



**UT Extension's  
Second  
Saturdays is  
this weekend**

Come on out to Savannah's Market this Saturday for unique Mother's Day gifts.

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**TCAT Crump  
Graduation**

More than 60 students graduated from their vocational programs this month.

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**Adamsville  
Cardinals  
District  
Champions**

The Adamsville Cardinals baseball team defeated Riverside Monday, May 5, to win the District 13-AA Tournament and will host Region 7 action Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10.

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**AREA DEATHS**

- Frankie Marie Austin Baugus, 96, Savannah
- Zachary Alan Casteel, 27, Savannah
- Jennifer Kreutzman, 54, Adamsville
- Tommy Dewayne Plunkett, 77, Savannah
- Dorothy Camilla Franks Irvin Ray, 97, Savannah
- Jimmie "Bud" Teague, 87, Adamsville

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**Three McNairy County firefighters arrested for arson**

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An investigation by special agent fire investigators with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Selmer Fire Department has resulted in the arrests of two volunteer firefighters and the Fire Chief with the Ramer Fire Department.

On Thursday, March 13, TBI special agents began working with Selmer fire investigators to investigate an abandoned structure fire in the Ramer community of McNairy County.

During the course of the investigation, information was gathered regarding other fires set to abandoned structures and grass fires in and around Ramer.

According to court affidavits, on March 13, Ramer Fire Chief Jacob King, allegedly, had the employees of the Ramer Fire Department set various fields on fire to increase their call volume in order to receive a grant.

Both of these fires were set in the city limits of Ramer to ensure that the Ramer Fire Department would receive the call.

Authorities developed information that identified members of the Ramer Fire Department as the individuals responsible.

According to the TBI, 19-year-old Trevor Lee Williams, a current volunteer firefighter, and 19-year-old Gabriel Vandiver, a former volunteer firefighter, are alleged to have set an abandoned trailer on fire on

November 2, 2024, at 3570 Highway 57 West in Ramer.

Williams was alleged to have also set another fire on March 13, 2025. The location of this fire was on 2095 Fiedie Davis Road in Ramer.

On Thursday, May 1, after discussions with 25th Judicial District Attorney General Mark Davidson, investigators issued warrants for King, Williams and Vandiver's arrest.

TBI agents arrested Vandiver, charging him with one count each of Arson and Vandalism. He was booked into the McNairy County Jail and released on his own recognizance.

Trevor Williams was arrested and charged with two counts each of Arson and Vandalism. Williams was booked into the McNairy County Jail and released on a

\$5,000 bond.

On Friday, May 2, Ramer Fire Chief Jacob King was arrested and charged with two counts each of Facilitation to Commit Arson and Conspiracy to Commit Arson. His bond will be set during his first court appearance, which the Courier was unable to receive a date before press time.

The charges and allegations referenced in the release by the TBI are merely accusations of criminal conduct, not evidence.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

If you have information about an intentionally set fire, call the Tennessee Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017.



Hardin County's Director of Schools presented the first award at the Class of 2025's Annual Awards Day Ceremony to Bryant Celley. Celley received a \$500 scholarship from WKWX/MELCO.

**Hardin County Class of 2025's  
successes celebrated last week**

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Hardin County High School held its Annual Awards Day Ceremony last week.

The ceremony was to honor students with awards including scholarships and Hardin County High School Principal Wes Wilkerson said he was proud to help recognize the Class of 2025's success.

"I am grateful in the trust that you put in us and to be a huge part of your lives. It is an honor to celebrate you today and we are so happy that we could foster your success," Wilkerson said.

He added, "Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has supported our students along the way."

Director of Hardin County Schools Michael Davis said he wants nothing but the best for the Class of 2025 moving forward.

"I don't figure any of you

want more school but it's my hope and prayer that you know you were taken care of, that you have fond memories of your time here, and I wish you all the success in your future endeavors," Davis shared.

He also encourages students to meet with him after school ends.

"If you have time after you graduate, please stop by and talk to me. Let me know how high school was for you and if there is anything we can do better," Davis said.

He also expressed to certain students their importance to future graduates.

"Every single one of you here is special, but there is one group I want to acknowledge because it has to do with being an educator.

Our graduating Tiger Tutors who have helped our elementary students with reading have really left a mark on those they tutored. Tears have been shed over you leav-

ing and know that you have changed these kids' lives. So please come back and visit them," Davis requested.

Scholarships and other awards such as Senior School Awards were a surprise to students until the ceremony was held on Friday, May 2.

Students were filled with emotions over winning scholarships with many smiling and some having tears of joy.

More than \$450,000 in local scholarships were awarded and \$2.8 million in post secondary school scholarships were also awarded to various seniors.

The Courier will be publishing photos of all award winners in attendance in its special Graduation section to be published in our Thursday, May 22 edition.

The Class of 2025's graduation ceremony will be held on Friday, May 23, at the high school's Jim Carroll Football Stadium in Savannah, 1170 Pickwick St., at 7:30 p.m.

**TDEC announces  
precautionary  
fish consumption  
advisory for  
Pickwick  
Reservoir in  
Hardin County**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation announced on Monday, May 5, a precautionary fish consumption advisory for catfish due to Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) on Pickwick Reservoir in Hardin County.

TDEC advises that pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children avoid eating the fish and that all others limit consumption to one meal per month. Other recreational activities such as boating, kayaking, swimming, wading, and catch-and-release fishing carry no risk.

In 2010, 2014, 2018, and 2022 the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), in cooperation with TDEC, collected channel catfish for tissue analysis on Pickwick Reservoir.

Fish were analyzed for PCBs by Pace Analytical through a contract with TVA. Pickwick Reservoir is on the Tennessee River near Counce, Tennessee.

The advisory applies to all catfish species for the entirety of the reservoir in Tennessee (from Pickwick Dam to the Tennessee/Alabama state line) based on data exceeding Tennessee's trigger point for PCBs. PCBs in channel catfish averaged 0.129 mg/kg, which is above the trigger point of 0.047 mg/kg. The advisory is consistent with TDEC's responsibilities under the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act.

"Unlike 'Do Not Consume' advisories that warn the general population to avoid eating fish from a particular body of water altogether, precautionary fish consumption advisories are specifically directed to sensitive populations.

They include children, pregnant women, nursing mothers,

— See Advisory, page 2A

<p><b>Weather</b> brought to you by Richardson Media Group</p>		<p><b>Friday</b> Cloudy High: 76 Low: 55</p>		<p><b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy High: 75 Low: 56</p>		<p><b>Sunday</b> Thunderstorms High: 76 Low: 61</p>		<p><b>Monday</b> Thunderstorms High: 73 Low: 62</p>	
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**Join us in congratulating and celebrating the Class of 2025!**

**Gratuation Baccalaureate**

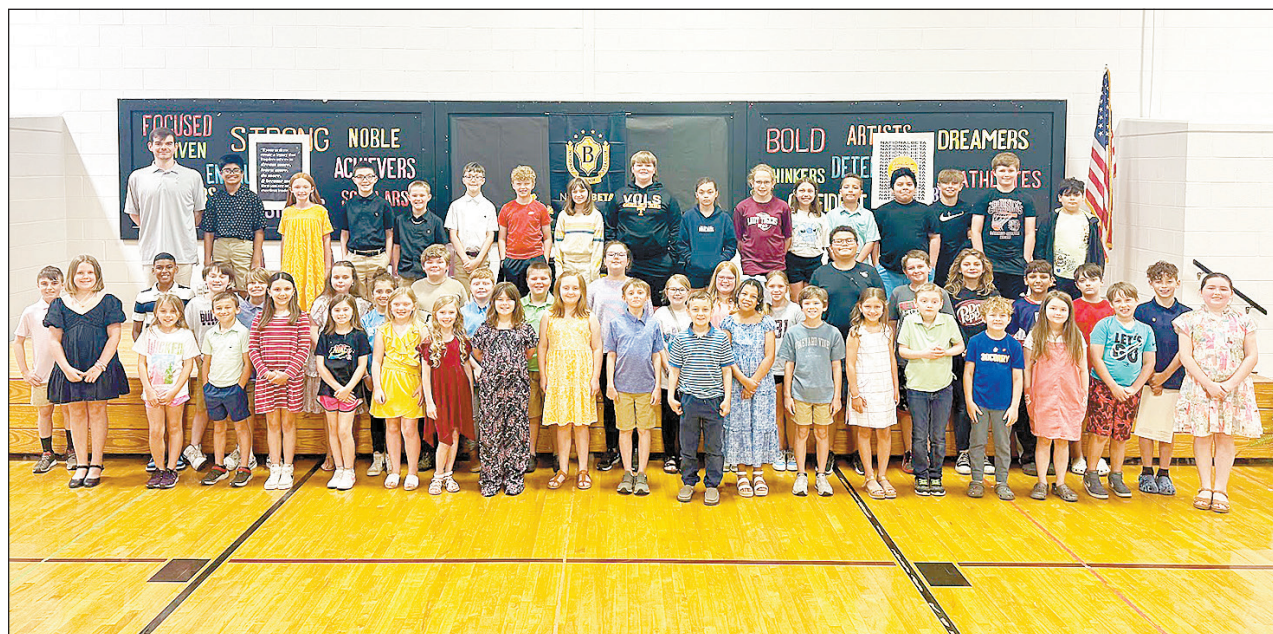
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**Hardin County Class of 2025**

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# Parris South students inducted into the National Beta Club

Parris South Elementary inducted 41 students into the National Beta Club last month. Students were selected for membership based on their academic standing and character and join more than 500,000 members across the United States and beyond. National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth group in the United States. Its mission is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students.

"This is our biggest group of inductees yet, and I am so excited to see where this fantastic group of kids takes our club next year," Riley Yates, Parris South's Beta Club Sponsor said.

The following students were inducted: Whitten Balentine, Karter Bingham, Jaxx Blackburn, Ava Lillie Boyd, Elora Boyd, MayLani Burks, Paxton Caldwell, Carley Jo Carpenter, Logan Chandler, Lily Coleman, Abby Dale, Connor Delaney, Camryn Jess, Creasy Kiddy, Abby Lonon, Austin McAdams, Levi Melson, Westin Mullins, Jocey Schumann,

Charlee Shearer, Daniel Smith, Morgan Surratt, Paisley Taylor, Chandler Waggoner, Eilynn Webster, Raven Weeks, Kasi Young, Denver Blackburn, Gracee Brown, Alexa Bumphus, Brantley Burks, Isaiah Casey, Connor Cowgill, Trevor Garrard, Nova Gray, Henry Prater, Brody Rickman, Juda Smith, Abby Tull, Makinsley White, and Zain Wood.

Beta Club sponsors at Parris South are Riley Yates and Principal Jason Carman. The school's 5th Grade officers are Brayson Carpenter, President, Greyson Nesbitt, Vice President, Ivy Mas-

sengill, Secretary and Vyaan Patel, Treasurer.

Parris South students were inducted into the National Beta Club on Tuesday, April 29.

CEO of the National Beta Club, Bobby Hart offered his congratulations to the students.

"The skills and opportunities that come from National Beta membership impact students not only during their time in school, but as they move forward in life. We are proud of these new inductees and are excited to see how they grow as leaders and positively impact the world."



# TCAT Crump has Commencement Ceremony

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Crump celebrated the achievements of 67 graduates during its Spring 2025 Commencement Ceremony on Tuesday, April 29. The event recognized the hard work and dedication of students who completed training in 14 high-demand technical programs.

Graduates earned certificates and diplomas in a wide range of

skilled fields, including Welding Technology, Truck Driving, EMT, Health Information Management Technology, Computer Information Technology, Digital Graphic Design Technology, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Electrical and Plumbing, Construction Technology, Industrial Electricity, Industrial Maintenance, Machine Tool Technology, Col-

lision Repair Technology, Heavy Equipment Technology, and Diesel Powered Equipment Technology.

"These graduates are entering the workforce equipped with real-world skills that meet the needs of today's industries" said TCAT Crump President, Stephen Milligan.

He added, "We are incredibly proud of their achievements and confident they will make sig-

nificant contributions to their professions and communities."

## Advisory

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and those who may eat fish frequently from the same body of water," said Ronné Adkins, deputy commissioner for Environment at TDEC. "These advisories help the community make informed decisions about whether or not to consume the fish."

TDEC will post warning signs at primary public access points and will work with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to communicate this information to the public.

For a complete listing of Tennessee's current fishing advisories plus additional information

about the advisory issuance process, go online to TDEC's Bacteriological and Fishing Advisories page.

The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act identifies the commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation as having the authority and responsibility to issue advisories for either water contact hazards like pathogens or excessive health risks due to the accumulation of contaminants in fish or shellfish.

Tennessee's General Water Quality Criteria provide additional guidance regarding the conditions under which advisories may be warranted.



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SUN.: 1:50  
THURS.: 6:50



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FRI. & SAT.: 6:55  
SUN.: 1:55  
THURS.: 6:55



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SUN.: 2:05  
THURS.: 7:05



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



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**HARDIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



## PUBLIC MEETING HAZARD MITIGATION

Hardin County invites you to a public meeting on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hardin County is preparing a plan to reduce its vulnerability to hazards such as flooding, wildfires, tornadoes, and winter storms and increase its resilience to these natural hazards. Please join us for a public presentation and discussion about Hazard Mitigation in our community!

**WHERE: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER @ E-911**  
90 RIVERSIDE DR. SAVANNAH, TN 38372

**WHEN: MAY 9TH, 2025**  
**TIME: 10:00AM UNTIL**

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# May 2025 Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Nat'l Day of Prayer May Day Nat'l College Decision Day Yom Ha'atzmaut	<b>2</b> World Tuna Day	<b>3</b> Kentucky Derby Free Comic Book Day World Press Freedom St. James TL/St. Phillip
<b>4</b> Int'l Firefighters Day Star Wars Day World Laughter Day	<b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo	<b>6</b> Nat'l Nurses Day Nat'l Teacher Day World Asthma Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ACM Awards Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation of World War II	<b>9</b> Military Spouse Appreciation Day	<b>10</b> World Migratory Bird Day
<b>11</b> Mother's Day Eat What You Want Day Food Allergy Awareness Week Starts	<b>12</b> Vesak Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Int'l Day of Families Nat'l Chocolate Chip Day Lag BaOmer Begins	<b>16</b> Bike To Work Day Endangered Species Day Int'l Day of Light Int'l Day of Living Together in Peace	<b>17</b> Armed Forces Day Norwegian Indep. Day World Telecommunication and Information Society Day
<b>18</b> Int'l Museum Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Nat'l Rescue Dog Day World Bee Day	<b>21</b> World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	<b>22</b> Int'l Biological Diversity Red Nose Day World Goth Day	<b>23</b> Int'l Day to End Obstetric Fistula World Turtle Day	<b>24</b> Nat'l Brother Day
<b>25</b> Nat'l Wine Day Towel Day	<b>26</b> Memorial Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Nat'l Burger Day World Otter Day	<b>29</b> Ascension Nat'l Biscuit Day Int'l Day of UN Peacekeepers	<b>30</b> World MS Day	<b>31</b> World No Tobacco 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.

**May 8**  
**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.**

**May 9-11**  
**Mt. Hermon Cemetery; 1780 Mt. Herman Rd.;** Decoration event; mailbox for donations will be available starting on Friday afternoon; Decoration Days will be Saturday 9 a.m. to Sunday 7 p.m.

**May 10**  
**Pickwick Landing State Park; 116 State Park Rd.; Counce;** Join Interpretive Ranger Rachel at the trailhead by Cabin #9 to enjoy an early morning hike; **10 a.m.**

**Pickwick Landing State Park; 116 State Park Rd.; Counce;** Join Ranger Brandon to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at sunset; **7 p.m.-8 p.m.**

**May 11**  
**Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA); Sheltering Tree Ranch; Airport Rd.;** For information, 731-607-1569 or email ddrodney72@yahoo.com; **2:30 p.m.**

**Pickwick Landing State Park; 116 State Park Rd.; Tennis Court; Counce;** Join Ranger Brandon for a nighttime kayak float at the park and explore Pickwick Lake under the light of the May "Flower" Moon and tell stories of the night sky while exploring nocturnal wildlife; **9 p.m.-10 p.m.**

**May 12**  
**Savannah Lion's Club;** Mollie Monday's Restaurant; **6:30 p.m.**

**May 13**  
**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.**

**May 20**  
**Mt. Vinson UM Church; 2379 Mt. Vinson Rd.; Stantonville;** Shiloh Piecers Quilt Guild regular monthly meeting; email ShilohPiecers@gmail.com for more information; **10 a.m.**

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

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

**VFW Post 4606;** Post building on Airport Road; This is an alcohol and smoke-free post; **7 p.m.**

**Purdy Historical Meeting; Purdy Presbyterian Church; Gann Rd.; Selmer;** Meets every third Tuesday of the month; everyone is invited to attend and are welcomed to join the Purdy Historical Society for a small fee; for more information call 731-610-1716 or 731-434-7400

**Savannah Area Beekeepers Association;** TVEC building; **7 p.m.**

**May 22**  
**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.**

## HC Senior Center News

**Jennifer Powell**  
Director  
hardincoseniorstn@gmail.com

We offer Dominoes daily, full fitness room, craft and sewing room, Hand and Foot on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Movin' & Groovin' exercise class every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m.

**MAY**  
Calendar subject to change  
8; 9 a.m.; Foot Care with Arden Hospice

8; 9:30 a.m.; Watercolor  
8; 10 a.m.; BINGO  
9; Strawberry Festival Trip to Humboldt

12; 9 a.m.; Arthritis  
13; 9 a.m.; Chair Yoga  
13; 10 a.m.; Bible Study  
14; 8 a.m.; Pickleball  
14; 9 a.m.; Arthritis  
14; 9:30 a.m.; Watercolor  
14; 10 a.m.; Movin' & Groovin'  
15; 9:30 a.m.; Watercolor  
15; 10 a.m.; Speaker from Harbert Hills

15; 10:30 a.m.; Arnold and Jerry

**Hours of operation:**  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Closed all major holidays.

## Hardin County Library News

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

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

**MAY**  
8; 3:30 p.m.; Coding Club  
9; 5 p.m.; Adult Movie; call for title  
12; 3:30 p.m.; Game Night  
15; 3:30 p.m.; Gaming Corner  
15; 5:30 p.m.; Paint & Sip at La Potosina; must register  
19; 5:30 p.m.; Adult Spelling Bee; must register  
22; 5 p.m.; New Adult Book Club; book is "Quicksilver" by Callie Hart  
23; 5 p.m.; Family Movie; call for title

**Hours of operation:**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
8 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday,  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Curbside service is still available, if preferred. Call us at 731-925-4314 for more information.

## Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pickwick Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

## School Lunch Menu

**Monday:** Chicken and Waffle Sliders, Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla, Mexican Rice, Whole Kernel Corn, Seasoned Wedge Potatoes, Apple Wedges, Frozen Peach Cup, Choice of Milk

**Tuesday:** Chicken Tenders, Fluffy Bridgeford Roll, Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickle, Deli Ham Snackable, Tater Tots, Broccoli with Cheese, Manager's Choice Fruit, 100% Frozen Fruit Juice Sidekick, Choice of Milk

**Wednesday:** Pulled Pork BBQ with Queso over Fries/Roll, Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato and Pickle, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Baked Beans, Sliced Pears with a Cherry, Fresh Strawberries, Choice of Milk

**Thursday:** Chicken Fajitas, WG Soft Shell Tortilla, Wild Mike's Mini Cheesy Bites with Marinara Sauce, Conquest Straight Cut Fries, Grape Tomatoes and Cucumbers, Mixed Fruit with Jello, Frozen Diced Peach Cup, 100% Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

**Friday:** Hot Ham or Turkey and Cheese on a Bun, Travelin' Taco, Fritos Corn Chips, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Crunchy Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Manager's Choice Fruit, Choice of Milk

## Elementary Breakfast

**Monday:** Manager's Choice, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday:** Variety of Mini Pancakes, Waffles, and/or French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

**Wednesday:** Hot Ham and Cheese Slider, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Thursday:** Variety of Mini Pancakes, Waffles, and/or French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Fruit Juice, Milk

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

## Mark your calendar

**May 17; Tennessee Street Park; 200 Tennessee St.;** 5k Run/Walk benefiting Make-A-Wish and sponsored by West Hardin Elementary School; sign up 8 a.m., 5k at 9 a.m.

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## 2025 Legislative Session of 114th General Assembly adjourns



State Sen. Page Walley  
District 26  
(R-Savannah)

Our General Assembly completed its business for the 2025 Legislative Session on Tuesday, April 22. The session was highlighted by a focus on investing in infrastructure, combating illegal immigration, improving public safety and maintaining fiscal responsibility with Tennessee taxpayers' dollars.

### Legislative highlights of the 2025 session include:

- Caring for Communities and Infrastructure
- Passed my bill to redirect tire sales tax revenues to our highway fund. This will add \$80 to \$96 million per year for desperately needed road improvements.
- Added \$1 Billion one-time investment to road fund to help address road projects
- Provided \$516 mil-

lion for Hurricane Helene recovery to individuals and local governments

### Agriculture

- Established \$25 million Farmland Preservation Fund landowners to put property in conservation easement

• Eased burdensome environmental regulations on wetlands to protect our farmers while maintaining strong conservation efforts

### Strong Public Schools

- Increased investments in K-12 education by \$439 million, including teacher pay raises and infrastructure improvements

### Illegal Immigration

- Created the Centralized Immigration Enforcement Division within the Dept. of Safety to coordinate with federal and local governments to implement immigration policies
- Established the Immigration Enforcement Grant Program to aid local law enforcement
- Created a felony offense for smuggling and trafficking illegal

immigrants

- Increased accountability for organizations housing criminal illegal immigrants
- Dismantled DEI and Restored Merit-Based Systems

• Prohibited public and private colleges in Tennessee from using race or national origin to make admissions or scholarship decisions

- Ended race-based selection for membership of state boards
- Prohibited state and local governments and public universities from having DEI departments or hiring practices

or hiring practices

### Public Safety

- Protected private property rights
- Cracked down on organized retail crime
- Raised penalty for exposing children to fentanyl
- Strengthened penalties for sexual abuse

### Protecting Children and Families

- Strengthened several penalties related to child abuse
- Improved the adop-

tion and foster care system

- Enhanced protections and rights for children in DCS custody
- Established a domestic violence registry
- Cracked down on AI-generated child pornography

### Pro-Life

- Targeted illegal distribution of abortion pills
- Established pro-life protections for mothers facing serious pregnancy complications

### Health

- Expanded prenatal screenings to protect mothers and babies
- Required medical examinations of deceased mass shooters to test for psychotropic drugs
- Removed insurance barriers for cancer patients to access recommended medications

### Cut excessive environmental red tape on wetlands

In the final week of Session the legislature passed Senate Bill 670 to ease burdensome regulations on Tennessee's wetlands, creating new

opportunities for responsible development across the state while maintaining basic environmental safeguards.

The legislation addresses isolated wetlands, which are areas no longer protected under federal law following a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year that returned regulatory authority to the states.

I worked countless hours with TDEC, the sponsor and other stakeholders to craft this legislation. The goal is to provide property owners with a more reasonable framework to determine how to develop and use their land. We are not eliminating regulation. We are modernizing it.

The bill divides isolated wetlands into four categories, based on ecological function: artificial, low-quality, moderate-quality, and high-quality. It exempts certain isolated wetlands from mitigation and permitting requirements depending on the size and quality of the wetland.

The legislation also stipulates that:

- Existing stormwater measures must be considered when determining mitigation.

• Isolated wetlands do not factor into cumulative project impact assessments under federal Clean Water Act regulations.

• The state board must establish classification criteria and allow public input on wetland assessment tools

In the coming weeks, I'll be highlighting other legislation. I'm so glad to be able to spend an increased amount of time in the district attending events, updating you on what we achieved, and even hearing from you about what we need to do in 2026. Please know you can always reach me at 615-741-2368 or sen.page.walley@capitol.tn.gov.

(State Sen. Page Walley (R-Savannah) represents Chester, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Lawrence, McNairy and Wayne counties.)

## Trump's push for equal rights and against quotas



Michael Barone  
Creators  
Syndicate

"It is the policy of the United States to eliminate the use of disparate-impact liability in all contexts to the maximum degree possible to avoid violating the Constitution, Federal

civil rights laws, and basic American ideals."

Those words, the operative section of "Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy," one of several executive orders Pres-

ident Donald Trump issued on April 23, mark a giant step forward for equal rights under law, the motivating principle behind ratification of the 14th Amendment in 1868 and passage of the Civil

Rights Act in 1964.

Unhappily, those motivating principles were frustrated in practice. The legal establishment proved reluctant to interfere with Southern states bent on subjecting Black citizens to second-class citizenship.

Thus, the Supreme Court adopted a stingy view of the "privileges and immunities" clause of the 14th Amendment in the Slaughterhouse Cases (1873) and, with just one dissent, sanctioned "separate but equal" racial segregation in Plessy v. Ferguson (1896.)

With this history in mind, the framers of civil rights legislation in the 1960s took care to explicitly ban racial discrimination. The bill's Senate floor manager, Hubert Humphrey, assured colleagues that if the bill means "that an employer will have to hire on the basis of per-

centage or quota related to color, race, religion, or national origin, I will start eating the pages one after another."

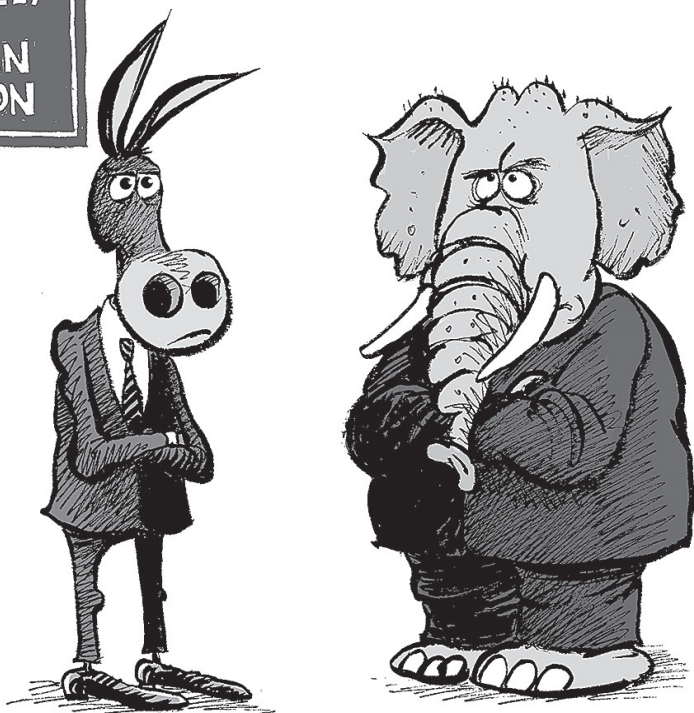
Alas, this assurance, by a politician whose sincere belief in equal treatment and nondiscrimination was transparently sincere, turned out to be as ill-founded in practice as Reconstruction laws proved to be three generations before.

In September 1965, Lyndon Johnson issued Executive Order 11246, requiring federal contractors to take "affirmative action" authorizing racial quotas and preferences in federal contracting. After some missteps, the Nixon administration's "Philadelphia Plan" implemented it in 1969.

It was challenged in court by a building trades union whose practices were directed less at excluding Black

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- **Unsigned letters Will not be used!** Sign and provide your address and phone number for verification. They will not be printed but we must have them for verification.

• Please remember that we deal with people, so your comments may be biting, but try not to use bad taste or be rude.

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### QUOTE WORTHY

• "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 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

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

Homer Simpson



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## Trump

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people than at excluding anyone not a brother, son, nephew or cousin of a current member. A federal appeals court upheld the Nixon regulation in 1971, and the Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

That same year, the court unanimously handed down *Griggs v. Duke Power Co.*, which ruled that an employer could not use a test or other job requirement that had a disparate impact on Black and white people unless the test had a relationship to a job.

This had the functional equivalent of throwing into question, and thus authorizing lawsuits, if any hiring or promotion

requirement resulted in a lower percentage of Black people than in the overall population. The natural response of employers was to seek what lawyers call a safe harbor, by formally or informally employing racial quotas in hiring and promotions.

Why did the court take such drastic action against an employer that, the lower courts found, had no discriminatory intent? I thought then and think now that the court was assuming that Southern segregationists were relying on unspoken intimidation and threats of force to deny equal rights to Black people.

That surely was the motive in the court's unanimous decision in *Green v. County School*

Board of New Kent County just three years before, in 1968. There, the court disallowed "freedom of choice" school desegregation plans in a rural Southern county, noting that such plans had produced little desegregation since the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision 14 years before. Surely the justices believed, probably rightly in those days, that many parents declined to choose formerly all-white schools out of fear of reprisals.

In retrospect, it seems unlikely that Duke Power Company wanted to exclude qualified Black people. Certainly, today, few employers do so. Similarly, it's inconceivable that selective

colleges and universities would tilt their admissions policies to exclude Black people. They go out of their way to admit more.

The problem is, as Humphrey noticed in 1964, that that's contrary to the words and intent of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

For years, the Supreme Court struggled uncomfortably to overlook this. In a complex ruling in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978), justices ruled that "diversity" would justify racial discrimination in admissions. In *Grutter v. Bollinger* (2003), the court reaffirmed that quotas didn't violate the 14th Amendment but also ruled that in 25 years, they might.

In advance of that deadline, the court in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* (2023) ruled against that school's well-documented use of racial quotas and preferences. The April 23 executive order overturns the 60-year-old Executive Order 11246 and, because of the interlacement of the federal government with other

governments and the private sector, bans the racial discrimination that Humphrey and congressional majorities tried to ban in 1964.

Corporations and other private businesses, federal agencies and local governments are now on notice that the racial quotas and preferences they have routinely deployed are now subject to legal challenge by the Justice Department. The civil rights laws are ready to be enforced as Humphrey wanted.

Public opinion polls show large and bipartisan majorities of people oppose the racial discrimination that has been practiced, not always surreptitiously but often pridefully, by elites in positions of institutional power. It's not clear whether Trump's opponents will want to spotlight this issue. Who's against equal treatment?

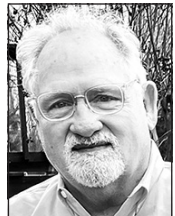
The strongest argument against racial quotas and preferences, in my view, is that they cast a pall of illegitimacy over the genuine achievements of the intended beneficiaries. They have also fostered, as the

Harvard case showed, a culture of systematic lying among those elites who head institutions supposedly dedicated to truth.

They also violate commonsense. The disparate impact doctrine implies that in a fair society, every discernible slice of the population would be found in equal proportions in every educational and occupational niche. Ordinary people know this is nonsense. They know that a fair society should give everyone equal opportunity but that it cannot guarantee any group equal outcomes. Let's hope the people won't let this civil rights initiative be set aside as institutional elites set aside those of 1868 and 1964.

(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.)

## Come and get me



Keith Holloway  
The Carpenter's Shop

I was a teenager when it happened.

One evening after school, my friend and I decided to go squirrel hunting. It was fall — the days were growing shorter and cooler. I parked my dad's old pickup truck on the side of a gravel road that wound across a little ridge where we planned to hunt. I was so sure I knew exactly where we were. I felt certain I could find my way back without any trouble.

We set off into the woods with shot guns slung over our shoulders, crunching through the leaves, talking and laughing like boys who thought they had the whole world figured out.

But the woods are a different place when the light begins to fade. The trees seemed to close in around us. Every path began to look the same. The excitement of the hunt turned into a growing uneasiness.

Still, I was convinced we would find our way — until the sun dropped below

the horizon and shadows swallowed the woods.

Darkness fell fast, and with it came the cold, damp breath of an autumn night.

And then the rain started. A slow drizzle at first, then a steady soaking rain that chilled us to the bone. We tried to backtrack, but it was useless. Every direction looked the same. Every step seemed to take us farther from anything familiar. Finally, soaked and shivering, we sat down under a tree. The woods around us were thick and silent except for the sound of the rain.

I buried my face in my hands and cried like a little baby. I wasn't worried about being brave anymore, I was afraid. All I wanted was for someone to come and get me — but I had no idea how that would ever happen. What I didn't know was that help was already on the way. Somewhere out there in the dark, my dad was searching for me. When I hadn't come home, he and my mom got in their old work truck and started driving up and down every dirt and gravel road they could find. They rolled the windows down in the cold night air, blowing the horn, calling my name into the blackness.

My Dad also went into the woods himself, walking those muddy paths, calling out, shining a flashlight, refusing to give up.

After what felt like forever, I heard something — faint at first. It was a car horn. I lifted my head, barely daring to believe it. Then I heard my name — my dad's voice, strong and steady, cutting through the night like a beacon. We stumbled toward the sound as fast as we could.

I was truly lost — but I had been loved enough to be searched for, and found.

Over the years, I have wandered through other kinds of dark woods. Troubles, doubts, failures — times when I couldn't find my way no matter how hard I tried.

And more than once, I have sat down in the darkness of my soul and cried out, "Come and get me, Lord." And every time, just like that night long ago, He has come. He searches the lost and the broken-hearted. He blows the trumpet of His mercy into our night. He calls us by name. And when we stumble toward Him, He lifts us into His arms and leads us home.

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." — Luke 19:10 (KJV)

(The Carpenters Shop)

## Letters to the Editor

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### Questioning Hardin Countians votes for Trump

Wake Up, Tennessee!

Over 60% of Tennesseans and over 80% of Hardin Countians voted for Trump for President of this country because they hoped he would improve their lives in some way or correct some wrong that was important to them.

This president and his "Efficiency" sidekick are tearing apart our country.

Decisions being made are unlawful, dishonest, self-aggrandizing, unethical, immoral, and with no concern for consequences to be suffered by our fellow-citizens. Is this president thinking of you, Tennessee?

He is placing high tariffs that raise the cost of everything you buy. He is gutting the effectiveness of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans Services. He is threatening Canada, Greenland, and all of Europe — severing ties with long-term allies. He attacks attorneys and law firms that prosecuted him in court. He cancels visas for students who dare to participate in peaceful protests. He scoops your personal data and fires qualified government workers who refuse to do things they view as illegal.

...And all of this in less than 100 days. He has most of four years yet to go, yet is already searching for a way around the laws of our Constitution so he can run for a third term!

Trump did not hide the fact that he does not honor the rules of law. Out of his own mouth we heard how much he admired Putin... aspired to become a dictator... planned to free all of the criminals who took part in the attack on the nation's capitol... and could not wait to use the powers of the government to punish everyone and every agency and every company that ever was

his adversary.

So how about it Tennessee? Is whatever you thought Trump was going to do for you worth losing our democracy?

Carolyn Durak  
Clifton, Tennessee

### Courier reader encourages others to enjoy the pastime of reading books

Reading is an inherently better pastime than scrolling through social media. If anyone is looking for a good book, I would highly recommend *The Life of Billy Yank*, and *The Life of Johnny Reb*. In each of these books, Dr. Bell Wiley recounts the common lives of soldiers from all over the country who fought bravely and with honor in the American Civil War. For anyone interested in learning about the lives of common people, common Americans, common Christians, who stood for what they believed and died for what they loved - these anthologies are for you. It is always important for us to understand the lives and hardships of those who sacrificed so much to make the world we live in. America was built on the backs of brave men, and that is a simple fact that we should always take pride in. Just like Dr. Bell Irvin Wiley, we must always remember where we have come from and more specifically the average people who served with uncommon diligence. That's America.

Jacob Feehan  
Milledgeville Tennessee

### Crossword puzzle enthusiasts upset with Courier's crossword puzzle format changes

This letter expresses the deep dissatisfaction of Hardin County's crossword puzzle enthusiasts regarding the recent changes to your publication's crossword puzzle. The significant reduction in puzzle size and the week-long delay

in receiving solutions represent a substantial departure from the enjoyable and engaging experience we've come to expect.

The current format, which we believe is outsourced to King Puzzles, falls drastically short of the mark. The stated target completion time of 25 minutes is rendered almost meaningless by the seven-day wait for verification of answers. This extended delay significantly diminishes the inherent satisfaction and immediate feedback crucial to the crossword puzzle solving experience. It interrupts the flow of engagement and removes the immediate sense of accomplishment upon completion. Furthermore, the smaller puzzle size contributes to a less stimulating and intellectually challenging experience for seasoned solvers.

We understand that changes are sometimes necessary, but we believe this alteration to the crossword puzzle is detrimental to your readership. We strongly urge you to reconsider this decision and revert to a larger puzzle format that provides immediate feedback, mirroring the standard practices of successful crossword publications. A timely solution verification is not merely a matter of convenience; it is an essential element of the crossword solving experience that enhances engagement and enjoyment.

We trust that you will give serious consideration to our concerns and restore the crossword puzzle to its previously superior format. We value The Courier's commitment to its readership and believe this change negatively impacts the enjoyment of a beloved feature.

Sincerely,

Frank Saitta  
Sailboat Point  
Savannah

(Editors Note: At times changes are necessary but we at the Courier take your concerns seriously and will look into how we can have weekly crossword puzzle similar to our previous format.)

## Social Security Matters: Ask Rusty



Russell Gloor  
Association of Mature American Citizens  
Certified Social Security Adviser

### Applying for Social Security at 62; When should I enroll in Medicare?

Dear Rusty: I am writing to ask for your advice on when I should sign up or enroll in a Medicare Plan. I have submitted an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday, in April 2025. I am a single lady with no dependents and currently rent my residence. Please advise.

Signed: Approaching Senior Citizenship

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Dear Approaching:

I assume that when you say you have submitted "an early retirement application to request benefits to begin 30 days after my 62nd birthday" you mean you have applied for your Social Security retirement benefits to start in April 2025, and that you will be 62 in March. To be sure you are clear, you must be 62 for an entire month to start your Social Security retirement benefits.

Even though you are starting your Social Security retirement benefits at age 62, you will not be eligible to enroll in Medicare until you are 65 years old. Since you will be already receiving Social Security when you turn 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), effective with the month you turn 65, and you will get a "Welcome to Medicare" packet about 3 months before your 65th birthday. Your

Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) will be free, but there will be a monthly premium (\$185 for 2025) associated with your Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), which will be deducted from your Social Security payment.

Note that Medicare does not cover all healthcare expenses so, when the time comes, you may wish to explore other private healthcare coverage (either a Medicare Supplement plan, or a Medicare Advantage plan). Also, Medicare Part A or Part B do not include coverage for prescription drugs, so you may wish to obtain such coverage separately. One way to explore all of this is by, shortly before you are 65, contacting AMAC's Medicare department at 1.800.334.9330 or [www.amac.us/medicare](http://www.amac.us/medicare). And until you are eligible to enroll in Medicare at 65, you may wish to seek regular healthcare insurance for those under 65 years of age.

Please understand that we are here to answer all your questions about Social Security and Medicare enrollment. However, at the AMAC Foundation, we are not insurance specialists, which is why I suggest contacting an insurance specialist as described above.

I hope this is helpful, but please don't hesitate to contact us again at any time.

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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 31, 2020, executed by DARRELL CHUMNEY conveying certain real property therein described to SCOTT R. VALBY, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Hardin County, Tennessee recorded March 31, 2020, in Deed Book 729, Page 413; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for Bantam Funding Trust 2018-1 who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on June 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the Front Door of the Hardin County Courthouse, 465 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372, proceed to sell at public

outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Hardin County, Tennessee, to wit:

A LOT STARTING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE GENE WILLIS LOT IN THE CENTER OF THE ROAD RUNNING SOUTH 210 FEET; THENCE WEST 210 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 210 FEET TO STAKE; THENCE EAST TO THE BEGINNING POINT. THUS ONE ACRE. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO DARRELL CHUMNEY BY DEED OF MELISSA L. MAYSE DATED MARCH 31, 2020 OF RECORD IN RECORD BOOK 729, PAGE 410 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF HARDIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 018-024.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 370 WILLIS ST, SALTILLO, TN 38370. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): DARRELL CHUMNEY

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

1ST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION

The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be

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

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust Note dated May 19, 2023, and the Deed of Trust of even date securing the same, recorded May 22, 2023, in Book No. 825, at Page 860, in Office of the Register of Deeds for Hardin County, Tennessee, executed by Joel Starling, conveying certain property therein described to David Marttala as Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for First National Bank of Middle Tennessee, its successors and assigns; and the undersigned, Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., having been appointed Successor Trustee by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable; and that an agent of Wilson & Associates, P.L.L.C., as Successor Trustee, by virtue of the power, duty, and authority vested in and imposed upon said Successor Trustee, by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, will, on June 11, 2025 on or about 2:00 PM, at the Hardin County Courthouse 465 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372, offer for sale certain property hereinafter described to the highest bidder FOR certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee. The sale is free from all exemptions, which are expressly waived in the Deed of Trust, said property being real estate situated in Hardin County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot No. 11 in Beech Forest Subdivision, a plat or plan of which is of record in the Hardin County Register's Office in plat book 2 page 9, and reference is heremade to said plat and to the book and page where recorded for a complete and accurate description of said Lot 11 and the description, location and designation as there given and shown is incorporated herein by this reference thereto to the same extent as if copied in full herein. Lot 11 is further described as follows: Beginning at a point in the east right of way line of East Cagle Drive, being the northwest corner of Paul Blount property, Lot 12 of Beech Forest Subdivision and the southwest corner of

the property herein described; thence running with said right of way north 15 degrees 11' 100 feet to a stake, the northwest corner of the subject property and the southwest corner of Peggy Rainwater property, Lot 10 of said subdivision; thence leaving the said drive and running with the south line of Rainwater south 74 degrees 49' east 200 feet to a stake, the northeast corner of the subject property; thence running with the west line of Barry Hughes property, Lot 3 of said subdivision, south 15 degrees 11' west 100 feet to a stake, the southeast corner of the subject property; thence running with the north line of the said Paul Blount property north 74 degrees 49' west 200 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.4591 acres and being Lot 11 of Beech Forest Subdivision, a plat of which is recorded in Plat Cabinet 2, page 9 in the Hardin County Register's Office.

ALSO KNOWN AS: 75 Cagle Circle, Savannah, TN 38372

This sale is subject to all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory rights of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. In addition, the following parties may claim an interest in the above- referenced property:

JOEL STARLING TENANTS OF

The sale held pursuant to this Notice may be rescinded at the Successor Trustee's option at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. In the event of inclement weather, the trustee hereby announces that the sale will be postponed and that notices of said postponement for inclement weather will be mailed to interested parties of record. W&A No. 362211

DATED April 28, 2025

WILSON & ASSOCIATES, P.L.L.C.,

Successor Trustee #362211 (583tc)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF VIRGIL BROWN DESHAZIER**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of May, 2025, Letters Testamentary (or of administration as the case may be) in respect to the Estate of Virgil Brown Deshazier, who died June 17, 2024, were issued the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hardin County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

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

This 1st day of May, 2025.

/s/ Katelyn Deshazier Doty, Executrix

/s/ Joe Brown, Attorney for the Estate

/s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (582tp)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**ESTATE OF WILFORD WALDO BARRON**

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of April, 2025, Letters in respect to the Estate of Wilford Waldo Barron, who died on April 15, 2025, were issued the undersigned by the 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 24th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Terri Juan Durham

/s/ John J. Ross, Attorney for the Estate

/s/ Jennifer Fielder, Clerk and Master (582tp)

**Community news**

**Bruton Branch**



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For those who live in Bruton and most of Hardin County, trees are a factor. We have lots of trees on our small property. Most are hardwood but there were a dozen mature pine trees. The lot next to ours is vacant and has about a dozen pine trees also. Half of those pines have been infested with pine beetles. In order to keep from losing the pine trees one at a time on our place we opted to have all of our pine trees removed professionally. There remains quite a bit of shade from the large oaks and hickory trees, but the absence of those pines has opened up a lot of sunshine in places where growth was stunted by shade. I have been looking at foliage and flowers that will grow well in these spaces. Going from mostly shade to mostly sunshine has been a twist from the normal planting and the entire look of my yard. Change can be a good thing if well planned.

Mother's Day is coming up quickly. There is still time to make your mom, or someone who has been like a mother

to you, feel special. For many of us mothers, a sweet card that speaks of the love our children have for us will be special enough.

I received a little gift bag of treasures this week from Ada Sparkman. I use a lot of fresh garlic in my cooking and peeling the bulbs is always a chore meant for someone with fingernails and nimble fingertips, which I do not have much of either. The bag had an e-Z-rol Garlic Peeler that removes fresh garlic peels in seconds without touching the garlic or trying to peel with my fingers. No smelly fingers. I love gadgets that work.

You may be aware of the blue people of Kentucky, but I was not aware of them. I just finished the book titled, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson. Historical

Fiction placed in the hollers and mountains of Kentucky in the 1930s tells of the birth of horseback libraries, female librarians, and the blue people of that era. It is a fascinating story making me eager to learn more about a culture of people with blue skin that I never knew about. It did break my heart, as racism always does, to read of the judgment and persecution they endured because of their skin color.

Do you go to a lot of potluck dinners or want an easy dessert recipe that takes minutes to prepare? My easy-peasy cherry cobbler might be your new favorite. I took a roll of crescent roll dough, can of cherry pie filling, 1/2 cup chopped pecans, melted butter. Preheat the

oven to 350 degrees. In an 8" square pan, spray the bottom with cooking spray, spread 1/2 of the canned crescent roll dough on the bottom. Pour the entire can of pie filling over the dough and spread evenly. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Nuts are optional. Place the other half of the dough over the top of the pie filling. Spread with 1/4 cup melted butter. Pop it into the oven for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven when the top is brown. I let it cool for 15 minutes and serve with vanilla ice cream. Refrigerate leftovers, if there are any. Delicious cold or warm.

"The beautiful journey of today can only begin when we learn to let go of yesterday." ~Steve Maraboli

**NOTICE**

The Board of Commissioners of Hardin Medical Center will meet on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria for the May meeting.

**NOTICE**

The Hardin County Board of Education will hold a meeting on Monday, May 12, 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.

**Advertisement for Bids**

Hardin County Solid Waste will receive separate sealed bids at the office of the County Executive, Hardin County Courthouse, Savannah, TN, on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. local time, for SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES.

Bid Documents may be reviewed at the office of the Hardin County Executive and the office of the Hardin County Director of Solid Waste, and may be obtained from the office of F&M Consulting, INC. at 25 Court St., Savannah, Tennessee, 38372, during normal working hours (7:00 A.M. till 3:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday). Please call if there are questions bidding, 731-925-2983.

Bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided, sealed in an envelope marked plainly on the outside "BID FOR HARDIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES", the company name and license number. Specified Insurance is REQUIRED.

Hardin County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To whom it may concern  
I am filing for a new title for a  
**2005 Black Ford F-150**  
VIN: 1FTPX14595NB19343  
Anyone with proof of claim should contact  
**Bradley Moss**  
220 Lantern Lane  
Savannah, TN 38372  
by certified mail, return receipt requested within 10 business days from this publication.

**BID NOTICE**

The Hardin County Highway Department will be accepting bids for materials for the use and operations of the highway department. For a list of materials and services call the office at 731-925-4993. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on May 15, 2025.

Bids should be sealed, delivered or mailed to Hardin County Highway Department, P.O. Box 116, Savannah, TN 38372. Please indicate on the envelope BID.

It is the policy of the Hardin County Highway Department not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability in its hiring and employment practices or in admission to or operation of its programs and services. The Hardin County Highway Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For bid specifications contact the office of the Highway Department at 9920 Hwy 128S, Savannah, TN 38372 or 731-925-4993.

**Pickwick Secure Storage**

The contents will be sold at a private sale after May 15, 2025.

Renter may claim contents by paying past dues in full and removing contents from both units.

**Units 22 & 46**  
**Anthony Rhones**  
**PO Box 124**  
**Michie, TN 38357**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The City of Savannah will be soliciting bids for Savannah Multimodal Pedestrian Signalization. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Savannah at their offices at 140 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372, until 2:00 PM CST, Thursday, May 29, 2025 and opened publicly at 140 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372 at that hour. The reading of the bids will begin at 2:01 PM CST.

This Project involves various intersection improvements and pedestrian signalizations in Savannah, Tennessee.

A Prime Contractor must prequalify with the Department of Transportation in accordance with Section 54-5-117 of the "Tennessee Code Annotated" and Tennessee Department of Transportation Rule 1680-5-3 prequalification of contractors before biddable proposals will be furnished.

The City of Savannah hereby notifies all bidders that an 8% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal has been set for this project and must be met or exceeded. The City of Savannah will affirmatively insure that disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability in consideration for an award. The use of DBE or minority/women owned firms are encouraged.

The City of Savannah is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer, drug-free with policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or military service. The City of Savannah's telephone number is (731) 925-3300.

Bidding documents, plans, and information may be obtained by visiting the A2H Planroom (www.a2hplanroom.com). The documents are available for viewing and downloading. Hard copies may be ordered for the cost of printing and shipping listed on the planroom. Any bid submitted from a bidder not on TDOT's official Prequalified Contractors list will not be opened. Please contact Laurie Smith, A2H Project Coordinator, with any questions via email at lauries@a2h.com.

Community news  
**Eureka**



**Patsy Gibbs**  
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Congratulations to the HCHS baseball team for earning the 12-AAA regular season title last week. The Tigers defeated the North Side Indians to win the District Title. Last week's Courier had a great account of the game by sports writer David Shirley. These articles are great for those of us who like to keep up with local sports when we no longer attend.

With the help of Sarah Robinson, I got my plants repotted last Wednesday. Sarah is a great help to me each week in

heavy lifting and regular chores. I am thankful to be mobile and do most things at home.

Vickie Austin picked me up for Sunday School and church service at Eureka Sunday. Gaye was there to bring me home after church services. It is a blessing to have these helpers as I no longer drive. Vickie filled me in on the big fundraiser she attended at the Savannah Market for Cassie's Cause on Saturday. This charity named for Vickie's late cousin, Cassie Ingle Tidwell, raises funds to help cancer victims struggling to raise children with this terminal disease. Hats off to all the volunteers who were successful in their work.

I was glad to speak by phone to my friend, Margie Buley of the Nixon community last

week. Magie sounded great after recovering from serious illness last year. She and husband Don are active at Wesley's Chapel Methodist Church. Magie reminded me to mention the decoration at Wesley's Chapel Church's cemetery is always the second Sunday in May. The day will be May 11 and they are expecting several people to drop by.

Other cemetery decorations I know of this month are last Sunday, May 4, was Grisham and Hardin Memory Gardens. This Sunday, May 11, Wesley's Chapel cemetery and White Sulphur at Pickwick. On the third Sunday in May families will gather at Savannah Cemetery, Crump, and Morris Chapel to remember loved ones laid to rest there. My late mother

always kept a list of these cemeteries and went to each of them on decoration day. I learned a lot from her as she told me stories of my grandparents who died before my birth and other friends and relatives. I am very thankful we were taught to remember family and friends.

Congratulations to all the 2025 children and young folks who will complete another school year May 23. High school seniors are making college or work plans as they graduate high school. My dear young friend, Shelby Bonee, will be attending Mississippi State University in Starkville after receiving the chemical engineering scholarship from PCA. She is the daughter of Joe and Melinda Bonee and attended church at Eureka

Methodist all her life. I have three great-nephews who will graduate this year, Jacob Meeks will be a graduate at Adamsville High School. Finishing high school at HCHS are Hudson Davis and Gavin Bixler who plan to continue their educations next year.

Services at Eureka Methodist were attended well this week. The congregation observed Holy Communion following the sermon Sunday. After dismissal several families gathered in the newly remodeled fellowship hall for a meal and visiting.

Sunday afternoon Gaye and I drove to The Marty in Adamsville where Stephanie Baugus and helpers entertained Kenlee and Alex Parrish with a simple gift tea for family and friends. The Parrishes expect their

son Sawyer to arrive in June. Little Rhett will be a big brother. Another great-grandbaby is a delight for me. I always enjoy seeing family and friends.

Larry Welch and dog, Peppy, stopped by one day last week bringing fresh strawberries from the Amish community at Stantonville. Larry and Mackie lived next door to me for years. It was good to see his granddaughter Esther's photos and catch up on Larry's grownup sons, Luke and Ethan.

Have a great week and enjoy your family, life passes quickly. A Bible verse to remember is Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

May is a merry month to be outside.

Community news  
**Pickwick**



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Shiloh National Military Park would like to give a big thank you to the volunteers who assisted with Park Day! This annual event is sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust and offers people an opportunity to give back to local historic sites as they gear up for a busy summer season. On April 26, a group of dedicated Shiloh volunteers walked Highway 22 inside the park and collected several garbage bags worth of litter that had accumulated along this thoroughfare. With all the rain that had fallen in the days leading up to Park Day, our volunteers dealt with mud, wet shoes, and marshy ground, but they

went to work with a smile and a will as they helped to clean up this portion of Shiloh Battlefield. Thank you for helping us out on a Saturday morning.

On Saturday, May 10, at Pickwick Landing State Park from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., join Interpretive Ranger Rachel Boothe, 731-458-7851, rachel.boothe@tn.gov at the trailhead by Cabin #9 to enjoy an early morning hike. Please wear closed-toe shoes and bring any water, snacks, or bug spray you may need. Dogs are welcome, but they must remain on a leash. We prefer you to pre-register online, but feel free to also show up on the day of.

Curious about accessibility? Pickwick Landing State Park is happy to now provide access to a free-to-use All-Terrain Wheelchair for use on our trails and around the park. To learn more and request to use the wheelchair,

please visit <https://tn-stateparks.com/parks/park-accessibility/pickwick-landing>.

Also for Sunset Birding on Saturday, May 10, meet at the Volleyball Pit at the Circle 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to join Ranger Brandon Weber, 731-689-3129, brandon.weber@tn.gov to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by birding at sunset. We will walk around the circle beach area looking for birds and watching as our native birds get ready to settle in for the evening. We will have a spotting scope and binoculars for visitors to use while we look for birds. This is a beginner birding program for those of all skill levels to come out and see what birds we can find on and around Pickwick Lake, while enjoying the sunset.

Then, Sunday, May 11, from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., join Ranger Brandon Weber, 731-458-7818 for a Full Moon Kayak

Float at the park. Meet at the tennis court parking lot. We will explore Pickwick Lake under the light of the May "Flower" Moon and tell stories of the night sky while exploring the nocturnal wildlife of Pickwick. The cove is well lit and kayaks will have navigational lights. Restrooms will be available on site. All necessary gear for the tour will be provided. Recommended items to bring: bug spray, a personal flashlight or headlamp (not necessary, bring at own discretion), a dry bag for personal belongings on the kayak.

Voices of Savannah - Do you have a birthday this month or know someone who does? They have a birthday kit for you. Voices of Savannah, 435 East Main St., Suite A, Savannah, TN 38372 (731) 438-5166.

District 3 Community Center - A Shot in the Dark, a 4 person 9 hole

scramble night golf fundraiser will be Friday, June 6. Spots are limited. Book your team now. 731-926-0778.

The Barn at Sheltering Tree Ranch - 3100 Hwy 226, Savannah, 731-925-2922 - Calling all Rodeo Kids! This one is for you. We have rescheduled our Rodeo Kids Clinic to Friday, June 13. This is a great opportunity to get your kiddos some practice before their next rodeo. Register using the link: <https://forms.gle/sD6uF6QohssphehL7>. This event will be held in an outdoor arena and is weather permitting. Morning clinic will be on ground events.

Afternoon will be mounted exhibitions (must bring your own horse). The General Store on the Ranch will be open for lunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All fees are preferred to be paid in cash or check. Clinic participants should wear

closed toe shoes and sunscreen.

Pickwick United Methodist Church Mens' Group - Rumor has it that this year's Annual Fish & Chicken Fry will be Saturday, July 26. Take out orders are accepted.

All About Home Club at the Hardin County Library - Guest Speaker was Ms. Wendy Wiggs of Tennessee Towers. Hosted by Mrs. Tania Tasker of WLJT-TV Ch. 11. This event is the first Saturday each month. Whether you're into books, crafting, gardening or more, there's a place for you.

I've learned that the Atlanta Braves baseball team has installed Tower Gardens at Truist Park and has jumped on board like the Giants Stadium and Yankee Stadium and is growing fresh produce for select items. How cool is that! Now you will know exactly where your food comes from.

I pray for your good health.

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# VENUS FLYTRAP

**THE JAWS OF DOOM**

Quick! Help this fly escape the Venus flytrap's grip!

**Beautiful but Hungry**  
The Venus flytrap is a meat-eating, or **carnivorous**, plant. It is also quite lovely. That is why its name includes Venus. That is the name of the Roman goddess of love and beauty.  
But don't worry - a Venus flytrap won't eat you. Mostly they eat bugs. They especially love mosquitoes and flies.

**Jaws of Doom True or False Quiz**  
Make a guess about which of these statements are true and which are false. Then read the scientist's notes about the Venus flytrap to check your answers.

- Venus flytraps have teeth.  TRUE  FALSE
- Venus flytraps only need bugs to survive.  TRUE  FALSE
- Venus flytraps eat anything that falls into their mouth-like leaves.  TRUE  FALSE
- Venus flytraps help keep bugs out of your house.  TRUE  FALSE
- Its "mouth" shuts in under one second.  TRUE  FALSE

**Dangers?**  
Venus flytraps aren't dangerous to people, but people are endangering them. Venus flytraps are only found growing wild in one small area of the planet - in the grassy wetlands, or bogs, around Cape Fear, North Carolina. This area has just the right climate, amount of water and soil conditions.  
Today the plant is threatened in the wild. The draining of bogs for farming and the building of shopping centers and houses has reduced the plant's habitat and numbers. **Less than 5% of the plants are left.**

**Snapping Up a Meal** Number the pictures in order.  
Sweet nectar around the edges of the Venus flytrap's open leaves attract insects. As a bug moves across the surface drinking up this treat, it touches small, sensitive bristles on the Venus flytrap. These trigger hairs tell the plant when a possible meal has arrived. Then the plant's "jaws" close very quickly, trapping the insect inside. The long *cilia*, hairs along the leaf edges, act like prison bars, preventing the insect from escaping. Several days later, after the insect has been digested, the leaves open and what's left of the insect body blows away.

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Before & After**  
Look at a photograph in the newspaper. What do you think happened before the photo was taken? What do you think happened afterwards?  
Standards Link: Research: Students predict likely outcomes.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**  
Flytrap is a **compound word**, made by combining two smaller words: *fly* and *trap*. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line between two pictures to make a compound word. Then write the word.

**ARMCHAIR**

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

**Double Double Word Search**  
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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

**Kid Scoop Together: Cause and Effect**  
When something happens, there is usually something that caused it to happen. The **cause** comes first, the **effect** second. Here are some examples:  
When the hairs on the inside of a Venus flytrap's leaves are touched, the plant snaps shut.  
**Cause:** touch the hairs  
**Effect:** plant snaps leaves closed

If a little rock is put inside the mouth-like leaves of a Venus flytrap, the leaves will snap shut. After about 12 hours, the leaves will open so the rock can drop out because it is something the plant can't eat.  
Which part of the above is the "cause?"  
Which part is the "effect?"

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**  
**Newsy Timeline**  
Select an article that interests you in the newspaper. Read the article and then make a timeline to show the events in the order they happened. Share your timeline with a parent or other family member.  
Standards Link: Reading: Extract information from text.

**Write On! The Magic Seed**  
One day I planted a magic seed...  
Finish this story.

# Death Notices

## Frankie Baugus

Frankie Marie Austin Baugus, 96, of Savannah, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, the daughter of the late James Harvey and Gladys Gibbs Austin.

She was united in marriage to Demps "Banney" Baugus, who preceded his wife in death.

Frankie worked in the cutting room at Brown Shoe Company for over 40 years.

She is survived by her son, Charles Baugus.

In addition to her parents and husband, Frankie was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Austin; and sisters, Grace Pickens, Dorothy Irvin, Ruth McClain, and Corinne Baugus.

Memorial services were held on Monday, May 5, at Shackelford Funeral Directors in Savannah, Tennessee, with Bobby Pickens officiating. Burial followed at Memory Gar-

dens in Savannah.

## Zachary Casteel

Zachary Alan Casteel, 27, of Savannah, passed away on Thursday, May 1, the son of Paul Casteel and Donna Beckham.

He is survived by his beloved dog Mia; father, Paul Casteel; mother, Donna Beckham; sisters, Sarah McLin and Rosie Brown; and stepsister, Tabitha Anderson. Zach is also survived by his girlfriend, Alyssa Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Doug Casteel, and grandparents Mazie and Vernon Hunt; and grandmother, Linda Casteel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Zach by spending time outdoors, helping someone in need, or attending church in his memory.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 6, at Shackelford Funeral Directors of Savannah, with Brad Bain officiating. Burial followed at

Campground Cemetery in Savannah, Tennessee.

## Jennifer Kreutzman

Jennifer Kreutzman, 54, of Adamsville, passed away on Monday, April 28, the daughter of the late Dusanka "Dude" Jovic.

Jennifer worked at Price's Bar-B-Que and the Butcher Shop, both in Adamsville, Tennessee. She was a proud supporter of PanCAN and American Pancreatic Association.

She is survived by her daughters, Emily Moore and Kelsey Kreutzman; sons, Michael Baker and Caleb Smith; brothers, Jason Kreutzman and Wiley Hathorn of Adamsville; and 10 grandchildren, Saylor, Gatlan, Creed, Karsen, Chase, Hunter, Paitan, Landayn, Declan, and Annalia.

In addition to her mother, Jennifer was preceded in death by her daughter, Taylor Bryant; and stepfather, William Michael "Big Mike" Sanders.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, May 3, at the Shady

Grove Cemetery in Saltillo, Tennessee, with Austin Shubert officiating.

## Tommy Plunkett

Tommy Dewayne Plunkett, 77, of Savannah, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 29, the son of the late William Herman and Nellogean Randolph Plunkett.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Tina Plunkett; his parents; and four brothers; Jerry Daniel Plunkett, William Wayne Plunkett, Ronnie Plunkett, and Tony Lee Plunkett.

Tommy is survived by his two sons, Scotty Plunkett and Phillip Plunkett; his son's mother, Virginia Plunkett; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is survived by three brothers, Donnie Plunkett, Rickey Plunkett, and Mickey Plunkett; and three sisters: Brenda Faughn, Linda Clardy, and Nell Akins.

Tommy worked along his late brother Wayne, at the Savannah Body Shop.

Memorial services

were held on Saturday, May 3, at Shackelford Funeral Home in Savannah, Tennessee.

## Dorothy Irvin Ray

Dorothy Camilla Franks Irvin Ray, 97, passed away on Monday, April 28.

Dorothy was a teacher and a preacher.

She was a founding member of Union Church in Burnt Church.

Dorothy had two loving husbands in her lifetime, Harold and Joe.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Joyce Pickens and Diane McGarrity; sister, Margaret Sue Orr; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Irvin; sisters, Louise Shelby, Annie Kate Young, and Hazel Appenzellar; and great-grandchild, Delayne Franklin.

A celebration of Dorothy's life and faith was held on Friday, April 30, at Souls Harvest Church of God.

## Jimmie Teague

Jimmie "Bud" Teague, 87, of Adamsville, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, the son of the late Lloyd Simpson and Ruby Mae Bryant Teague.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Casey, who preceded her husband in death.

He worked as a plumber at Willing & Able plumbing in Chicago Heights, Illinois, a varnish factory worker and then in management at Sun Chemical in Kankakee, Illinois, a worker at Tom Bigsby water way to Morrison Knudsen mining as a mechanic and ending his career in management.

He is survived by his children, Jimmie Teague Jr., Karen Teague Myroup; and Teresa Teague Burgess; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Jimmie was preceded in death by his sisters, Ame Jean Teague Hurt, Rosemary Teague Davis and Irene Teague Hare.

No services to announce.



## Community news Saltillo



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### Retired educators bring fresh flavor and community spirit to Saltillo with River Time Deli

Greg and Angela Billings, both retired educators from Memphis, have found a second calling and it involves handcrafted pizzas, fresh sandwiches, and good old-fashioned community spirit.

Longtime visitors to Saltillo since 1984, the Billings' moved to the small river town permanently in 2018 after retiring from careers in education. They soon purchased a downtown building, previously owned by the previous mayor, Darnell Lowery, and opened River Time Deli with the aim of creating a welcoming, accessible space for locals and visitors alike.

What began as a casual retirement hobby quickly evolved into a thriving business, requiring more dedication and work than initially expected but the Billings' wouldn't have it any other way.

At the forefront of Riv-

erTime Deli's success is a commitment to freshness and quality. The Billings' source local produce when possible, especially tomatoes during peak seasons, and proudly support nearby vendors like Lauren Colby. The focus on keeping as many ingredients local and fresh as possible is a distinguishing quality of the menu at the deli.

Deliveries from Sysco arrive every Friday, ensuring a steady supply of quality ingredients. Meats are sliced fresh daily, and menu items are crafted with attention to detail and care. Through partnerships, River Time Deli also promotes the local farms and local suppliers, reinforcing their commitment to supporting Saltillo's economy.

River Time Deli's menu is designed with the local palate in mind. Recent expansions include the addition of crispy chicken wings and distinctive potato fries, both developed with input from Sysco's test kitchen. The deli also offers hearty classics like a third-pound Angus beef steak burger, a quarter-pound all-beef hot dog, and deli-style sandwiches, all made with fresh ingredients.

For those with dietary preferences, gluten-free options such as cauliflower crust pizza are available. Their soft-

serve ice cream, made from whole milk rather than the lower-quality powdered mixes often found elsewhere, sets their desserts apart. Popular sweet treats include banana splits and brownie delights, which have quickly become customer favorites.

An on-premises beer permit allows patrons to enjoy a cold beer with their meal, whether inside the cozy deli or outside on the patio. Grill items, including burgers and hot dogs, are offered on weekends during specific hours to cater to the weekend crowd and add a casual, festive atmosphere.

The Billings' approach to staffing reflects their broader commitment to the town. Employees, some of whom live within walking distance, receive slightly higher wages than the local average and enjoy perks

like free meals. Tip money collected often covers extras like employee lunches, contributing to a family-like environment.

Despite the steady growth, including an expanding social media presence with more than 850 followers; operating a small business hasn't been without challenges. Taxes, licensing, and regulatory surprises have tested their resilience. Still, the Billings' remain committed to their vision, with future hopes of handing over more daily operations to a local manager so they can enjoy greater flexibility.

"We see this as part of a larger plan," Billings said. "It's been a lot of hard work, but we feel blessed to be here, learning something new every day and giving back to a town that's given us so much."

## In Memory of Trevor Michael

Family and friends recognize the memory of Trevor Michael who passed at the early age of 29 on May 12, 2024.

Trevor loved four-wheeling, fishing and making people laugh. His memory will always be cherished by those he left behind, including his parents, Danny Rich and Billie Michael; children, Landon Kyle Gurley and Amelia Sweat; siblings, James Dillon Rich, Charles Edwin Rich and Selena Denise Rich; and grandparents, Brenda and Steve Maness and grandmother Teresa Cass.

Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

### Crump Cemetery Annual Decoration Day Sunday, May 18, 2025

Donations needed to help with the maintenance of the cemetery. Committee members will be present to take your donations on decoration weekend or you can mail them to:

Crump Cemetery Charitable Trust  
8445 Highway 22  
Adamsville, TN 38310

### District 6 Fire Dept. Olivet/Walker Town/Graham/Airport Communities

37th Annual Letter Drive  
Fire Department officials will be going door-to-door starting Saturday, May 3 with letters requesting donations of support. Every house & business should receive a letter & its requested donations be mailed to:

3135 Highway 226  
Savannah TN 38372  
We thank you for your support!  
All proceeds go to help the Fire Department

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## Celebrate Mother's Day at Savannah Farmers Market this weekend

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Just in time for Mother's Day, Hardin County's UT Extension's popular Second Saturdays event returns to the Savannah Market, 470 Main St., on Saturday, May 10, offering a fun-filled day of shopping, family activities, and local flavor from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local vendors will line the market with an impressive variety of handcrafted and unique gift items, perfect for last-minute Mother's Day shoppers.

Guests can browse everything from plants, food, clothing, wood décor, Tupperware,

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Whether you're looking for a heartfelt handmade gift, a stylish accessory, or something to brighten Mom's garden, you will be sure to find something special among the offerings of talented local artisans at the Savannah Market this Saturday.

Adding to the festive, family-friendly atmosphere, the Savannah Fire Department will be bringing their popular bounce house, giving kids a fun and safe place to play while you shop at

leisure.

"We're thrilled to bring the community together once again for Second Saturdays," said UT Extension Director, Sondra Thorne.

She added, "It's all about supporting local makers, enjoying the downtown scene, and making it easy for people to find thoughtful gifts, especially for Mother's Day."

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Nina Shildon's quilt was voted by attendees to the show as Best of Show.

### Friends of Hardin County Library hosts its 14th Annual Quilt Show

More than 100 people visited Hardin County's library for the Friends of the Library 14th Annual Quilt Show held last month.

The quilt show's theme was "Vintage at its Best," and was held at the Hardin County Library in Savannah, 1365 Pickwick St., and displayed quilts from local crafters.

Linda Harrison, 72,

of Savannah, visited the show and picked her favorite quilt - one with embroidered State Flowers.

"My mom and I embroidered a quilt top similar to this one. Ours had both State Flowers and State Birds. Seeing this brings such good memories," Harrison said.

30 quilts were submitted for the show and had

either hand pieced or machine pieced quilted pattern pieces for people to view.

Event organizers said that people who attended the show commented on how they enjoyed unusual quilt patterns and designs, as well as the quilts brilliant colors.

The Friends of the Library "Annual Quilt Show" was held on April 21st through the 26th.

### Community news Counce



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Happy May everyone! This is a busy time of year for everyone with graduations, weddings, and vacations. It's hard to believe that it's already summer again. Bridgett and I have been working nonstop at the flower shop getting ready for Mother's Day and cemetery decorations. Memorial Day will be here in a couple of weeks.

Gathel McGee brought her sweet new puppy Annie to see me at work last week and she is just precious! I love when people bring their doggies to see me.

On Memorial Day weekend there will be a weapons firing demonstration at Shiloh National Military Park. You

can see the uniforms and equipment used by American soldiers from the revolutionary war through Vietnam. This will be Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. This is great for all you history buffs!

District 3 Volunteer Fire Dept. will be having their annual Memorial Day BBQ fundraiser Memorial Day weekend. They are selling smoked Boston butts and all pro-

ceeds go to the fire department which does a fantastic job by the way! For more information or to place your order call Richard at 731-926-6019.

Prayer requests this week: the Susan Barrett family, Frankie Childers, Chris Lee, Joey Crumby, Bobby and Linda Settlemires, and all those who no longer have their mom on Mother's Day.

Everyone have a blessed week!

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SECTION B

## HCHS Baseball fights hard all the way through final game

After receiving opening round bye, HCHS knocked off Lexington in a game that started on Tuesday, April 29 and ended one day later, lost a hard-fought extra-inning battle to Chester County on Thursday, May 1, won over South Side on Friday, May 2, before falling to CC on May 3 to finish as District Tournament Runners-Up.

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### HCHS Big Maroon Tigers 9 LHS Red Tigers 5

Hardin County starting pitcher Ryder Harville retired the Lexington Tigers in order in the top of the first to bring HCHS up to bat. HC picked up a base runner on a walk for Cannan Clapp before a line out ended the inning.

Harville repeated his first inning success in the top of the second with another three up, three down frame. Hardin County was also set down in order as the game moved swiftly to the top of the third.

Lexington picked up their first two singles in the third and attempted to pull off a steal to third with two out but HC catcher Ean Stanley fired a strike to Cannan Clapp who put the sweep tag on the base runner to record the third out and send the game to the bottom of the inning.

Maddox Ruddle reached on a bunt single leading off before being forced at second base on a bunt by Keaton Davis. Ryder Harville slammed a single into center field with Davis taking third base on an LHS error. Heath Hardin was intentionally walked to load the bases before Cannan Clapp lifted a sacrifice fly into center field to bring Davis in to score as HC carried a 1-0 lead into the top of the fourth.

Lexington put their leadoff batter on base after an HC error with the base runner stealing second with one out. The runner advanced to third base on another error with two outs before scoring as a LHS batter struck out but reached first base as the ball evaded the HCHS catcher. A walk followed which was followed by a double to left field that plated two more runs as Lexington grabbed a 3-1 lead heading to the bottom of the fourth.

Hayes Malone singled leading off moments before Cash Barlow then reached base on a bunt single. Matthew White moved both runners up one base on a sacrifice bunt. Keaton Davis then lined a clutch single to center field to plate both Barlow and Malone and tie the game at 3-3. Ryder Harville stepped up to the plate and lined a double into center field to give his team a 4-3 advantage heading to the top of the fifth.

Lexington put a runner

on base with a one-out single and soon advanced to second base on a ground out. A walk followed before a single to right sent one runner across the plate and tied the game 4-4. Another walk and an error resulted in another LHS run as the Red Tigers took the lead back at 5-4 as the game prepared to move to the bottom of the fifth. Mother Nature had other ideas as thunderstorms moved into Chester County and forced the game to be delayed and resumed the next afternoon.

Hayes Malone singled with one out and quickly stole second base. Matthew White walked with two out to put runners at first and second with Malone soon dashing to third on a wild pitch. White then stole second with Malone stealing home on the play. Maddox Ruddle drew a walk before Keaton Davis singled on a fly ball to left to score White with Ruddle getting all the way to third base. Ryder Harville capped off the rally with a line drive single to center field to score both Ruddle and Davis and put HC back on top 8-5 heading to the top of the sixth.

Maddox Ruddle came on to pitch and retired Lexington in order to bring his team back to the plate.

The first two were retired in the HCHS sixth before Hayes Malone came to the plate. Malone lined a single to left field and came all the way around to score on a three-base error to make the new score 9-5. Hardin County then loaded the bases on a Cash Barlow single which was followed by walks to Matthew White and Maddox Ruddle before Keaton Davis lined out sharply to the right fielder to end the threat and send the game to the top of the seventh.

Ruddle allowed a two-out single in the top of the seventh but that was all LHS would get as Hardin County picked up an impressive 9-5 victory.

Ryder Harville got the start in the two-day affair and went three and two-thirds of an inning, allowing 0 earned runs on three hits and one walk while striking out six. Keaton Davis came in next and went one and one-third frames, giving up one earned run on two hits and two walks while striking out one. Maddox Ruddle pitched the final two innings and gave up only a single hit and earned the pitching victory.

Chester County Eagles 11

### Hardin County Tigers 8 Eight innings

Tiger starting pitcher Heath Hardin retired the first two batters in the top of the first before two doubles, a single, and a wild pitch put two runs on the scoreboard for the Eagles with HC coming up to bat.

Ryder Harville was hit by a pitch leading off the bottom of the first with Heath Hardin following with a line drive single to center field. Carson Stanley entered for Hardin as a courtesy runner with Cannan Clapp dropping down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners to second and third. Ean Stanley followed with a single to right field to plate Harville and send Stanley to third base. After a line out Carson Stanley was able to dash across the plate on a wild pitch to tie the game 2-2 after one inning of play.

CCHS put one runner on base via a walk before the third out was recorded with Ean Stanley throwing a runner out attempting to steal third base.

Matthew White lined a single to right field leading off the Tiger second and advanced to second after a walk to Maddox Ruddle. Keaton Davis bunted and reached on an error by the catcher with White scoring and the other runners at second and third. Harville lined a single to left to score both Davis and Ruddle and put HC on top 5-2 as the action soon headed to the top of the third.

The Eagles took advantage of three singles and a walk to score two runs and pull within 5-4 heading to the bottom of the frame.

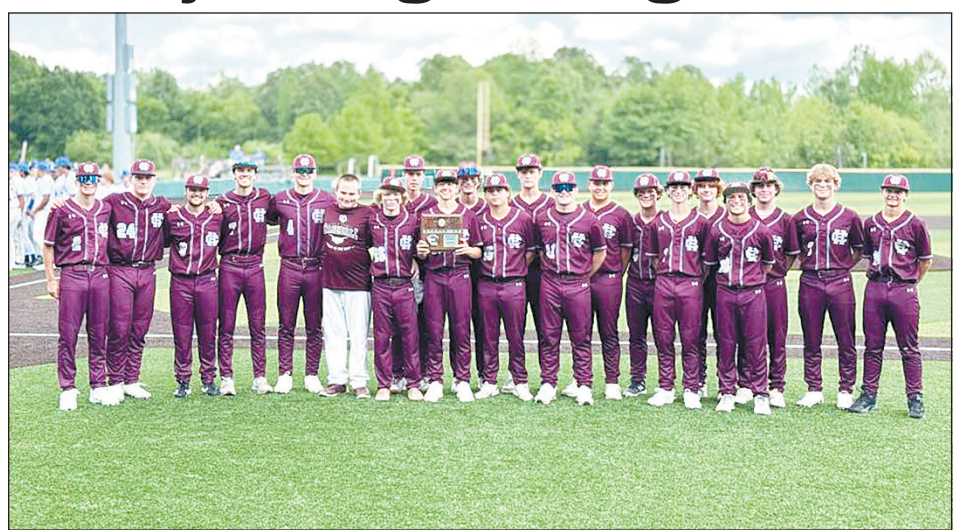
Hayes Malone stayed red-hot as he led off with a single and stole second base right away. Cash Barlow put down a sacrifice bunt to get Malone to third base before he scored on a passed ball two pitches later. Matthew White reached on an error but the rally was not able to push any more runs as the action headed to the top of the fourth.

CCHS kept up the pressure as they continued to hit and hit as they utilized a double, two singles and a walk to score two runs and tied the game 6-6 with the Tigers coming to the plate.

Heath Hardin doubled with one out and would get as far as third base before a line out to center field ended the threat and sent the game to the top of the fifth.

Chester County was retired in order in the top of the inning as was Hardin County in the bottom of the frame to push things along to the top of the sixth.

CC had a single in the sixth but was unable to advance the runner past second base as HC came in to bat and attempt to grab the lead.



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Maddox Ruddle doubled leading off with Keaton Davis following with a walk. Ruddle then advanced to third on a wild pitch just before Davis stole second base. Ryder Harville drew a walk to load the bases. Cannan Clapp drew a one-out walk to force in one run with Hayes Malone doing the same with two outs to bring in Stanley to make it 8-6 as the action headed into the final inning of regulation play.

A hit by pitch, three singles and a dropped third strike throw to first base plated two runs as the Eagles got a clutch two-out hit that tied the game with HCHS coming up with a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh.

HC picked up a two-out walk to Davis but he would not be able to advance as the game moved to the top of the eighth and the Eagles seeming to be gathering some momentum.

Chester County put together a three-run rally in their half-inning at the plate on a walk, a single, a doubler, and a triple and took an 11-8 lead heading to the bottom of the frame.

The Tigers failed to get a runner on base in their half of the frame as Chester County picked up the huge win to advance to the Championship Game and forced Hardin County to face Jackson South Side in a must-win game the very next afternoon.

Heath Hardin started on the mound and went

three and two-third innings, allowing six runs on nine hits and three walks while striking out four. Keaton Davis came on in relief and pitched four innings as he gave up four earned runs on seven hits and two walks with one strikeout. Matthew White came on to retire the final Eagle batter in the top of the eighth.

### Hardin County Tigers 5 South Side Hawks 2

The Hawks were retired in order in the top of the first by HC starting pitcher Maddox Ruddle. The Tigers put together a two-out rally as Cannan Clapp lined a single to right field and moved to second when Ean Stanley lined a single to center field with Carson Stanley then taking over for him as a courtesy runner. Hayes Malone followed with an infield single to load the bases. Cash Barlow stepped to the plate and drilled a single into right field to score Clapp and Stanley and put HC on top 2-0 heading to the second frame.

JSS was set down in order again to bring the Tigers up to bat. Ryder Harville was struck by a pitch with two out with Heath Hardin then lining a single to right field as Harville advanced to second base before a line drive hit hard but caught by the South Side center fielder moved the game along to the top of the third.

For the third consecutive inning the Hawks were retired three up and

three down.

Ean Stanley led off with a single to left for courtesy runner Carson Stanley. Cash Barlow walked to put runners at first and second before Ruddle reached base on a pop fly to load the bases. After Carson Stanley scored on a wild pitch and Barlow and Ruddle moved up one base on the same pitch, Keaton Davis came up to bat and lined a clutch double into right field to plate both Barlow and Ruddle to make the new score 5-0 heading to the top of the fourth.

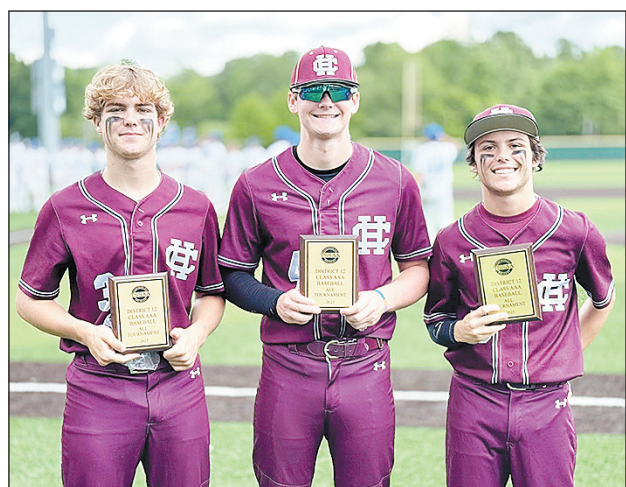
JSS was able to get on the scoreboard with two runs as they utilized a walk, a single, a stolen base and a double to score their only runs of the game. Ean Stanley picked up his third hit of the day in the bottom of the frame but the threat soon ended.

Neither team got anything going offensively in the fifth or sixth as the game rolled on to the seventh and final inning of regulation play.

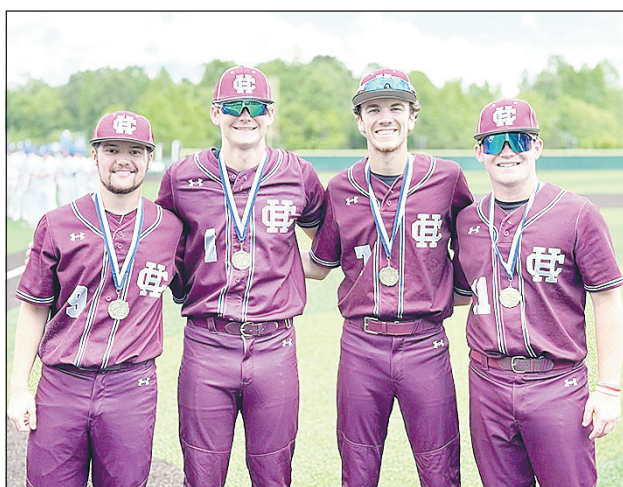
South Side picked up a single in the top of the seventh but the Hawks were not able to put another runner on base as they soon struck out for the final out of the game as HCHS picked up the 5-2 win to advance to the District Championship Game vs Chester County and clinched their spot in Region Tournament action as well.

Maddox Ruddle start-

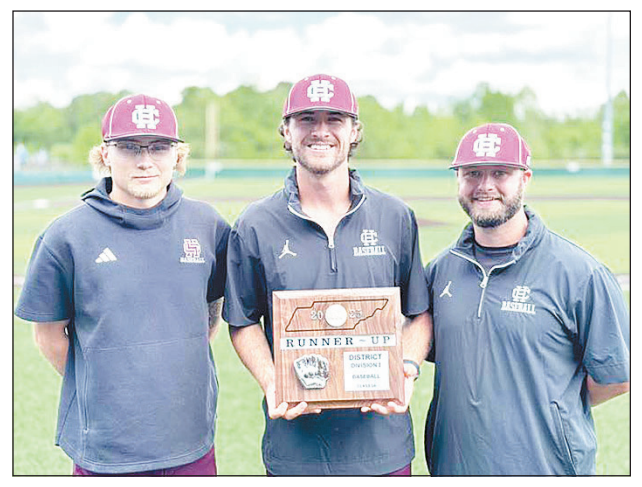
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HC Tiger District 12-AAA All Tournament Team members l-r: Maddox Ruddle, Ryder Harville, Keaton Davis.



HC Tiger District 12-AAA All Academic Team members l-r: J.C. Shelby, Ryder Harville, Ean Stanley, Cannan Clapp.



HC Tiger Coaching Staff l-r: Hunter Beecham, Head Coach Connor Creasy, Nathan Gaillard

# Adamsville Baseball Cardinals are District Champions

AHS wins over Madison and twice vs Riverside to end District 13-AA Baseball Tournament undefeated and will host Milan Bulldogs in Region Tournament action Friday, May 9 at Adamsville High School.

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The Adamsville Cardinal Baseball team played host to District Tournament action last week at AHS as the #1 Seed. The Cards played their first game in the tourney Tuesday, April 29 and after trailing early by a 4-0 margin, came back to wallop Madison by a 14-4 margin in a six-inning contest. The Cardinals advanced to take on Riverside the very next afternoon and won over the Panthers in extra innings by a final score of 4-3 to advance to the finals of the winners bracket on Saturday, May 3.

## AHS Cardinals 14 Madison Mustangs 4

The Mustangs used three singles, a hit by pitch, and a Cardinal error to plate three runs in the top of the first inning.

Adamsville loaded the bases with two outs as Brayden McLemore reached on an error, Avery McCormick singles, and Ayden McGee walked before a fly ball ended the threat.

Madison scored a single run in the top of the second after two Cardinal errors, a sacrifice, and a walk to extend their lead to 4-0 heading to the bottom of the second. The Cards were retired in order in their half of the second as

the game moved into the third with the Mustangs leading 4-0.

Madison picked up a single and had a player hit by a pitch but failed to score in the top of the frame.

The Cards started their comeback with J.C. Gray drawing a walk before Isaac Howard blasted a Home Run over the left field fence to make the new score 4-2. Avery McCormick then singled with one out and advanced to second on an error by the right fielder. Avery soon stole third base and scored on an error by the Mustang catcher as the game headed to the fourth with the Madison cut to 4-3.

The Mustangs were retired in order for the first time in the game to quickly bring the Cardinals back up to bat.

Cardinal Schaffer Wilmeth lined a single to left leading off with courtesy runner Owen Teague soon taking over for him on the base. Teague then stole second base and advanced to third on a ground out before scoring on a passed ball. Caysen Hunt reached on an error before a double play ended the threat with the game now tied 4-4 as play headed to the fifth.

Madison was set down in order for the second consecutive tie at bat with the Cardinals coming in to bat with lots of momentum on their

side. Isaac Howard reached on an error and advanced to second base as Brayden McLemore also reached on an error. Both runners stole a base before a single off the bat of Avery McCormick ended up scoring two runs to put AHS on top 6-4 as the game rolled into the sixth frame.

Madison was retired in order for the third straight inning with Adamsville coming up to hit again.

Keelan Surratt got things started with a line drive single to left and stole second base. Caysen Hunt hit a fly ball and reached on an error with Surratt scoring on the play. Pinch runner Dylan Beach took over at second base for Hunt and soon scored on an RBI single off the bat of J.C. Gray. Howard walked and was replaced by courtesy runner Malachi Moore.

Brayden McLemore walked to load the bases before Ayden McGee laced a three-run double to center field to push the Cardinal lead to 11-4. Ayden advanced to third base on a wild pitch and soon scored on an RBI single by Maguire Luna. Schaffer Wilmeth stepped to the plate and sent everyone home with a two-run Home Run to walk things off due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Maguire Luna got the start on the mound and went four innings, allowing two earned runs on five hits and one walk while striking out four. Isaac Howard pitched the final two frames for Adamsville and earned the pitching win, giving up no runs, hits, or walks while striking out three.

## AHS Cardinals 4 RHS Panthers 3 Eight innings

Riverside picked up a single in the top of the first but were unable to advance the runner past second base. AHS was retired on only six pitches to take the game to the second inning.

RHS picked up a walk but once again could not advance the runner past second base. AHS had a couple of base runners in the bottom of the frame on a hit by pitch and a dropped third strike before a line out ended



2025 District 13-AA Baseball Tournament Champion Adamsville Cardinals

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the threat.

The Panthers were retired in order in the top of the third before the Cardinals did the same in their time at the plate.

RHS picked up a couple of one-out walks in the top of the fourth before the Cards turned a double play to end the threat.

Brayden McLemore walked leading off the bottom of the inning and stole second base before advancing to third base on a single off the bat of Avery McCormick. McCormick was caught stealing before Schaffer Wilmeth lined a single to center field to score McLemore and put Adamsville on top 1-0 as the game soon moved to the fifth.

Riverside took advantage of a walk a stolen base, and a single to score one run and tie things up 1-1.

Keelan Surratt drew a walk leading off for the

Cards and stole second, before coming across the plate on an RBI double by Eli Ashe. Dylan Beach pinch ran for Ashe and advanced to third on a groundout. Isaac Howard then singled to drive in Beach to put the AHS lead at 3-1 with the game moving along to the top of the sixth.

RHS quickly tied the game up again as their first two batters walked and came across the plate on a two-run double. The Cards were retired in order as they action rolled into the seventh.

The Panthers picked up a walk in the top of the inning but failed to advance the runner past second base. The Cardinals were set down three up and three down to send the game to extra innings.

RHS put two runners on base with two outs before a dropped third strike and a hit by pitch gave them a chance

before a strike out ended the threat.

Isaac Howard walked leading off the bottom of the frame and soon raced to third base on a line drive single to right off the bat of Brayden McLemore. Avery McCormick was intentionally walked to load the bases before Ayden McGee sent all the Cardinal fans home happy as he lined an RBI single into center field to bring Howard across the plate with the winning run in walk-off style.

McGee started the game on the mound and pitched six and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs on three hits and seven walks while striking out six. Brayden McLemore came on in relief and threw the final one and one-third frames to earn the pitching victory, giving up no runs, hits, or walks while striking out three Panthers.



AHS Cardinal Head Baseball Coach Jason Foley was named the District 13-AA Coach of the Year.



AHS Cardinal 13-AA All District Award winners l-r: Schaffer Wilmeth, J.C. Gray, Isaac Howard, Maguire Luna, Avery McCormick, Brayden McLemore, Ayden McGee, and Keelan Surratt.

# AHS Softball played one game last week due to forfeits

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The Adamsville Lady Cardinal softball team started last week by picking up two wins without even taking the field as Liberty High School made the decision for their Lady Crusader Softball team to forfeit rather than make the trip to McNairy County.

The very next day the Lady Cardinals made a road trip to Collinwood for their final regular season game and fell to the Lady Trojans by a final score of 8-2.

## Collinwood Lady Trojans 8 Adamsville Lady Cardinals 2

After AHS was retired in order in the top of the first, Collinwood came up to bat and scored five runs to take a big lead. The Lady Trojans utilized three walks, five singles, a sacrifice fly, a passed ball, and a wild pitch in scoring their five runs.

Both squads picked up a walk in their half of the second inning to quickly move things along to the top of the third. Each team was retired in order in their time at bat with play heading to the fourth frame.

Baya Bromley walked leading off the top of the inning for AHS and advanced to second base on a single off the bat of Grace Belton. Makenzie Luna followed with another single to load the bases with Lady Cardinals. AHS scored one run on a fielder's choice but was unable to cash in on the opportunity for a big inning as they trailed 5-1 heading to the bottom of the frame.

Collinwood picked up a leadoff single and had a player reach on an error before a double play turned by Adamsville ended the inning.

Adamsville was quickly retired on two ground outs and a strike out to bring the home team up

to bat in the bottom of the fifth. The Lady Trojans used a single, a walk and a three-run home run to score three more runs and took an 8-5 lead as the action moved to the sixth.

The Lady Cards took advantage of two batters reaching base after two

were out in addition to a single from Layla Howard to plate one run and cut their deficit to 8-2. CHS picked up a single but failed to threaten in the bottom of the inning as the game rolled into the top of the seventh.

Lady Cardinal Maddie Surratt reached on a bunt

single with Baya Bromley walking with two outs Adamsville was not able to score any more runs and fell to Collinwood on the road.

Sophie Edwards started in the circle for AHS and pitched all six innings, allowing eight runs on nine hits and

five walks while striking out four.

After rain washed out District Tournament action at Scotts Hill Friday night, May 2, the Lady Cardinals were set to take on Riverside after press time Monday evening, May 5 in tourney action.

## HCHS

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ed on the hill and pitched five innings to earn the win, allowing two runs on two hits and two walks while striking out five. Ryder Harville came on in relief to hurl the final two frames in dominant fashion, giving up one hit and striking out five.

## Chester County Eagles 11 Hardin County Tigers 1 District Tournament Championship Game

The two top baseball teams in the District during regular season play, Hardin County and Chester County, met in the Tournament Championship Game at Noon

Saturday, May 3 on the Freed-Hardeman University baseball field in Henderson, basically a home game for the Eagles. CCHS had their hitting shoes on from beginning to end as they out-hit HCHS 13-3 and took control very early in the game.

The Eagles scored runs in every inning that they batted in the five-inning contest while the Tigers scored their lone tally in the top of the third. Ryder Harville lined a double down the left field line with one out and came around to touch the plate on a two-out single to right field off the bat of Cannan Clapp. Ryder Harville also

had the other Tiger hit as he led off the game by blasting a double into the gap into right-center field on the first pitch he saw.

Ean Stanley started the game on the mound for Hardin County and pitched three innings. J.C. Shelby came on in relief and went one and two-thirds frames.

## Record: 22-8

The loss left Hardin County finishing as the District 12-AAA Baseball Tournament Runner-Up. It also clinched a spot in Region Tournament play coming up later this week on Friday, May 9.

After the conclusion of tournament play, several

District 12-AAA Awards were announced.

Ryder Harville was named the 12-AAA Pitcher of the Year.

Tigers named to the 12-AAA All District Regular Season Team were: Ryder Harville, Cannan Clapp, Hayes Malone, Heath Hardin.

Hardin County players claiming a spot on the 12-AAA All District Tournament Team were: Ryder Harville, Maddox Ruddle, Keaton Davis.

HCHS athletes earning their place on the 12-AAA All Academic Team were: JC Shelby, Ean Stanley, Cannan Clapp, Ryder Harville.

# HC Softball earns #3 Seed by winning final two District games

Lady Tigers win big over North Side in District 12-AAA Tournament opener before falling in next game to McNairy Central. Hardin County set to be back in action after press time Monday night, May 5, as they look to battle back from Losers Bracket.

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The Hardin County Lady Tiger Softball team hosted Chester County at the Hank Deberry Four-Field Complex Monday, April 28 before hitting the road to Jackson South Side one day later for their regular season finale.

## HCHS Lady Tigers 4 CCHS Eaglettes 3 Eight innings

Chester County was retired in order in the top of the first frame by Hardin County starting pitcher Kallie Caldwell. Caldwell came up to bat in the leadoff spot in the bottom of the first and lined a single to right field before the next three HC batters were retired.

CC took advantage of an error, a passed ball, a wild pitch, and a double to score one run and take the lead in the top of the second inning.

Lady Tiger Shiloh Whitten reached on an error with two out in the bottom of the inning and advanced to second base on a single off the bat of Riley Stricklin but the rally ended there as the action headed to the third frame.

The Eaglettes put one runner on base via a Lady Tiger error but the next two were quickly retired to bring Hardin County back up to bat.

Senior Miley Samples lined a single to left field with two out and raced to third base when Sienna Rainey lined a double to left field. Chloe Blount stepped to the plate and singled to right field to plate two runs and put HC on top 2-1.

Chester County was

able to utilize two walks, a passed ball, and a bunt to score once in the top of the fourth to tie things up 2-2 heading to the bottom of the inning. HCHS was set down in order to quickly send the game to the fifth inning.

The Eaglettes were retired three up and three down in the top of the frame. Kallie Caldwell was hit by a pitch leading off and soon stole second base. Lillie Beth Deberry put down a sacrifice bunt to get Caldwell over to third base. Miley Samples sent a sacrifice fly into center field to score Caldwell and put her team back on top 3-2 heading to the top of the sixth.

CCHS used a double and an error to send a runner across the plate and tie the game up once again at 3-3. HC was retired on only four pitches in the bottom of the frame to send the district contest to the seventh all tied up. The Eaglettes were set down on one ground out and two fly outs with the Lady Tigers coming to the plate. Hardin County was retired on one pop up and a couple of ground outs as the game headed into extra innings.

CCHS was set down three up and three down on two ground outs and a pop fly to give the home team a chance to win the game in the bottom of the frame with a single tally.

Miley Samples singled with one out and advanced to second base on an error. Miley advanced to third base on a fly ball single to right by Sienna Rainey. Chloe Blount was intentionally walked to load the bases. Shiloh Whitten stepped up to the plate with two



The Hardin County High School Lady Tiger Softball Seniors and their families were honored Monday evening, April 28 when they hosted Chester County at the Four-Field Complex.

out and the bases full of Lady Tigers and came up with a huge line single to right field to score Samples with the winning run as Hardin County walked it off 4-3 and mobbed Whitten to congratulate the Senior.

After getting the start in the circle, Kallie Caldwell pitched seven innings and gave up one earned run on two hits and two walks while striking out two. Lexi Williams came on to pitch the final inning in relief and pitched a clean inning.

## HCHS Lady Tigers 15 JSS Lady Hawks 5

Leadoff hitter Kallie Caldwell doubled leading off the top of the first before the next three hitters were each retired on one pitch to quickly bring the Lady Hawks to the plate.

South Side took advantage of a double, an error, a stolen base, and a walk to score twice and give the home team a 2-0 advantage heading to the top of the second.

Lady Tiger Chloe Blount singled to right field and soon advanced to third on a passed ball. Taylor Williams lined a single to left and soon stole second to put runners at second and third. Shiloh Whitten put down a sacrifice bunt to score Blount as Williams stopped at third. Senior Riley Stricklin picked up an RBI on a ground out as Williams scored to tie the game 2-2 with JSS coming up to bat.

The Lady Hawks picked up a walk and a single in the bottom of the frame as the game rolled into the third frame. Kallie Caldwell singled leading off for HC and soon raced to third base on a single off the bat of Lillie Beth Deberry. Deberry stole second base ahead of a double to left field by Miley Samples which brought in two runs. Sienna Rainey drew a walk, a fielder's choice resulted in one out. Taylor Williams singled to left field to score another run and advanced to second base on the throw. Shiloh Whitten lined a single to center field to plate two more runs as

Hardin County grabbed a 7-2 lead.

JSS used two singles, two doubles, and a passed ball to score three runs and cut the HCHS lead to 7-5 as the game headed to the top of the fourth.

Both teams were retired in order on only 10 total pitches between the two squads to quickly move things along to the fifth.

Taylor Williams singled with one out and took second base on an error. Riley Stricklin walked with two outs before the Lady Tigers worked a double steal to score one run and took an 8-5 lead.

South Side was set down in order in the bottom of the frame to move things along to the top of the sixth.

Lillie Beth Deberry singled with one out in the HC sixth and raced all the way around to score on an RBI triple off the bat of Miley Samples. Sienna Rainey brought in Samples with run number 10. Chloe Blount then doubled but no further runs were scored to bring JSS back to the plate. The Lady Hawks put one runner on base after an error but were unable to rally as the contest moved to the final inning of regulation play.

Sophomore Kyleigh Ferrell was hit by a pitch with one out and was pinch run for by Maggie Young. Caldwell drew a walk before a Deberry single loaded the bases. Miley Samples turned a very good day at the plate to a great day as she doubled to center field to score Young and Caldwell with her fourth and fifth RBI of the day. Rainey stayed hot with a two run single to left to push the HC lead to 14-5. Courtesy runner Sophie Williams ran for Rainey and moved to third base on a single off the bat of Chloe Blount. Taylor Williams sent a sacrifice fly to center field to bring Sophie racing across the plate to end the game as the 15-5 Hardin County lead brought the game to a close with the 10-run mercy rule.

Freshman Pitcher Lexi Williams got the start and went all six innings, allowing three earned runs on six hits and two walks while striking out three.

## HCHS Lady Tigers 16 JNS Lady Indians 0 District Opener

The Hardin County Lady Tigers met the Jackson North Side Lady Indians Thursday, May 1 in their District Tournament opening round game at McNairy Central High School in Selmer. The match-up only went three innings due to the mercy run-rule as the Lady Tigers scored 6, 5, and 5 runs during the first three innings to win in overwhelming fashion. Hardin County collected 11 hits and eight walks along with four JNS errors.

Kallie Caldwell pitched all three frames for HCHS, allowing no hits and one walk while striking out seven.

Caldwell also had a very big day at the plate as she went 3-3 with two triples, three RBI, and two runs scored. Lillie Beth Deberry was 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored. Miley Samples also had a big day at the dish with a 1-3 effort that included a Home Run, one RBI, and two runs scored.

Sienna Rainey added a 1-3 game with two runs scored as Chloe Blount came up with a 2-2 game with one RBI and three runs scored. Taylor Williams came up with a 1-1 game with a sacrifice fly, two RBI and two runs scored. Shiloh Whitten went 1-2 with two RBI and one run scored with Riley Stricklin walking twice and scoring two runs while Makayla Stanfield was 1-2 with one RBI and one run scored.

## McNairy Central Lady Bobcats 12 Hardin County Lady Tigers 1 2nd Round District Tournament

It was a tough day at the ole ballpark Friday, May 2 at McNairy Central High School as taking on a very good softball team on their home field proved to be a very tough task for Hardin County.

Neither team scored in the opening frame with HCHS retired in order in the top of the second. The Lady Bobcats came in and scored nine runs in the bottom of the inning to take control of the game. MC used five singles, three walks, two HC errors and a hit batsman to push their nine runs across the plate.

Neither team scored in the third frame as the fourth inning came into focus.

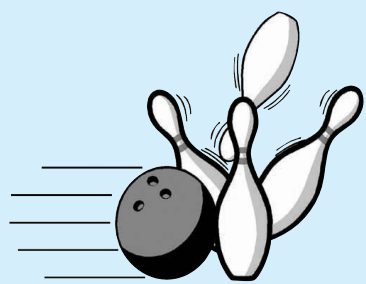
Senior Miley Samples picked up the only Lady Tiger hit of the day with a leadoff single and advanced to second base on a one out walk to Chloe Blount. Samples soon moved to third base on a passed ball with Blount taking second before two strikeouts ended the rally.

MCHS scored their final three tallies of the game in the bottom of the fourth as they took advantage of three walks, a sacrifice bunt, a single, and an error to score three times and took a 12-0 lead to the fifth inning.

Kyleigh Ferrell walked with one out before courtesy runner Sophie Williams took over for her on the base path. Williams advanced to second base on a passed ball before moving to third on another passed ball as Riley Stricklin drew a walk. Miley Samples then reached base on a dropped third strike to load the bases before Sophie Williams was able to dash across the plate to avoid the shutout moments before a strike out ended the game after five innings.

Lexi Williams started in the circle for Hardin County and pitched one inning with Kallie Caldwell coming on in relief and pitching the final three frames.

**Record: 11-17**  
The Lady Tigers dropped into the Losers Bracket and were scheduled to take on the Lady Hawks of Jackson South Side in a must-win game after press time Monday, May 5 at 5p.m. at McNairy Central High School in Selmer.



## League Bowling High Scores

Monday Morning Coffee Cup April 21st	Monday Morning Coffee Cup April 28th
<b>Men</b>	<b>Men</b>
Scratch Game — Jerry Christopher 220	Scratch Game — Jerry Christopher 212
Scratch Series — Jerry Christopher 550	Scratch Series — Jerry Christopher 584
Handicap Game — Jerry Christopher 245	Handicap Game — Jerry Christopher 237
Handicap Series — Andy Tuccio 655	Handicap Series — Charles Lewis 662
<b>Women</b>	<b>Women</b>
Scratch Game — Tracy Evans 194	Scratch Game — Colleen Thompson 180
Scratch Series — Tracy Evans 532	Scratch Series — Colleen Thompson 511
Handicap Game — Tracy Evans 242	Handicap Game — Libby Parrott 235
Handicap Series — Tracy Evans 676	Handicap Series — Colleen Thompson 649
<b>Monday Youth Trio April 21st</b>	<b>Monday Youth Trio April 28th</b>
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Boys</b>
Scratch Game — Kamden Morris 245	Scratch Game — Kamden Morris 257
Scratch Series — Kamden Morris 598	Scratch Series — Kamden Morris 616
Handicap Game — Maximus MaGee 255	Handicap Game — Kamden Morris 257
Handicap Series — Maximus MaGee 688	Handicap Series — Paul Robert Pilkington 656
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Scratch Game — Aubrey Garton 214	Scratch Game — Katie McLin 234
Scratch Series — Aubrey Garton 596	Scratch Series — Libby Bromley 551
Handicap Game — Adley Plunk 257	Handicap Game — Katie McLin 284
Handicap Series — Adley Plunk 694	Handicap Series — Katie McLin 681
<b>Monday Night Classic April 21st</b>	<b>Monday Night Classic April 28th</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>Men</b>
Scratch Game — Rodney Lewis 277	Scratch Game — Richard Rose 300
Scratch Series — Rodney Lewis 735	Scratch Series — Libby Crites 760
Handicap Game — Rodney Lewis 277	Handicap Game — Richard Rose 308
Handicap Series — Rodney Lewis 735	Handicap Series — Bryan Crites 760
<b>Women</b>	<b>Women</b>
Scratch Game — Jennifer Channell 226	Scratch Game — Emily Edwards 202
Scratch Series — Jennifer Channell 559	Scratch Series — Jennifer Channell 544
Handicap Game — Rhonda Rose 237	Handicap Game — Emily Edwards 222
Handicap Series — Tracy Evans 628	Handicap Series — Vicki Baultman 609
<b>Tuesday Night Ladies Classic April 22nd</b>	<b>Tuesday Night Ladies Classic April 29th</b>
<b>Women</b>	<b>Women</b>
Scratch Game — Emily Edwards 215	Scratch Game — Emily Edwards 202
Scratch Series — Emily Edwards 576	Scratch Series — Emily Edwards 558
Handicap Game — Tammy Williams 244	Handicap Game — Dot Reynolds 229
Handicap Series — Tammy Williams 688	Handicap Series — Libby Parrott 638
<b>Thursday Night Classic April 24th</b>	<b>Thursday Night Classic May 1st</b>
<b>Men</b>	<b>Men</b>
Scratch Game — Robby Parker 234	Scratch Game — Tony Sharp 245
Scratch Series — Robby Parker 640	Scratch Series — Robby Parker 577
Handicap Game — Mark Suffling 262	Handicap Game — Tony Sharp 294
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## Outdoor Truths



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The motto for many turkey hunters this year is, "So close, and yet so far away." It really is amazing sometimes how close we can be to a good gobbler and yet be unable to take a shot. More than one person has bemoaned this truth to me. I empathize with them.

Just today, I got as close to a roosted tom as I possibly could without being seen. He flew down and paced the side of the hill just over the crest from where I was

each time the plan didn't work.

But I thought the best plans were supposed to always work. I mean, if it doesn't work, could it really be the best plan? The truth is, the best plan doesn't always work out. In the case of my turkey, I knew the plan, but he didn't. And it's the same when other plans fail as well. They fail because not everyone knows the plans, or because someone had different plans.

Over the years, I have dreamed of some grand plans. I have pictured the perfect scenario for some of the situations I have been in. And in all those years of making plans, I can't really ever remember my plans working out just as I had predicted. The outcome may have been just as

good, but the path to that outcome was very different from what I thought would happen. The problem is that even though my plans have never worked in exactly the way that I thought they would, I still panic when I see them go awry. For an atheistic world, this may seem like a reasonable reaction, but for those of us who believe in the guiding hand of real God, this is not an option. For it was Jesus who said, "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'" These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs." God already sees the other side of our hill.

# Spring Sports Round-Up

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## AHS Track & Field

The Adamsville High School Track and Field athletes took a long road trip to Union city for their Sub-Sectional Meet Thursday, May 1.

The Sub-Sectional Meet was the most important meet to date that the Cardinals and Lady Cardinals have competed in so far this season. In order to go on to the next level of competition, Sectionals, the Cardinals had to finish in the top eight in each event. Some events were "pushed forward", meaning that fewer than eight participants had been entered, so they automatically went forward to the next level of competition.

In addition to these qualifiers, the Cardinals did have some PR's in this meet. Those getting PR's in their respective events were:

Junior Avery Burks in the Long Jump,

Freshman Rachel Watson in the Open 400m Dash,

Sophomore Sophia Martocci in the Open 800m Run,

Sophomore Lucas Hughes in the Open 800m Run,

Junior Darrian Jones in the Open 800m Run,

Sophomore Noah Hughes in the Open 800m Run.

The Sectional Qualifiers are as follows in their respective events:

Discus: Sophomores Carl Hall and Julian Brown,

Long Jump: Avery Burks,

Shot Put: Sophomore Carl Hall,

Triple Jump: Junior Jaxon Grant,

High Jump: Avery Burks,

High Hurdles: Senior Colton Enzor,

300m Hurdles: Senior Colton Enzor,

Open 800m Run: Sophomores Izzie Emmons and Lucas Hughes,

4x400m Relay: Sophomore Lucas Hughes, Junior Darrian Jones, Senior Kyle Atwood and Senior Colton Enzor,

4x800m Relay: Sophomore Lucas Hughes, Junior Darrian Jones, Senior Kyle Atwood and Junior Jack Lewis.

The Cards and Lady Cards will be back in Union City Thursday, May 8 for the Sectional Meet. This is the meet where the competitors must place 1st or 2nd in their respective events in order to automatically qualify for the State Track Meet. The 3rd & 4th place finishers will be up for an at-large bid for the State Meet. They will be pitted against all the 3rd & 4th place finishers across the state. The top two out of this group will qualify for state.

## HCHS Track & Field

The Hardin County High School Track and Field athletes also earned some Sectional Meet spots last week.

The following Tigers and Lady Tigers qualified for TSSAA Track and Field Sectionals: Derrick Robinson in the 100m sprint; The Tiger 100m Relay Team which is made up of Hunter Adams, Jacob Saunders, Derrick Robinson, and Matthew Johnson; Farris Rasbach in Shot Put. The Relay Team along with Derrick and Farris were

scheduled to compete on May 5 at Millington High School. Lauren Carpenter in the 1600m and 3200m run, Samuel Evans in the 1600m and 3200m run also qualified. Lauren and Samuel were set to compete Wednesday, May 7 at Millington High School.

## AHS Soccer

The AHS Cardinal Soccer team was busy over the past 10 days with three matches on the pitch.

AHS celebrated Senior Night Wednesday, April 23 when they hosted Riverside. The Panthers led 2-1 at the break and added two second half goals to win 4-1.

**Goal:** Avery Burks. **Assist:** Malik Williams. **Saves:** Caleb Sides 9.

"We had an opportunity to celebrate our seniors vs Riverside, and we are thankful for their commitment and contributions to the soccer program," said Head Coach Noah Evans. "Case Barber, Sawyer Pickens, Eli Stiddom, Debo Kasson, and Tucker Vandiver have provided great leadership this year.

"We played a great game vs Riverside, but we missed close shots on goal, and did not capitalize on opportunities. The game was 2-1 with 12 minutes to go. We missed a chance to tie it up, and Riverside cleared the ball, leading to a quick counter and score to make it 3-1, before adding another goal for the final 4-1.

"Riverside has a great team, and they play hard. They have earned the top seed in the tournament and will be tough to beat. We must adjust if we play them again in the tournament."

The AHS Soccer squad stayed home and welcomed Middleton to town Monday, April 28. The Cards took a commanding 6-0 lead at the break and went on to win 7-0.

**Goals:** Avery Burks 2; Sawyer Pickens, Case Barber, Malik Williams, Debo Kasson, Brody Hensley 1 each. **Assists:** Malik Williams 2; Eli Stiddom, Braxton Kasson 1 each. **Saves:** Caleb Sides 3, Clean Sheet.

"We had a great team effort, and everyone played great minutes versus Middleton, said Coach Evans. "We had several players score a goal, and almost everyone had a shot attempt on goal. We need to continue on finishing at the goal and improving our accuracy.

"Debo Kasson scored his first career goal on an assist from his brother, Braxton Kasson. Defensively, Rudy Brown, Brayden Jones, and Brody Hensley held Middleton to zero shots in the first half. Malik Williams had a strong game with two assists and a goal."

The Cardinals completed their week by picking up a nice road win at Scotts Hill Thursday, May 1. AHS grabbed a 2-0 lead during the first half as neither team scored in the second half with Adamsville winning 2-0.

**Goals:** Eli Stiddom, Case Barber 1 each. **Assists:** Sawyer Pickens 2. **Saves:** Caleb Sides 4, Clean Sheet. **Record: 6-6**

"We finished up our regular season with a win and improved to 4-2 in the district play," said Coach Evans. "Both



At top, 2025 Boys District Tennis Champion Adamsville Cardinals. Bottom left, AHS Cardinal Head Coach Michael Harvill beams with pride after watching his team defeat Scotts Hill to win their District Tournament. Bottom right, Cardinal players douse Coach Harvill with a celebratory ice water bath after winning the District Title.

teams were banged up and sore and looking to get healthy before post-season play. We scored twice in the first ten minutes, but failed to add to the lead. Eli Stiddom scored on an assist from Sawyer Pickens in what could be the fastest goal in program history at 27 seconds.

"I am very proud of the defensive effort led by Rudy Brown, Brody Hensley, Brayden Jones, and Debo Kasson. Ashton Davis, PJ Stone, Mailk Williams, and Case Barber did a great job holding down the middle and controlling the game. Caleb Sides picked up the shutout win, and had four saves.

"I know that the District Semifinal match vs Scotts Hill will be a tough battle on Tuesday. Both teams will be rested and ready to advance to the District Final. We have been working hard all season to get to this game, and we will have to take advantage of opportunities."

The Cardinals were scheduled to travel to Riverside Tuesday, May 6 after press time to face Scotts Hill in Soccer District Tournament Semi-Final action.

## HCHS Soccer

The Hardin County Tiger Soccer Team played two matches last week to close out regular season play.

The Tigers welcomed the Clarksburg Rockets to the Savannah Sportsplex as they celebrated Senior Night Tuesday, April 29.

### HC Tigers 9 Clarksburg Rockets 2

Scoring goals for the Tigers were: Aketza Urrutia 3; Leon Martens, Jonah Wilson 2; Adrian Diaz, Kunj Patel 1.

HC Soccer remained at home two nights later when they welcomed Chester County to town.

### HC Tigers 4 CC Eagles 4 Tigers win on Penalty Kicks 3-1

The incredibly entertaining match ended up in a 4-4 tie before Goalkeeper Chris Rodriguez led the Tigers to win during Penalty Kicks 3-1 which clinched a match victory to finish as District Runners-Up.

**Goals:** Aketza Urrutia 3; Slayden Allison 1.

The Tigers were scheduled to play Chester County in District Tournament Semifinal action in Lexington Tuesday, May 6 after press time.

**Record: Overall 8-2-1  
District 4-1**

## AHS Tennis

The Adamsville Cardinal Tennis Team welcomed the Scotts Hill Lions to Buford Pusser

Memorial Park Tuesday, April 29 for the District Championship Match.

### AHS Cardinals 4 SHHS Lions 3

The Cards won three of five in Singles play with Ryce Coffman winning 6-2, 6-1; Paxton Vickery won by scores of 6-3, 7-6 (7-3); and Marley Jackson came out on top 6-1, 7-5. Alberto Villena fell by scores of 4-6, 2-6; with Carson Niukkanen dropping his match 4-6, 2-6.

The two teams split the Doubles matches as Adamsville claimed the Boys District Championship. Carson Niukkanen and Marley Jackson won by a score of 9-7 while Ryce Coffman and Paxton Vickery fell just short by a score of 8-9 (5-7).

"We are so proud of these boys as they are District Champions," said AHS Tennis Coach Michael Harvill. "It was a great match!!"




HC Tiger Senior Nolan Dean lunges to keep the ball from going out of play and attempts to kick it down the field to get it to the other end of the pitch.




Tiger Goalkeeper Chris Rodriguez makes one of his many saves vs Chester County as he led Hardin County to a 3-1 advantage in PK's and a match victory at Savannah Sportsplex.


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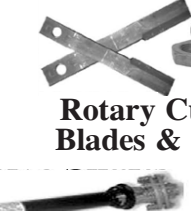
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# Major League Fishing Event to take place in Counce May 9-11

*Tackle Warehouse Invitational Stop 4 Presented by E3 Sports Apparel Set for Pickwick Lake This Weekend*

Courtesy of Major League Fishing

COUNCE, Tenn. (April 30, 2025) – The next Major League Fishing (MLF) Tackle Warehouse Invitational event of the 2025 season is set to take place in Counce, Tennessee, this weekend, May 9-11, at Pickwick Lake – the Tackle Warehouse Invitational Stop Four Presented by E3 Sports Apparel.

The three-day tournament, hosted by Explore Pickwick Lake/Hardin County Tourism, will feature professional bass anglers competing for a top prize of up to \$115,000. Anglers will take to the water to catch their five biggest bass each day, and the winner will be determined by the heaviest three-day cumulative total.

“Once again, we are grateful to welcome Major League Fishing to Pickwick Lake and for their continued partnership”, said Beth Pippin, Executive Director for Hardin County Tourism. “Pickwick Lake in West Tennessee is on the Bill Dance Signature Lake trail offering world-class fishing where three states meet. We look forward to welcoming the anglers, staff, sponsors, and fans and allowing us to showcase our side of this beautiful lake, and in return bringing us a vast economic impact.”

Former Pickwick Lake champion Jon Canada

of Helena, Alabama, is excited to return to the site of his 2022 victory and looking to reclaim his dominance on one of the Tennessee River’s most dynamic spring fisheries. He’ll be competing against Pickwick Lake standouts like Bass Pro Tour phenoms Drew Gill and Jake Lawrence, brothers Carter and Dylan Nutt – the Tennessee Riveraces who compete collegiately for the University of North Alabama – and a returning Jason Lambert, who recently retired from pro-level competition but couldn’t resist the allure of big-time competition on his home fishery.

“It’s shaping up to be one of those tournaments where you could see it all,” said Canada. “With the weather we’ve had – it hit 89 or 90 degrees this week – everything’s happening fast. Guys are going to be catching fish off the shad spawn, some guarding fry, postspawners, and there may even be a few pre-spawn stragglers pulling up.”

Unlike his 2022 win, when grass played a key role, Canada doesn’t expect vegetation to be a factor this time around.

“The lake had a lot more grass back then. This year, I’ve looked around and haven’t seen any,” he said. “They’ve been managing it pretty aggressively, and it’s basically gone.”

Instead, Canada anticipates a return to



more traditional structure fishing.

“You’ll see guys fishing stumps, shell bars, docks, maybe some offshore brush. A spinnerbait or flipping bite could definitely be in play.”

With Day two of competition enforcing a no-forward-facing sonar rule, offshore success may come down to “blind fishing” and familiarity.

“I’m okay with that,” Canada said. “It might be a challenge to find offshore schools that fast, but if we get the right conditions – some current and stable water – it could spread people out and open up opportunities.”

Canada emphasized that the Tennessee River system thrives on current.

“That lake – everything relates to current. Doesn’t matter if it’s ledges, ditches, bars, shallow or deep – if they’re pulling water, those fish will bite. That’ll be the biggest thing I’ll be watching next week.”

While a few early-

morning smallmouth might show up, Canada is betting on largemouth to anchor most of the top bags. “If someone can unlock the smallmouth after they vanish post-spawn, they’ll be dangerous – but that’s a tough puzzle. It’s going to come down to current, water level, and making good decisions each day.”

Anglers will launch at 6:30 a.m. CT each day from Pickwick Landing State Park, located at 120 Playground Loop in Counce, Tennessee. Weigh-ins will be held at the State Park and will begin at 2:30 p.m. Fans are welcome to attend all launch and weigh-in events and also encouraged to follow the event online throughout the day on the MLFNOW! live stream and coverage at MajorLeagueFishing.com.

The 2025 Tackle Warehouse Invitational feature a field of professional anglers competing across six invitational tournaments

around the country, for a total purse of \$4.3 million and valuable Fishing Clash Angler of the Year (AOY) points to qualify for the Invitational Championship, set for Sept. 5-7 on the Mississippi River in La Crosse, and a coveted spot on the MLF Bass Pro Tour – the sport’s premier circuit.

In Tackle Warehouse Invitational competition, the full field competes in the two-day opening round on Friday and Saturday in a five-fish, weigh-in format. Only the top 30 pros, based on their two-day cumulative weight, advance to the final round on Championship Sunday, where they will compete for the grand prize of up to \$115,000.

Forward-facing and/or 360-degree sonar is limited to only days one and three of competition. No forward-facing and/or 360-degree sonar will be allowed on day two of competition.

The MLFNOW! broadcast team of Chad

McKee and Rob Newell will break down the extended action live all three days of competition from 7 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. CT. MLFNOW! will be live streamed on MajorLeagueFishing.com, the MyOutdoorTV (MOTV) app and Rumble.

Television coverage of the MLF Tackle Warehouse Invitational Stop Four at Pickwick Lake Presented by E3 Sports Apparel will air as a two-hour episode, premiering at 9 a.m. ET, on Saturday, Oct. 25 on CBS Sports Network.

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# SCA Baseball finishes season as Conference Runners-Up

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## SCA Eagles 10 South Henderson 0 Semifinals

The SCA Eagles got tournament play started Tuesday, April 29 with a shutout win over Henderson South.

The Eagles scored two in the first, five in the second, and three more in the bottom of the third on their way to winning the four-inning contest.

Leadoff hitter Gavin Cromwell had a great day at the plate as he went 3-3 with a triple, one RBI and three runs scored with Brody Dunn going 1-2 with two RBI and two runs scored. Cline Swearingen walked twice and scored one run as Hank Miller added a walk and an RBI.

Kandler Benson came up with a 1-2 effort with one RBI as Brody Alexander scored one run. Baker Rasbach put together a 1-2 game with a double, one RBI and one run scored. Charlie Ragan added a 1-1 effort

with one RBI and one run scored.

Kandler Benson got the pitching start for SCA and pitched a complete game shutout, allowing one hit and one walk with five strikeouts over four innings.

## Wayne County 10 SCA Eagles 0 Championship Game

Wayne County and SCA played again later on April 29 for the Tennessee River Conference Title. Wayne County took control of the contest by scoring seven big runs in the bottom of the first as they used three singles, two doubles, two errors, a walk and a hit by pitch to put the seven tallies on the scoreboard. SCA was hurt badly during the game with five fielding errors. Gavin Cromwell picked up the only SCA hit over the five innings of play with a single leading off in the top of the first.

Gavin Cromwell started on the mound and went one and two-thirds innings with Brody Alexander coming on in relief and pitching the final two and one-third innings.



The SCA Eagles finished their season as the Runners-Up in the Tennessee River Conference Tournament.

### Record: 8-3

The Eagles finished as Runners-Up in the Tennessee River Conference.

At the conclusion of the Conference Tournament, the All Conference Team was announced. Eagles earning a place on the team were: Brody Alexander, Gavin Cromwell, Brody Dunn, Hank Miller, and Cline Swearingen.

“The 2025 SCA Base-

ball season wrapped up with a well-deserved spot in the conference championship game,” said SCA Head Coach Adam Cromwell. “The team completed the season with an overall record of 8-3 and finished as conference runners-up.

“Pitching was a cornerstone of the Eagles success. Strong performances on the mound from multiple players gave SCA the edge in many match-ups. Whether it was starting pitchers setting the tone early or relievers closing out games under pressure, the pitching staff delivered time and time again. Their efforts were vital in the team’s run to the championship game and kept opposing teams on their heels throughout the season.

“Another notable achievement of the season was the team’s consistent performance at the plate. With an overall team batting average of

.329, SCA’s lineup proved to be a force to be reckoned with. From clutch base hits to key home runs, the offense found ways to produce runs and keep the team competitive and played a major role in their success.

“The contributions of Assistant Coach Ryan Miller also played a significant role in the team’s accomplishments. With a deep knowledge of the game, he worked closely with the players, helping refine their skills and providing vital in-game adjustments.

“Equally important was the remarkable support from family and

friends. Parents played an essential role, not only by supporting their athletes both on and off the field; but transporting equipment, and most importantly creating a positive environment for everyone involved. Their enthusiasm and dedication fueled the team’s momentum throughout the season.

“Although the season ended just short of a championship title, SCA Baseball can hold their heads high. With a strong foundation, supportive community, and promising talent, the future looks bright for SCA Baseball.”



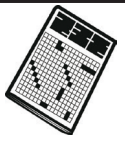
SCA Eagle Baseball players that were honored as part of the All Conference Team for the Tennessee River Conference were l-r: Gavin Cromwell, Brody Dunn, Brody Alexander, Hank Miller, Cline Swearingen.

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# Crossword

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1) Quench
- 6) Beach locale
- 10) Issue a caveat to
- 14) Personnel director, often
- 15) Sometime today
- 16) Cookie brand
- 17) It might be jumpin'
- 20) Lay waste to
- 21) When the expectant are expecting
- 22) Type of whale
- 23) Permitted
- 24) Certain beach bird
- 27) "\_\_\_ will be done"
- 29) Taro root
- 33) St. kin
- 34) Chinese dynasty (Var.)
- 36) Worthy of a medal
- 38) It's not proof of future success
- 41) Parting words
- 42) Complain pettily
- 43) When you might come down
- 44) Transmit
- 45) Suffix for a world record
- 46) Expression of praise (Var.)
- 47) Personals, e.g.
- 49) Select carefully

- 52) Like some elephants
- 56) Scared, to a stereotypical hayseed
- 60) From Methuselah's time
- 62) Connive
- 63) Common canine name
- 64) Garden bulb
- 65) About half of all deliveries
- 66) Addition column
- 67) All in

### CLUES DOWN

- 1) Certain herring
- 2) "That's \_\_\_"
- 3) Music and dance are two
- 4) Continue
- 5) Baseball miscue
- 6) One who quarantines
- 7) Former French coin
- 8) Like an aristocrat
- 9) Follow afterward
- 10) Furniture material
- 11) La Scala solo
- 12) Cost of living?
- 13) School jotting
- 18) Soused one's sound
- 19) Boeing 757, e.g.
- 24) Spanish finger foods

## RUNNING BEHIND

By Henry Quarters

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- 26) Fir tree exudation
- 28) Angry fits
- 29) Good bit of history
- 30) Beneficiary
- 31) Pronouncements
- 32) Indian or Atlantic
- 34) PC "brain"
- 35) Spell

- 36) Many mins.
- 37) Pair of jammies?
- 39) One of the Kennedys
- 40) Shunned ones
- 45) Break out of jail
- 46) Emphasize the importance of
- 47) Consumed

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- 48) Performed, in Shakespeare
- 50) Alien craft
- 51) Some boxing blows
- 52) Dangerous snakes
- 53) It holds plenty of fodder
- 54) Get \_\_\_ a good thing
- 55) Play divisions
- 57) Part in a sitcom
- 58) One of "The Waltons"
- 59) U.S. govt. subgroup
- 61) "Hither" partner

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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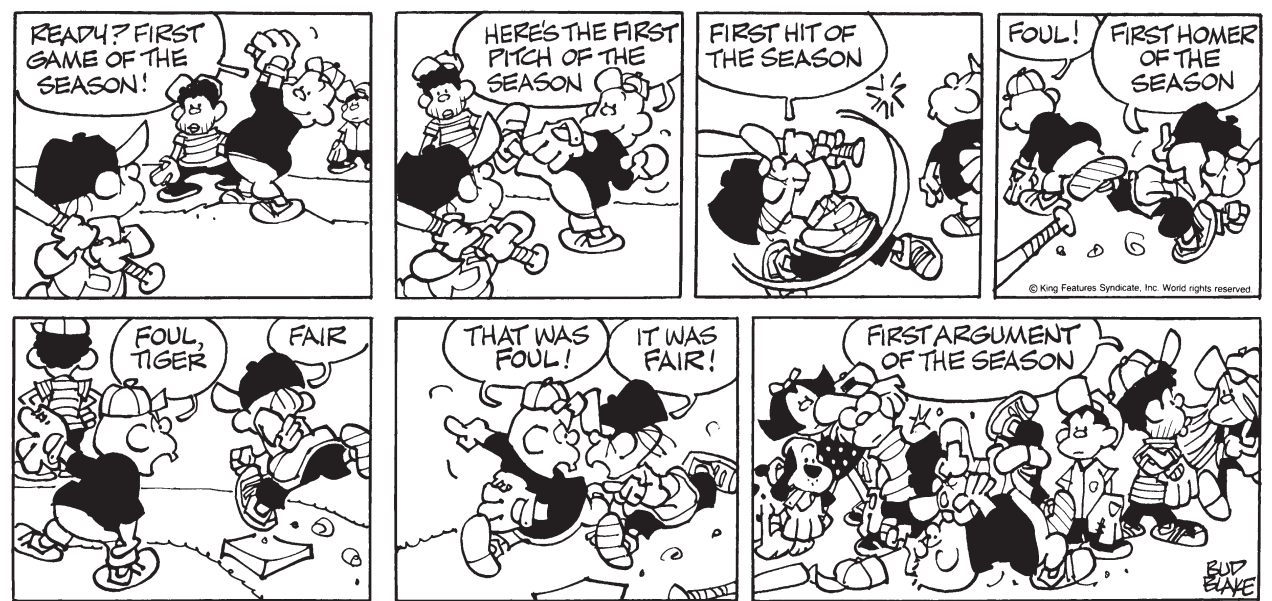
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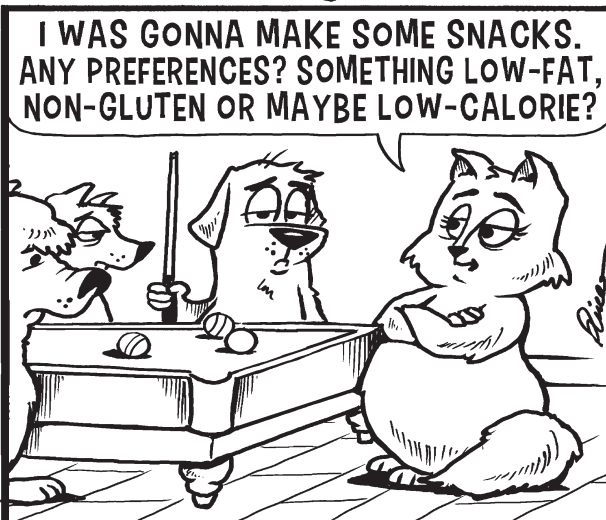
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Last week's King Crossword solution

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Total Head 863, Last Week 763, Last Year 456  
Cattle 835, Goats 5, Hogs 23  
NO. 1 STEERS & BULLS  
200-300 WT 462.00-522.00  
300-400 WT 428.00-462.00  
400-500 WT 410.00-428.00  
500-600 WT 384.00-410.00  
600-700 WT 318.00-384.00  
700-800 WT 274.00-318.00  
800-900 WT 238.00-274.00  
NO. 1 HEIFERS  
200-300 WT 410.00-468.00  
300-400 WT 382.00-410.00  
400-500 WT 328.00-382.00  
500-600 WT 293.00-322.00  
600-700 WT 265.00-293.00  
700-800 WT 223.00-268.00  
800-900 WT 185.00-223.00  
High Dressing Utility Cows  
145.00-156.00  
High Dressing Slaughter Bulls  
158.00-200.00  
LOAD LOTS  
56 str 969 254.50  
106 str 837 274.00  
62 hrs 797 264.75  
46 hrs 695 275.00

### Community news Walker Graham



Mary Rose  
Community  
Writer  
926-2502

Patricia Shelby sends happy birthday wishes to Molly Franks May 7, Dale White, Dianne Wade and Olivia Lumpkin May 10, Dianne Benson and Kaile Perry May 12, and happy anniversary to Chris and Megan Ritter May 8 and Billy Gene and Annette Williams May 10.

The decoration at

Wesley's Chapel Church on Pickwick Road will be this weekend.

I visited with Charles at the nursing home. He seems to be settling in okay. He missed going with me to Graham's Cemetery to put flowers on the graves. He always enjoyed that so much. We miss our loved ones so much.

Get well wishes to Virginia Qualls. I know she's been sick and not well.

Rhonda, Jonathan Rhodes and I went down to New Harmony to put flowers on Loyd and Frances' graves along with other graves Saturday.

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Sen. Page Walley addresses the State Senate on the importance of passing his bill to increase funding for road repairs in Tennessee.

## Legislation to increase road funding in Tennessee passes Senate

Sen. Page Walley's legislation to increase funding for Tennessee's transportation infrastructure was approved by the state Senate on Tuesday, April 22.

The passage of Walley's Senate Bill 144 marks a significant step toward addressing the state's \$30 billion backlog in road and bridge projects.

The approved bill redirects all sales tax revenue collected from the sale of new and used tires from the state's General Fund to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's (TDOT) Highway

Fund. Annual sales tax collected from tire sales is an estimated \$80 to \$95 million and according to Sen. Walley, it is a sustainable source of funding that will directly support critical road repairs and construction projects across the state.

"This legislation fulfills a promise I made to bring more help to our communities for roads," Walley said.

He added, "Improving the quality of Tennessee's roads is a top priority for my constituents and millions of other Tennesseans. I get ten

times more calls about road conditions than any other issue."

In addition to the recurring tire tax revenues, lawmakers also approved a historic \$1 billion one-time investment in this year's budget to jumpstart urgent transportation projects statewide.

"I'm grateful to my colleagues in the Senate and House, and to Governor Lee, for recognizing the need to act boldly," said Walley. "This is just the start, but it's a strong start toward building safer, more reliable roads for every Tennessean."

## Centennial Bank of Trezevant acquires The Bank of Jackson

Centennial Bank, Trezevant has reached an agreement to acquire The Bank of Jackson on Friday, April 25.

The resulting organization will hold approximately \$1 billion in assets and operate fourteen full-service locations and three electronic branches. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to close by year-end 2025.

The headquarters for the combined bank will remain in Trezevant, TN.

The Boards of Directors of both organizations have approved the transaction. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Centennial Bank Chairman, George Atwood, stated "This acquisition represents an important step in filling out our geographical footprint across West Tennessee. By welcoming The Bank of Jackson into the Centennial Bank family, we're deepening our roots in the communities we care about most.

"It's a natural fit that enhances our ability to deliver strong, relationship-based banking to more individuals and businesses throughout the region.

"We're honored to welcome The Bank of Jackson into the Centennial Bank family," said Andrea Browning, CEO of Centennial Bank.

years, they've served their community with care and commitment, and we're grateful for the opportunity to build on that legacy. Our focus moving forward is to listen, learn, and serve the people of Jackson with the same respect and dedication they've come to expect."

Centennial Bank President Greg Parsons said, "The merger represents a pivotal moment for us. As a member of this community myself, I know how important it is to keep banking local, and this merger allows us to do just that, with even greater resources and support for our customers."

Harbert Alexander, Jr., President of The Bank of Jackson, said "Centennial Bank is a true community bank, and we are pleased to find a partner that shares the same vision, values, and relationship banking model that aligns with The Bank of Jackson's core values. We look forward to continuing to be involved in the Jackson community."

Centennial Bank has approximately \$797 million in assets and over a 100-year history as a family-owned institution. Centennial Bank currently operates in Trezevant, Adamsville, Bolivar, Henderson, Humboldt, McKenzie, Medina, Middleton, Rutherford, Three Way, and Trenton.

## Community news Double Springs



Esther Godwin  
Community Writer  
925-4618

I'm always glad to have good attendance at church and enjoyed by all. Also, Graylee Vinson doing her special in song with her guitar gives our service a good start.

John and Andrew Vanhose stopped by their parent's house, J.W. and Sue, Wednesday night and put a bookcase

together for them. It's always good to have help when we need it, isn't it Sue?

Sue Vanhose and daughter Susan visited a while Saturday with Jan Smith, Ireland and Baxton.

David Beckham enjoyed his birthday on Friday, May 2. Betty Crow and grandchildren visited with him and Peggy a while. Then on Saturday Lorrie, Annslee and Beckham Cooksey, with Melinda Gray, all enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Those enjoying a meal at the Mexican restaurant Sunday after church

were Tyler and Kelli Webb, Janice and James Smith and Jamie, Fred and Shelia Webb, Riley Kate and Harper. They were helping James celebrate his birthday. I hope these birthday people have many more.

Decorations have started all around this past Sunday. There will be two or three each Sunday all through May. We have some mighty pretty cemeteries here in Hardin County and they are well kept and decorated.

Colossians 3:23, "Whatever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto man."

**RUNNING BEHIND** By Henry Quarters

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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