept. 1 are moorhens, gallinules, and rails (Virginia and sora), with a closure on Nov. 9.

The Tennessee Migratory Bird Permit is also required to hunt these species.

A short crow hunting season overlaps with the opening week of dove season, Sept. 1-5. It will resume from Sept. 12 through Dec. 20, and hunting is allowed only on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during this segment.

More information on Tennessee dove and other migratory bird seasons can be found on the TWRA website (www.tnwildlife.org) in the Hunting section. The 2025-26 Tennessee Fishing, Hunting & Trapping Guide can also be viewed on the website, the TWRA App, or a copy may be obtained at any TWRA regional office or license vendor.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is responsible for protecting, managing, and conserving fish and wildlife species for the benefit of Tennesseans and visitors. The Agency also maintains public safety through law enforcement and safety education on waterways.

Pickwick Southside Football takes on Lions and Cardinals

Submitted by PWSS Head Coach Robby Jenkins

Pickwick took a tough 8-6 Overtime loss at Scotts Hill Thursday night, August 21. The game was a defensive battle through four quarters. With one minute remaining in the game Tyler Lambert broke a 65 yard run but was caught from behind at the five yard line. The Lions stuffed three rushing attempts and Pickwick fumbled the snap on the last play as regulation time ended 0-0.

The overtime period was played from the 10 yard line with each team getting four plays to score. Scotts Hill went on offense first, Pickwick stuffed two runs. On third down the Scotts Hill running back broke a tackle and scampered into the end zone. The Lions then punched in the two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead.

The Eagles took over

and Cam Bonee took a handoff and bulled his way in for the touchdown. On the conversion attempt Pickwick fumbled the snap which ended the game.

I'm proud of the way we played for our first game. Scotts Hill is a much improved team this year and we hung with them. We will get better and clean up our mistakes. We are going to win some ball games. Cam Bonee led the way offensively with 87 yards rushing and a touchdown. Tyler Lambert had 85 yards and Cameron Hindman added 13 yards. Bonee was the leading tackler on defense with 14 tackles, 2 sacks and a fumble recovery. Tyler Lambert had 8 tackles and Hindman added 6 tackles.

We have a few fifth graders starting for us and they played outstanding. Leo Rodriguez and River Jenkins both picked up their first tackles as Eagles.

Pickwick played Adamsville Tuesday night, August 26 and the Cards defeated the Eagles 24-8. Cam Bonee had 105 yards rushing and a touchdown. He is now 212 yards away from breaking the all time rushing record at Pickwick Southside. Cameron Hindman scored on a two-point conversion and added 12 yards rushing. Bonee led the way on defense once again with 16 tackles and a fumble recovery. Hindman added 6 tackles and Lambert had 3.

Dollen Huggins had a great game defensively, he makes all our calls on defense and did an outstanding job. Young Leo Rodriguez played great with 2 passes defended and a tackle. I'm pleased with our effort against a great team. We are getting better each day and will be looking to pick up the win in our next game.

Record: 0-2

2025 FOOTBALL CONTEST



CONTEST RULES: For your opportunity to win \$25 cash, circle the teams you think will win each of the games. Don't forget to choose a high-point tie breaker (the most points you think a single team will score). Turn your entries in to the Courier, 375 Main St., Savannah by 5 p.m. the Wednesday before Game Day or mail it. All mailed entries must be postmarked before 5 p.m. on that Wednesday to be eligible. **LIMIT ONE ENTRY PER WEEK PER PERSON.**

Game Days: Sept. 11-13

Circle your picks below

1. Hardin Co.	@ Chester Co.
2. Dyer Co.	@ Crockett Co.
3. Memphis Middle College	@ Evangelical Christian
4. Lexington	@ Jackson North Side
5. South Gibson	@ Jackson South Side
6. Adamsville	@ Decatur Co. Riverside
7. KIPP Memphis Collegiate	@ Manassas
8. Lewis Co.	@ Hickman Co.
9. Mt. Pleasant	@ Summertown
10. Loretto	@ Scotts Hill
11. Houston Co.	@ Wayne Co.
12. Dyersburg	@ McNairy Central
13. Camden	@ Waverly Central
14. Chattanooga Preparatory	@ Milan
15. Peabody	@ Jackson Central-Merry
16. Huntingdon	@ Halls

The most points to be scored by any one contest team in a contest this week _____

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Fall Sports Round-Up

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Golf

In matches that were postponed due to excessive heat seven days earlier, the Adamsville Cardinals and Lady Cardinal Golf teams played host to the Chester County Eagles and Eaglettes Monday, August 25 at Shiloh Golf Course near Adamsville.

The Boys match was about as close as you can get as the CC Eagles edged the Adamsville Cardinals by a single stroke, 180-181.

Bradley Harris and Ashton Davis led the Cards as each fired a 43. Next up was Maguire Luna with his 47 as Elam Dierks filled the final scoring spot for AHS with a 48 over nine holes. Zack Johnson added a 50.

Cardinals playing as individuals were: Peyton Moore 50, Tyler Harbin 53, Reed Merry 54, and Grady Ashe 56.

The CC Eaglettes came out on top in the Girls match with a team total of 109 compared to 117 for the Lady Cards.

Lillie Dunaway fired a 54 to lead AHS while Lainie Rose chipped in with her 57 score. Next up Allie Maxedon with her 59 effort as Grace Belton claimed the final scoring position with a 60. Kately Martindale added a 61.

The AHS Cards and Lady Cards welcomed their rivals from across the county, the McNairy Central Bobcats and Lady Bobcats to Shiloh Golf Course Thursday, August 28 for some action on the links.

The Bobcats got past the Cardinals 158-176. Bradley Harris led AHS with his 38 as Ashton Davis fired a 43. Elam Dierks posted a 46 with Zach Johnson adding a 49 in the final scoring spot. Maguire Luna added a 50. Other Cardinals scores playing as individuals were: Reed Merry 49; Peyton Moore 51; Grady Ashe, Tyler Harbin 56.

MC won the Girls match as well by a 89-116 score. Martindale fired a 54 with Belton and Dunaway each putting up a 58 total. Rose added a 61. Other Lady Cardinal scores playing as individuals were: Dani Sawyer, Allie Maxedon 59; Emma Moore 61.

The Hardin County High School Golf teams hosted Riverside at Pickwick Landing State Park Thursday, August 28.

The Tigers won over the Panthers 170-190 with Sam McGinley and Eli Moore each firing a 42 over 9 holes. Westin Roten and Justin Albers finished right on their

heels with each shooting a 43. Bryson Matlock added a 47.

In Tiger JV Golf, Corbin Dale and Slayden Allison put up scores of 51 while Keegan Hutchison added a 53. Eli Linam brought in a 54 score as Michael Paul Jones carded a 57.

The Lady Panthers slipped past the Lady Tigers by an 89-101 margin. Ashlan McLean led her team with a 50 as Lainey Deberry and Emily Wright each posted a 51.

Softball

After dropping a 10-0 decision to Chester County on Friday, August 22, and a 10-2 loss to DMS one day later, the AJHS Lady Cardinals softball team began a new week with another game vs Chester County at home Monday, August 25. CCJHS came out on top by a wide margin once again as they picked up a 12-1 road win.

Phoebe Boatwright was 1-2 with a double and 1 run scored vs DMS as Kenzie Tobey had a 1-2 day with a run scored and an RBI. Adalynn Gammill was 1-2 with a double, an RBI and one run scored while Sophia Brewer picked up 2 hits in 2 plate appearances.

Piper Gagyi struck out 1 and allowed 4 hits and 3 walks and 0 earned runs as AJHS committed 8 fielding errors.

In action vs Chester County Piper Gagyi went 2-2 with 2 doubles as Mallorie Tidwell was 1-2 at the plate. Gagyi struck out 2 while walking 5, allowing 8 hits and 6 earned runs as the Lady Cards made 7 errors.

AJHS Lady Cardinals 17 Michie Lady Blue Devils 2

Adamsville got back into the win column Tuesday, August 26 as they hosted Michie, winning by 15 runs in three innings.

Sadie Luttrell was 2-3 with an RBI and 3 runs scored as Piper Gagyi walked twice to pick up 2 RBI and scored three times. Sophia Brewer added a 2-2 effort with 1 walk, 3 RBI, and 3 runs scored.

Phoebe Boatwright had a 1-2 game with an RBI, a walk, and 3 runs scored and Adalynn Gammill led AJHS with a 3-3 game that included a triple, 5 RBI, and 2 runs scored. Kenzie Tobey was 1-3 with a triple and 1 RBI. Harper Blakney put together a 1-2 game with 1 RBI and 1 run scored with Presley Cotner going 1-1 with 2 runs scored.

Adalynn Gammill pitched all three frames for Adamsville, allowing 2 walks, 3 hits, and 0 earned runs with 7 strikeouts.

AJHS ended the week



These eight runners competed in the Pulaski Invitational at UT Southern on Saturday, August 30 with Lauren Carpenter leading the Lady Tigers and Jonah Wilson pacing the Tigers.

with a lopsided 11-0 win over Middleton on the road Thursday, August 28.

Luttrell walked 3 times, scored 3 runs and added 1 RBI with Gagyi going 2-3 with 1 RBI and 1 run scored. Boatwright went 1-3 with 2 RBI and Gammill gave a 1-2 effort with 2 walks, 2 RBI, and 1 run scored. Sophia Brewer was 1-3 with 2 RBI and 1 run scored as Tobey walked and scored. Cotner also walked and scored while Blakney went 1-2 with 2 RBI and 1 run scored as Tidwell also scored 1 run.

Gagyi went all four innings to get the win, allowing 1 hit and 1 walk while striking out 4.

Record: 8-3

The HCMS Lady Tigers won game one at home vs SCA Monday, August 25 by a 16-2 margin in four innings.

Leadoff hitter Jaden Osteen set the table with a 3-3 game that included a double, 3 RBI and 2 runs scored as Kimzey White added an RBI. Meadow Whitten was 2-2 with 2 runs scored as Briley Jo Cowgell went 1-1 with 2 walks, a double, 2 RBI and 2 runs scored. Kinzey Morris was 1-2 with 2 RBI and 2 runs scored as Kellianne Baxter was 1-1 with 2 RBI.

Millie Northcutt had a 2-3 game with 2 RBI and 2 runs scored while Journee Bain walked and scored. Loren Axline put together a 2-3 game with a double, 2 RBI and 1 run scored as Nadalee Barrier went 1-1 with 2 walks, and 3 runs scored as Audrey Lee went 1-2 with 1 RBI and 1 run scored.

Morris and Northcutt pitched two innings each for Hardin County.

Lola Perkins scored 1 run for SCA as Rylee Campbell was 1-1 with a walk and 1 run scored. Laken Perkins and Savannah Bates picked up 1 RBI each for SCA.

Lola Perkins pitched all 3 frames for the Lady Eagles.

HCMS also won game

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to verify they had not opened the gate for management purposes. Upon confirmation that it should not be open, TWRA staff began the manual shutdown procedure for the spillway gate.

Surveillance video for the property revealed a group of four males entering the area through the rear gate. While inside the compound, they accessed the manual override switch for the spillway gate opening operation. One spillway gate was opened to full capacity.

two that same day by a final score of 4-0 in three innings.

Audrey Lee was 1-2 with 1 run scored as Kellianne Baxter also had a 1-2 game with 1 run scored to go with a double. Harper Higgins went 1-1 with a double, a walk, 1 RBI, and 1 run scored with Annalyn Childers adding a 2-2 effort with a double, 2 RBI, and 1 run scored. Paisley Wint and Kinzey Morris were each 1-1.

Baxter pitched all three frames for HCMS, allowing 0 hits with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Eden Ragan and Gracie Thrapp each walked for SCA to give them their only baserunners in the game.

Savannah Bates pitched two innings for the Lady Eagles, allowing 7 hits and 4 runs with 3 walks.

Hardin County played two more games at home the next afternoon vs the Ramer Lady Eagles. HCMS won game one 8-2 in five innings.

Osteen went 1-3 with 2 RBI with Morris adding a 1-3 effort with 1 run scored. Whitten put together a 1-2 day at the plate with 2 runs scored with Cowgell adding a 2-3 with 2 RBI and 1 run scored game. Millie Northcutt was 1-3 with a walk, 1 RBI and 1 run scored as Journee Bain came up with a walk, 1 RBI and 1 run scored. Axline added a 1-3 effort with Elle McMasters driving in 1 run and scoring once as Barrier walked and scored.

Cowgell went all five innings, allowing 4 hits, 3 walks, and 0 earned runs while striking out 11.

HCMS won the JV contest by a final score of 8-1 in three innings.

Kimzey White walked and scored with Audrey Lee going 1-3 with 1 run scored. Baxter walked and scored 2 runs with Higgins walking and scoring as well. Annalyn Childers was 2-2 with 4 RBI and 1 run scored while Axline was 2-2 with a double, 1 RBI and 2 runs scored. Kinzey Morris went 1-1 as Northcutt also picked up an RBI.

Lee and Axline shared the pitching duties for the Lady Tigers.

HCMS traveled to Henderson for two games Thursday, August 28. The Lady Tigers took Game One 8-7 and won Game Two 2-1.

HC trailed 6-3 after two innings before coming from behind to win the first game. Osteen went 2-3 with 2 runs scored as Morris had a 1-3 game. Whitten went 1-2 with 2 walks and 1 RBI while Cowgell was 2-3 with 2 walks, 1 RBI and

2 runs scored. Northcutt put together a 1-3 game with 1 run scored with Lee scoring once. Sarah Beth Kolanda was 1-1 with 2 RBI while McMasters walked and scored with Barrier scoring one run.

Cowgell pitched all five frames for HCMS

Trailing 1-0 after two innings in Game Two, HC rallied for two runs and held on to win a tight battle. White was 1-2 with 1 RBI and 1 run scored with Baxter also going 1-2 with a double and 1 RBI. Axline walked and scored for the Lady Tigers.

Northcutt pitched all four frames, allowing 3 hits, 1 walk, and 1 run scored while striking out 1.

Record: 14-3-1

Pickwick Southside fell at home to North Hardeman 21-2 Monday, August 25.

Payton Jackson and IzaBella Rinks scored 1 run each for Pickwick as Rinks, Mary Susan Burks, and Zoey Hayes walked one time each with Jackson and Alydia Jenkins walking twice.

Jenkins pitched the entire game for the Lady Eagles.

Pickwick fell at home to Bolivar 24-3 Thursday, August 28.

Jackson walked and scored as Jenkins went 1-2 with 1 RBI and 1 run scored. Lilly Stevens was 2-2 with a triple and 1 run scored as Anna Matlock walked and picked up 1 RBI. Burks walked twice and added an RBI as well.

Jenkins went all the way in the pitching circle for the Lady Eagles.

Record: 0-6

In addition to the two games vs Hardin County Middle School, the SCA Lady Eagles went on the road to Bolivar Tuesday, August 26 and won by a whopping 14-0 score in four innings.

SCA pounded out 11 hits with Lola Perkins going 3-3 with 1 walk, 1 RBI and 1 run scored as Rylee Campbell walked twice and scored 2 runs. Laken Perkins was 1-2 with a triple, 1 walk, 2 RBI and 2 runs scored while Marlee Kate Stewart was 1-3 with a triple, a walk, and 2 runs scored.

Savannah Bates was 1-3 with 1 RBI and 1 run scored with Gracie Thrapp adding one RBI. LileeAn Stewart had a 1-1 game with a double, 2 walks, 1 RBI and 3 runs scored as Makenzie Campbell put up a 2-3 game with 1 RBI and 2 runs scored as Eden Ragan put together a 2-3 effort with 2 RBI and 1 run scored.

Lola Perkins pitched all four frames for SCA, allowing 2 hits, 2 walks,

and 0 runs, while striking out 7.

SCA played host to Ramer Thursday, August 28 and came up on the short end of a 12-2 score. Laken Perkins walked and scored with Stewart going 1-2 with 1 run scored. Lola Perkins and Savannah Bates shared the pitching duties for SCA.

Record: 4-6-1

Volleyball

The HCHS Volleyball team hit the road to Madison County Monday, August 25 for matches vs Jackson South Side. The Lady Tigers fell in four games by scores of: 14-25, 25-21, 23-25, and 24-26.

Junior Outside Hitter Shealeigh Greene had 4 aces, 8 kills, and 26 digs. Sophomore Middle Blocker Averly Warren had 13 kills, and 4 blocks. Hardin County played host to Chester County Tuesday, August 26. The Eaglettes came out on top in three games by scores of: 11-25, 16-25, and 20-25.

Sophomore Middle Blocker Averly Warren led the team offensively with 11 kills for the match. Senior Libero Ceci Rasbach led the team defensively with 14 digs, helped by Sophomore Middle Blocker Lexie Williams who had two blocks.

HCHS won at Liberty Thursday night, August 28 in three games by scores of: 25-12, 25-9, and 25-3.

Junior Setter Kenli McCasland served 4 consecutive aces and Senior Setter Kinsey Fondren served up 22 consecutive serves in the third game.

Cross Country

The Adamsville Cross Country one-man team ran his first-ever 3.1 mile race at Dresden Tuesday, August 21. Cardinal Junior Noah Hughes ran along with 125 other runners and came close to finishing in the top half of runners.

The HCHS Cross Country runners traveled to UT Southern Saturday, August 30 to compete in the Pulaski Invitational.

The Lady Tigers were led by Lauren Carpenter who came in 10th place out of 78 girls followed by Allison Catalan in 18th place.

Lady Tiger Results:

Lauren Carpenter 23.38, Allison Catalan 24.46, Addison Nolan 31.36, Jasmine Storms 32.23.

The Tigers were led by Jonah Wilson who came in 29th out of 132 boys followed by Victor Atanacio in 32nd place.

Tiger Results:

Jonah Wilson 20.27, Victor Atanacio 20.37, Evan Killough 28.06, Jaxon Shearer 29.13.

Individuals identified from Reelfoot Spillway surveillance cameras

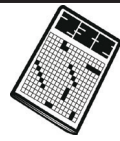
Courtesy of TWRA

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) has identified the four individuals who were caught on security cameras at the Reelfoot Lake spillway gate in Lake County on Aug. 24, 2025, at approximately 11 p.m.

"We want to thank the public for their numerous tips that led to the quick identification

of those involved," said TWRA Col. Dale Grandstaff. "Names will not be released pending further investigation. We will be working with the local District Attorney's office and Agency partners to finalize the investigation."

TWRA staff were notified that a spillway gate was open and discharging at approximately 8 a.m. on Aug. 25. The Agency immediately contacted



Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Santa___ (San Jose's county)
- 6) Grad
- 10) Hand over (to)
- 14) Senate assistants
- 15) Indian dress
- 16) "Un bel di," for one
- 17) Places to watch the birdie
- 20) Colombo Mr.
- 21) Roman god
- 22) Creator of the March sisters
- 23) Refuse to play by the rules
- 25) Deposition word with "sworn"
- 26)___ noire (fearsome entity)
- 28) Doesn't forget
- 32) "Parliament" ending
- 34) Large tangelo
- 35) Faux___ (blunder)
- 38) Natural timekeeper, of a sort
- 42) Yearning
- 43) Test grade
- 44) Cosmic comeuppance
- 45) Hardly the manly type
- 48) Printing direction
- 49) Home of any Irish poet
- 51) One keeping minutes
- 53) Small eggs, to a biologist

- 55) Interoffice communique
- 56) Palindromic city in Oklahoma
- 59) They feature many jumps
- 62) Notion in Normandy
- 63) Circle of light
- 64) Hairbrush bristles
- 65) Kind of case or pilot
- 66) "It's___ a long, long time"
- 67) Electric car maker

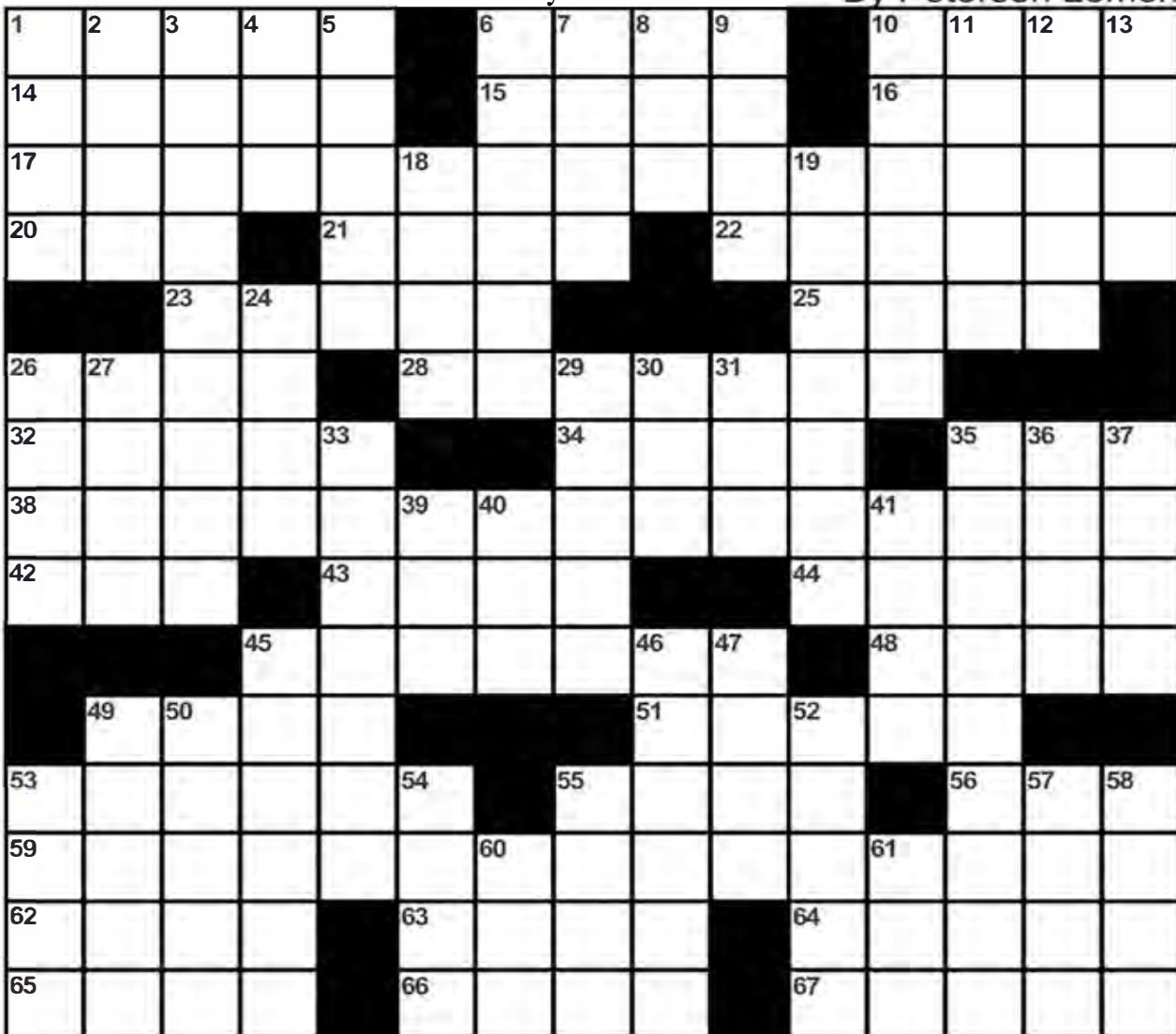
CLUES DOWN

- 1) Airport vehicles
- 2) Deceiver
- 3) Good pronunciation on Madison Avenue?
- 4) Dreamy sleep phase
- 5) Parenthetical comment
- 6) Like some observations
- 7) Where to spend a kip
- 8) Coffeehouse container
- 9) Often-transparent mineral
- 10) Political gathering
- 11) Swashbuckling Flynn
- 12) Nice little song
- 13) Toward the Atlantic, in America

BEFORE A.D.

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By Peterson Lemon



- 18) Far from afar
- 19) Name for the devil
- 24) "Physician,___ thyself"
- 26) Buggy occupant
- 27) Lake near Niagara Falls
- 29) Positions for divers
- 30) Ottoman honorific
- 31) Sick
- 33) One running for office
- 35) Some paintings
- 36) It's as high as one can go
- 37) 32-card game
- 39) Not a guy
- 40) Bother the heck out of
- 41) Use intense light on
- 45) Painter Jean-Francois
- 46) Kind of band or show
- 47) Ceremonial elegance
- 49) Dodge, as taxes
- 50) Wears the crown
- 52) Best man's offering
- 53) Sad news item
- 54) Wound with a knife
- 55) What greedy people want
- 57) Start a poker game
- 58) Not ashore
- 60) Billiards ball
- 61) "Her maiden name was ..."

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Ice Cream Flavors

What's Your Favorite?

Each year, the International Dairy Foods Association asks people what their favorite ice cream flavor is. And nearly every year, **chocolate, vanilla and strawberry** are the top three flavors.

But sometimes another flavor snags a top spot. Circle every other letter below to see which one.

C O B O V O L K T I N E F S W A J
N Y D Z C U R N E L A T M S

C O

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Vanilla

AFRICA

vanilla bean

Vanilla comes from the seed pod of a rainforest orchid. People have used vanilla for thousands of years as a flavoring, a perfume, a medicine and an insect repellent.

Use the code to find where most vanilla is grown.

● = A
★ = C
▼ = D
● = G
⊖ = M
● = R
⊙ = S

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Chocolate

cacao pod

Chocolate is made from the seeds of a **cacao tree**. The seeds are inside the cacao plant's fruit. Each fruit pod is about 10 inches long and is shaped like a football.

22	14	6	18	10
12	13	12	15	6
8	9	6	3	2
4	5	8	9	14
36	17	28	7	8
40	24	2	16	20

Tasty Treat

About how many pounds of chocolate does the average American eat every year? Color the odd-numbered spaces yellow and the even-numbered spaces brown to reveal the answer.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Read a variety of genres.

Strawberry

Strawberry Fun Facts:

- Americans eat about eight pounds of strawberries per person each year.
- Strawberries have more vitamin C than oranges.
- California grows most of the strawberries eaten in the United States.

Today, farmers grow tons of the popular berries.

Help the strawberry reach the basket.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Place grade-level appropriate words in alphabetical order.

Aztec Legend: How People Discovered Chocolate

Read the legend, then number the pictures in order.

One ancient Aztec legend tells the story of Xolotl, the sun god, and his selfish desire to keep cacao beans hidden from humans.

Quetzalcoatl, the god of wisdom, wanted to share the beans. When Xolotl refused, Quetzalcoatl changed into a blue frog and led children to the cacao trees.

The children found the pods and brought them to their village.

The Aztecs used the cacao to create a chocolate drink with honey and became a powerful civilization.

They never forgot the importance of sharing and continued to leave chocolate under the trees for the little blue frog.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Read a variety of genres.

Extra! Extra! Tasty ABCs

Look through the newspaper for pictures and names of flavors and foods. Cut them out and put them into ABC order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Place grade-level appropriate words in alphabetical order.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

We all scream for ice cream! Each of these treats below have an exact twin. Draw lines to connect each pair.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

BERRIES
CACAO
CHOCOLATE
DAIRY
FROG
FRUIT
GROWS
POD
SEED
SHARE
SUN
TREE
VANILLA
WILD
YEAR

A	B	Y	F	H	C	Z	Q	D	C
D	E	G	O	R	F	A	L	O	H
L	R	J	Z	N	U	S	C	P	O
V	R	H	O	X	T	I	Y	A	C
S	I	Y	S	R	Y	R	T	B	O
H	E	L	E	O	I	W	D	J	L
A	S	E	V	A	N	I	L	L	A
R	V	O	D	U	R	Y	I	Q	T
E	B	M	P	G	R	O	W	S	E

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

Kid Scoop Together

Read today's Kid Scoop page to find the answers to the questions below.

- What are the three most popular ice cream flavors in the U.S.?
 - Orange, pineapple, and pickle
 - Strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla
 - Blueberry, strawberry, and chocolate chip
- What is the name of the bean that people use to make chocolate?
 - Cacao
 - Chocolate
 - Coffee
 - Yumster
- On average, how many pounds of strawberries per person do Americans eat in a year?
 - 8 pounds
 - 17 pounds
 - 55 pounds
 - 102 pounds
- Where is most of the vanilla in the world grown?
 - Los Angeles
 - Manitoba
 - Antarctica
 - Madagascar

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Sell Your Ice Cream

Invent a new flavor of ice cream. Look through the newspaper for words that describe your new flavor. Cut out the words and create an ad to sell your ice cream.

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Write On! Flavor Inventor

If your job was to invent new ice cream flavors, what would you come up with? What would you call your flavor? How would you advertise it?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.

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Community news Double Springs



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We were so proud of our good attendance Sunday and the great message Bro. Tyler Webb delivered.

Everyone also enjoyed a special song by Graylee Vinson. She is such a blessing to our church.

Chris Vinson presented Bro. Tyler Webb, Fred Webb and family with an altar scarf in memory of Sheila Webb.

Karen Hayes Holcomb

and granddaughter Valerie Monday visited church on Sunday. Karen is the daughter of the late Ruby and Chester Hayes.

They also visited after church with her Aunt Lucille Lard and family and enjoyed dinner and homemade ice cream.

Kevin Jerrolds from Birmingham visited with his mother Jane Jerrolds over the weekend.

Alice Whitlow, Janet Franks and Karla Cossey visited with Barbara Barnhill at Park Rest Nursing home on Sunday. Janet Franks and Kar-

la Cossey attended the Aqua Glass reunion at Adamsville Community Center.

Janet Franks, Karla Cossey and Crystal Riley attended a Christian concert last week.

Those visiting with me this week were Cherry

Lynn Sullivan and Pat and Terry Neill.

Janice and James Smith, Fred Webb, Brent, Liz, Riley Kate and Levi Webb all enjoyed a shrimp boil Sunday afternoon at the home of Tyler, Kelli and Addi Grace Webb in Waynesboro.

Community news Childers Hill

Homecoming at Michie Church is on Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Happy anniversary to Richard and Lisa Childers.

Sympathies to the families of Clydell Sage-ly.

Happy birthday to Scott Magie who is now the big 60.

Happy birthday to Lisa Childers, Ludina Bay, Martha Sowell, Tere-



Connie Willcutt
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I hope everyone had a happy and safe Labor Day.

For myself, I stayed home quite and peaceful.

sa Stanford, Nila Phillips, Lorie Webb, Janet Hardin, Rodney Davis and to all the others that had birthdays that I missed.

The fail will be here soon. I will be entering some stuff, that is if nothing happens.

The Childers Hill Pentecostal Church took their youth to the mountains. They all had a good time.

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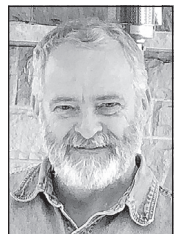
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Is God Dead: I think, therefore, I am



Ty B. Kerley, DMin
Columnist

The 17th-century French philosopher René Descartes famously said, "I think, therefore I am." What Descartes meant by that was that he knew he existed because he was conscious of himself, which is what is called self-consciousness. Self-consciousness is a uniquely human attribute that all non-impaired individuals share. However, consciousness and self-consciousness are very different things, and the distinction is critical. For some reason, humans are uniquely endowed with consciousness and self-consciousness.

Dogs make wonderful pets; they are attentive, intelligent, loyal, and conscious. But whatever it is that dogs think about, dogs do not sit around thinking about what it means to be a dog. Self-consciousness has been given many definitions. For our purposes, we will say that self-consciousness is "what it is like to be you." How do you perceive yourself sitting in a crowded room? How do you perceive the person next to you? It can be thought of as what your mind is saying to yourself; all these things make up "what it is like

to be you."

What we are talking about is uniquely human. Evolutionists argue that humans sit at the apex of the evolutionary chain that began in some stinky pond water and moved on slowly step by step to the primates, who evolved into human beings, from goo to you, via the zoo. However, a huge consciousness gap exists between the animal kingdom and human beings. Those in the animal kingdom are conscious of light and dark, sound and movement, predator and prey.

However, dogs do not contemplate what it means to be a dog simply because they lack self-consciousness; he does not think about what their existence means. The same is true of the "higher primates." The orangutan may be intelligent, but he is not self-conscious.

Humans, on the other hand, are genuinely self-conscious. Philosopher Anthony O'Hear explains, "A self-conscious person . . . does not simply have beliefs or dispositions, does not simply engage in practices of various sorts. They are aware that they have beliefs, practices, dispositions, and the rest. . . . A conscious animal might be a knower . . . but only a self-conscious being knows that he is a knower."

Ultimately, three indi-

viduals, or three persons, are required for true and full self-consciousness. There must be a subject, an object, and a confirmer for an act of true self-consciousness to occur. Despite Descartes, a person stranded on a deserted island thinks but is not truly self-conscious. In the same way, if I am walking through the forest, much like any other animal, I see all of nature going on around me. I am taking in information based solely on sensory perception. That is, I can see, hear, touch, taste, smell. These senses are common to almost all animals.

But suppose I stop to talk to another human being in the forest on a hike with his son; we stop and begin talking about the beauty of nature all around us. At this point, I am conscious of my surroundings, but I also have a degree of self-consciousness because I am thinking about these two people's perceptions of myself, and I am engaging with the father in conversation. But I am not genuinely self-conscious until the boy adds to the conversation. You see, in the boy speaking to me, he confirms that both the father and I exist. The point of the matter is that it takes a minimum of three people in order for true self-consciousness to occur (on orthodox Christian doctrine, the Trinity

is the minimum number of persons to achieve true self-consciousness, which is essential to true love). Only humans are conscious and truly conscious of self; only the human species sits about and contemplates what it means to exist. In fact, determining what it means to exist is one of the Big Three questions that any worldview must answer. Those three questions are: "How did I get here?" "What does it mean to be human?" and "What will happen to me when I die?" Any viable worldview must logically answer these three questions, or it is considered false. One aspect of what it means to be human is that humans, and humans only, are truly self-conscious, but that is a subject for another day.

And yet, how is it that

the brain can think? After all, the brain is just a bunch of atoms, right? The one characteristic that sets humans far above the rest of creation is man's capacity for reasoning. But the big question is this: "How do you get from atoms to self-consciousness?" Or you might ask, how do you get from, say, corn to that part of the brain that allows us to reason?

After all, corn is chemically made up of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and trace elements; atoms. Chemically, your brain operates on endorphins, serotonin, oxytocin, and dopamine. But guess what? Those brain chemicals are made up of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and trace elements—atoms. A near of corn and the human brain—both are consti-

tuted of the same base components, which are both composed of atoms. But do atoms dream? And from whence doest thou thoughts cometh? You are indeed so much more than a bunch of atoms!

Join us again next week as we continue to look at how complex mental states can come from simple inert atoms. Ultimately, the answer here helps us answer the big question: "Is God dead?"

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Community news

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I hope you all had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. It seems like there weren't as many people here this past weekend.

Pickwick Parrotheads will have their monthly meeting this Friday night at Freddy T's at 6 p.m. They will be discussing their upcoming events for the Fall.

New Chapel Freewill Baptist Church will be having a fish fry on Sat., Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new air conditioning unit for the church. Everybody go

and support this sweet little church.

This past weekend one of the nicest men passed away and he will sure be missed by all of Pickwick. Mr. Bob Taylor owned Chalk Creek Cabin rentals just past Aqua Yacht on the Mississippi side. He was a member of Pickwick Parrotheads and he attended Grace Chapel church. Prayers go out to his family and many friends.

There will be a car show at Michie Park on Sept. 6, at 4 p.m.

I took Mom to her 68th High School Class Reunion in Iuka last Friday. She had a wonderful time and she looks forward to it every year. I think it's so awesome that they still do this.

Prayer requests this week: the Bob Taylor family, Brad Elliott, Amy Roland, Sherry Adams, Joey Crumby, Chris Lee, and Linda and Bobby

Settlemyers.

Everyone have a blessed week! Happy September!

Community news

Walker Graham



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Patricia Shelby sends happy birthday wishes to Cory Jennings Sept. 3, Tommy Hardin, Kathy Vickery, Billy Shelby and Chris Ritter Sept. 5, Janice Shelby Sept. 6, Ryland Chafin Sept. 7, Ronnie White Sept. 8, and happy anniversary to John and Jane Tyler Sept. 5 and Grant and Amber Lumpkin Sept. 8.

Moma and daddy would have had birthdays on Sept. 5 and Sept. 6. I still miss them so much.

Ad Veritas: Big weekend for football



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I spent most of this past weekend glued to the TV—and I'm not ashamed to say it. For the first time in years, football claimed the living room from Friday all the way through Monday night (with important time carved out for church services and an abbreviated work day on Monday). Usually, I watch the Vols and flip around a bit; this time it was different. There were too many compelling matchups to ignore.

It started where I always start—the Vols against Syracuse in the Aflac Kickoff. Tennessee didn't just win, they earned every yard in a 45-26 showdown that felt like more than just a season opener. Lena even moved the puzzle table into the living room so the kids could chip away at puzzles during quieter moments. That simple move meant

they were close by, even during the less edge-of-your-seat bits.

And there was plenty of edge. Florida State stunned No. 8 Alabama 31-17, an upset that had the football world talking—and the ACC fining fans \$50,000 for storming the field afterward. A statement win on many fronts.

Over in Death Valley, No. 9 LSU edged No. 4 Clemson 17-10. Garrett Nussmeier led the late drive while the defense tightened up—LSU's first opener win in years.

And then Sunday night, 10 Miami beat 6 Notre Dame in a thriller, 27-24. Carson Beck, in his debut, threw for 205 yards and two touchdowns. That go-ahead 47-yard field goal—made with just over a minute left—probably still echoes around Miami Gardens.

Not to be outdone, No. 13 South Carolina played Beamerball to perfection, beating Virginia Tech 24-11. A punt return touchdown and a beautiful long pass sealed it.

Monday brought its own headline with Bill Belichick's first college

game as UNC head coach. It did not go well. A 48-14 loss to TCU—complete with defensive scores and a chaotic comeback from elite college football to the realities of coaching up a rebuilding program.

There were top-10 showdowns too: Texas vs. Ohio State, LSU vs. Clemson, Miami vs. Notre Dame. It was the kind of opening weekend you sit up and take seriously.

But the best part? This year, some of my kids stayed. A few drifted over to the puzzle Lena set up, pausing in the action to make a move or sort a piece—they heard the crowd, caught some of the big plays, and cheered with me.

This weekend reminded me that football isn't just a fall pastime—it's a moment. A chance to slow down, let the rivalry and the drama do their work, and let tradition settle into place. And yes, that includes letting my kids watch, leaning over the puzzle board, and feeling like I'm passing something forward.

It was a great football weekend. But even more, it was a family weekend.

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