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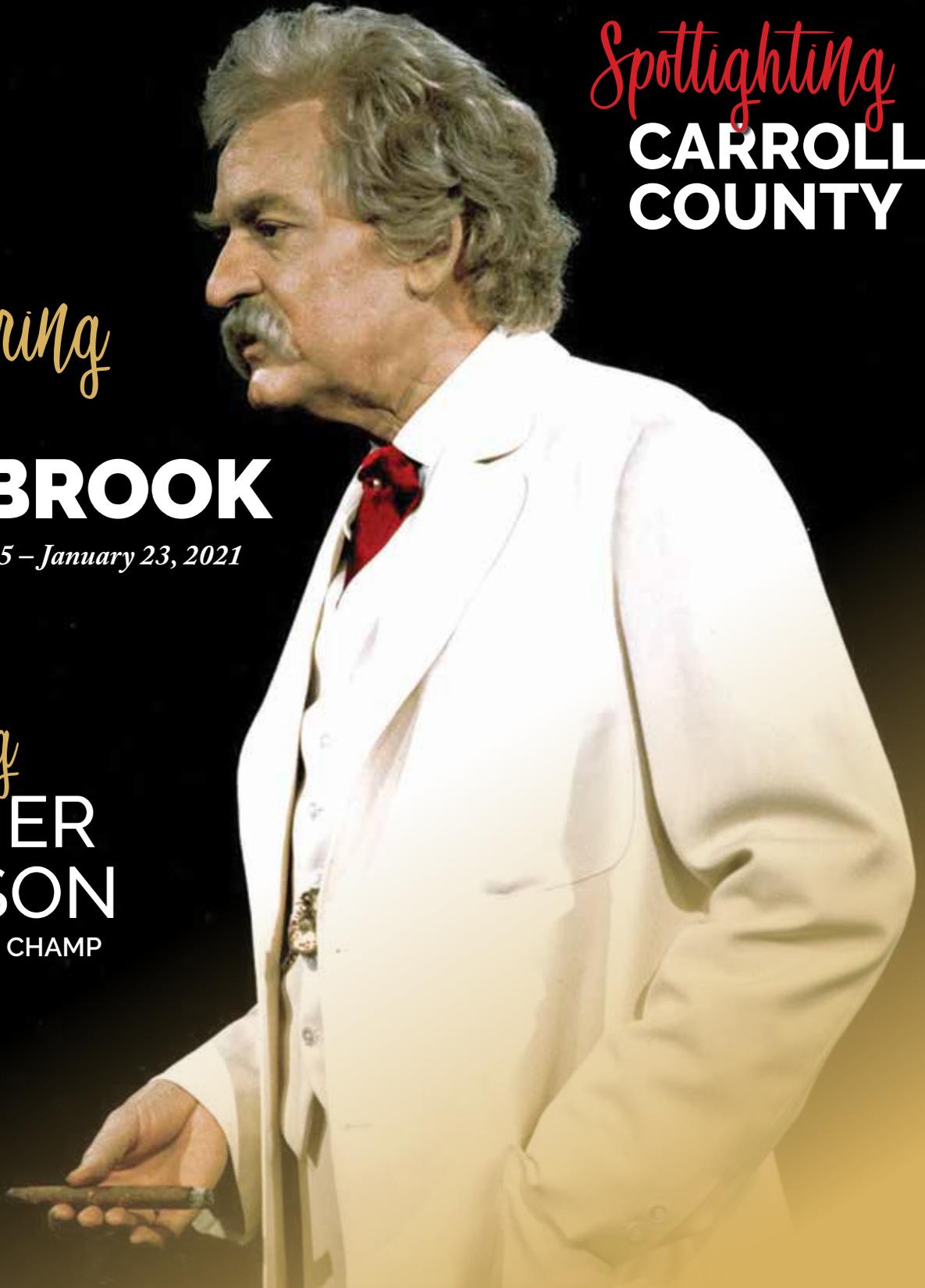
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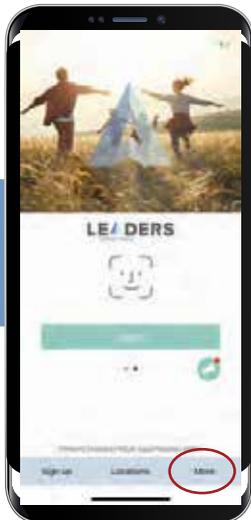


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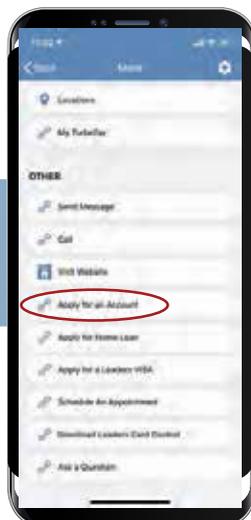


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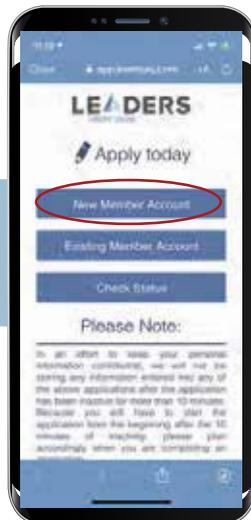
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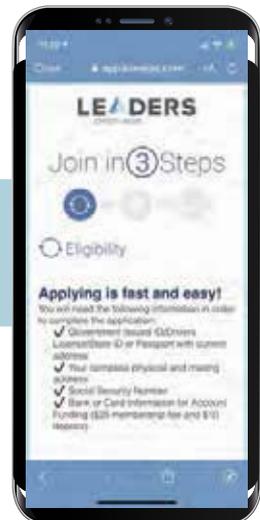
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Hal Holbrook meets & greets an unidentified fan before a showing of Mark Twain Tonight!

Remembering Hal Holbrook

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Hal Holbrook, known by the world as an award-winning actor and his legendary portrayal of American literary character Mark Twain, will be remembered by Carroll Countians as one who walked among them and developed a heartfelt love for the place that he visited with his wife Dixie Carter from time to time.

He died Jan. 23 at his home in Beverly Hills, California at the age of 95. Dixie died April 10, 2010 and is buried at McLemoresville Cemetery. It was believed that he would be buried there as well, but no word has been received to that affect by presstime.

The namesake of his wife, The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center, located on the east side of the Court Square in Huntingdon, also bears Holbrook's name

over the entry doors into the theatre.

Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley had an idea for a performing arts center to honor his classmate and life-long friend Dixie Carter.

"I reached out to Dixie and shared my vision," he said. "With Hal Holbrook entering the picture and taking an active role in design of the theatre, my vision came to life. Because Hal served as an invaluable consultant to the architect, I wanted to honor him with the naming of the theatre."

The Dixie opened for its first performance on Nov. 17, 2005. with the Chuck Wagon gospel group. Holbrook performed "Mark Twain Tonight" three times at The Dixie to sellout crowds on May 2006, May 2007 and Sept. 2014.

The mayor says The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center, Home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre, has fulfilled an objective of revi-

talizing downtown Huntingdon and has given Huntingdon and West Tennessee the access and opportunity to experience the arts.

"Dixie Carter and Hal Holbrook both played a major role in fulfilling this objective and making The Dixie come to fruition."

Holbrook's Life

Hal Holbrook was born in Cleveland, Ohio, abandoned by his parents when he was two years old, and was raised by his paternal grandparents.

He graduated from Culver Military Academy. From 1942-1946 he served in the Army.

In 1954 he developed "Mark Twain Tonight," a one-man stage show while studying at Denison University.

He was the recipient of the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Play in 1966. He became widely known for his performance

as Deep Throat in the 1976 film "All the President's Men."

He portrayed Abraham Lincoln in the 1976 miniseries Lincoln.

From 1986 to 1989, he had a role as Reese Watson on "Designing Women," opposite his wife, Dixie Carter.

His role as Ron Franz in Sean Penn's "Into the Wild" (2007) earned him both Academy Award and Screen Actors Guild Award nominations.

In 2017 after playing the role of Mark Twain, Holbrook announced his retirement.

One of his proudest moments was when President George W. Bush bestowed the National Humanities Medal upon him on Nov. 14, 2003 in the Oval Office.

These are just a few of the numerous awards and honors he received over the years.

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Lori Nolen

Former Executive Director of The Dixie Lori Nolen recalls her association with Holbrook. Serving in that position for

11 years, she had numerous occasions to get to know him personally.

She began her duties just as Dixie's health was failing, so she never had the privilege of meeting and knowing her.

"Tasked with leading a center bearing her name, Hal soon became my bridge to Dixie's life – who she was, what she cared about, and why she loved her home so much," said Lori. "We all know the brilliance Hal possessed in story telling through his career portraying Mark Twain. However, if you never heard him tell a story about Dixie, you missed some of his best. I've never met anyone that loved a person more than he loved Dixie."

She recalled the more she talked with him or met with him when in town, it was apparent how grateful he was that



Lori Nolen

The Dixie staff and the Town of Huntingdon were working to keep her story alive through the center.

He would always say, "It's all about the children. Dixie loved the children!"

Over the years, Lori said she came to realize just how much it was all about the children for Hal as well. He would call or email wanting an update because he loved hearing how many youth had come through the doors each year or what new programs were available to them.

"Because he knew the business of the arts so well and the struggle to continually make it all work, he constantly encouraged us in our efforts," she said.

His gift in acting may have made his name known, but Lori says she will remember him for his heart.

"Hal Holbrook had a heart for others," she said. "It was best on display for us at The Dixie each time he met or greeted someone. Whether it was a dignitary at a private meet and greet, a contract worker hired to help haul in lighting for the stage, or a young student who had absolutely no idea he was even a star, they were greeted with the same spark in his eye, the same amount of respect and the same deep look into their eyes as he searched for who they really were while shaking their hand."

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Randy Hatch

Randy Hatch, the director of Juvenile Court, said he first met Hal Holbrook in his office while telling him that he learned about Carroll Academy after reading The New York Times series of articles written by John Branch.

One particular article titled "We're Really Not Bad Kids" had fascinated him.

"He repeated that title at least five or six times as he looked at the Carroll Academy memorabilia on my office wall," said Randy.



Randy Hatch



Hal, along with wife, Dixie Carter

Carroll Academy, funded by the state Dept. of Children's Services, is a day treatment program for students, ages 12-17, who are reprimanded there by juvenile court.

Holbrook added that he could relate to that particular article when he was a teenager and his only regret was that Dixie never knew about Carroll Academy. He related that she would have loved Carroll Academy.

"Mr. Holbrook absolutely admired the artwork done by students over the years that are on the walls," said Randy.

The students and staff were Holbrook's special guests at The Dixie for his last performance of Mark Twain. After his performance he had a reception for the students and staff, meeting each one personally. The next year he hosted lunch at The Dixie with the students performing a play on The Dixie stage for him.

He would always visit the Academy when he returned to Carroll County, speaking to them in the hallway. He even attended a Lady Jags basketball practice taking a photo with the team. In turn, the team presented him with some Lady Jags and Jaguars shirts.

"He once told me I looked like a character actor he made a movie with," said Randy. "I told him with a face like mine that the actor must have been a bad guy."

Randy says he will always remember Mr. Holbrook as a wonderful friend and supporter of Carroll Academy and that he will always be a member of the Carroll Academy family and its legacy.

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Frank Dodd

Frank Dodd, Technical Director of The Dixie, Home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre, had the opportunity to work with Hal Holbrook several times at The Dixie.

Prior to this fourth performance at The

Dixie, Frank was asked by Hal’s stage manager if he could cover some tour dates for him. As a matter of fact, Frank wound



Frank Dodd

up getting to do multiple shows as acting stage manager for “Mark Twain Tonight.”

“Mr. Hal was a pleasure to work and travel with,” said Frank.

“Although he was very particular about his backstage setup, stage props, and wardrobe, he was still lots of fun. He had amazing tales, and could draw anyone’s attention while in public.”

In looking back, Frank said he could captivate an audience of any age and in any setting in recalling one of his fondest memories in San Louis Obispo, California.

“Mr Hal, his assistant, along with my son, Ezra, and my daughter, Lincoln and myself were at the dinner table and I can remember my kids, who were at a young age at the time, being mesmerized by the “true history lessons” they were receiving,” said Frank. “From that moment on, my children had much respect for him and my daughter was always known as Lincoln, Nebraska to Mr. Hal.”

Frank remembered that no two shows were ever the same. His small, worn, tattered notebook was held together with a rubber band. Prior to a show, he was always looking through the notebook over and over, speaking to himself. He would pick out a few pages from his book with pen written notes on it, signifying he was ready for the show. With every performance, Frank said he would find himself at the edge of his seat with a vast picture being painted in front of him from a one-man show.

Frank called it an honor to have worked with Hal Holbrook because he taught him a lot and the way to approach some things about his job.

“Speaking for my children, it was truly

an honor for them to be associated with him as well,” said Frank. “Every time that he was around, he would ask about them. Hal Holbrook really meant a lot to us. He will truly be missed.”

Paula Atkins

Paula Atkins of Huntingdon, a member of The Dixie’s Board of Directors, recalled one of her favorite memories of Hal Holbrook that

happened at he and Dixie’s McMoresville home. Hal and Dixie; Dixie’s brother, Hal Carter and his wife, Margo; my husband,



Paula Atkins

Jerry, and myself, enjoyed dinner and visiting one night.

“I was sitting next to Hal Holbrook and he wanted to know about my early life,” said Paula. “He then told me about his difficult, sad childhood and young adult life. Meeting Dixie, getting to know her family, visiting people in Huntingdon and McMoresville brought him much joy.”

He mentioned that the kindness and goodness of the people touched him profoundly because he had never experienced that kind of love.

“I left with a greater understanding of the man behind the actor,” she said.

Susan Cary

“But I’ll see you in the sky above, in the tall grass, in the ones I love. You’re gonna make me lonesome when you go.” – Bob Dylan

Susan Cary has been affiliated with The Dixie Carter Performing Arts Center since about 1997 when approached by Mayor Dale Kelley to serve on the original planning committee for his dream venue.

“As a board member and patron,

there have been many memorable moments and opportunities that I could share,” she said. “Following is my fondest recollection of any time spent in what I consider

“the jewel” of Carroll County.”

“May 2014 was the long awaited Release Party for Dixie



Susan Cary

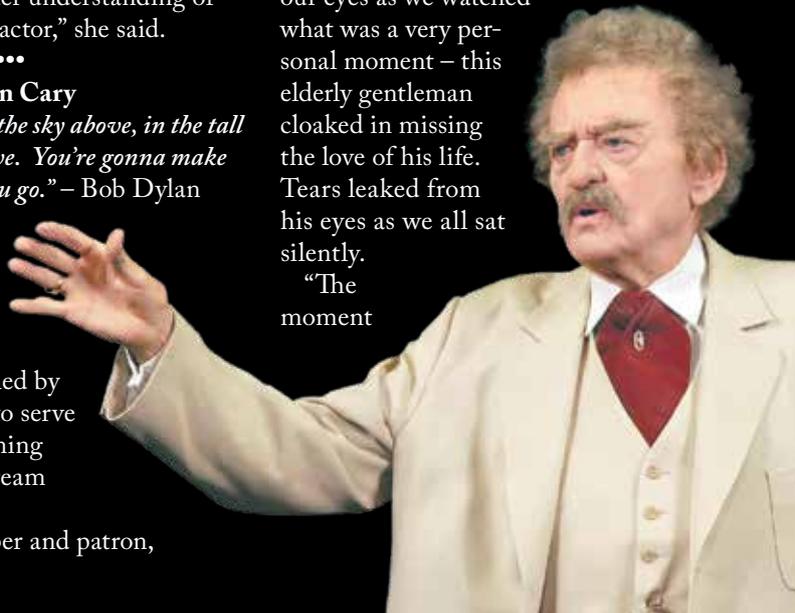
Carter’s final CD, “The Heart of Dixie”. In the afternoon, while DPAC was abuzz with preparation, Hal Holbrook sat quietly inside the Theatre which bears his name. I had the privilege that day to sit with he and a couple of staff members who had become his friends over the years.

“We sat listening in rapt attention as he shared anecdotes about his beloved Dixie. She had been gone for just over four years. Those years had taken a toll on his health and even his heart, figuratively speaking.

“There was a moment during sound check that the music seemed to swell. Dixie’s voice, singing Bob Dylan’s “You’re Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go” filled the auditorium. Mr. Holbrook grew silent. He lifted his face a little, eyes closed and just seemed to let the sound of her voice pour over him. Tears filled

our eyes as we watched what was a very personal moment – this elderly gentleman cloaked in missing the love of his life. Tears leaked from his eyes as we all sat silently.

“The moment



passed. We visited for a few moments and I departed in a hurry, late I'm sure for the next stop.

"The event that evening went off without a hitch. A packed house welcomed all of the Carter-Holbrook family members.

There were kind words shared by many about the legend, Dixie Virginia Carter. Photos of a smiling Hal Holbrook with many of our community were snapped as keepsakes of the evening. I even have mine somewhere...

"But the treasure from that day- the treasure of all my years of acquaintance with this family- was that quiet moment. What a gift to witness true love on the face of a gentleman and know that death does not take that from us.

"Thank you, Hal Holbrook, for becoming our friend and our partner. Thank you for sharing your talents, your time, and your love with our community. We are lonesome for both you and Dixie."

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Phil Williams

McLemoresville Mayor Phil Williams has lots of memories of Hal and Dixie when they visited Dixie's hometown.

"When we were notified of Mr Hal Holbrook's passing we were saddened because he has meant a lot to our

Community," said Williams. "Dixie and Hal were such a happy couple."

He recalled they would visit folks at the town's 4th of July celebration or the Cotton Festival if they were home at the time of the festival, and would also attend church services at the First United Methodist Church when they were in town.

The mayor called Mr. Holbrook a super nice man.

"I remember the war movies as well as his many others," said the mayor. "Just a



*McLemoresville Mayor
Phil Williams*



Lori Nolen, Hal Holbrook, & Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley

magnificent actor."

There are so many memories of the things that Hal and Dixie did. Many people remember when Mr. Robin Leach came to McLemoresville and directed *Homes of the Rich and Famous*.

"We were so glad to have Hal and Dixie as temporary, yet permanent citizens," said Williams. "They were always appreciative of the assistance provided to them by local residents Mr. Bill Hargrove, Mrs Janice Vinson, Mrs Joyce Blow and Mrs Allison Coleman. Hal and Dixie were loved by everyone in our community and area. We will certainly miss them. God bless the family."

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Angela Chasse

He was a tremendous actor who dedicated his life to perfecting his craft. Every detail in his performances was deliberate and meticulous.

"This is also how he saw our venue and because of his guidance The Hal Holbrook Theatre is one of the most intimate performance spaces out there," said Angela. "Every artist that is lucky enough to perform on this stage remarks about how close they feel to the audience."

In recent years, when Hal would visit this area, his love for Dixie Carter was evident. Through this heartfelt emotion he would spend time with locals as he sauntered through town talking and telling stories to whomever he met. He was a great storyteller and could captivate his listener like no other.

After Dixie passed away, Hal brought to The Dixie a CD that he made featuring some of her previous live musical performances. He sat in the theatre as the entire CD played and told us, sometimes through tears or laughter, the story of every song.

"Their love for each other was a prominent force you couldn't help but appreciate," said Angela.



Angela Chasse

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Cliff Cabin on 1,000 Acre Lake

This lakeside getaway is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts, fishermen, and small groups or families. Cliff Cove, located directly on Carroll County 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake, is home to a cozy cabin ready to accommodate all of your needs for a relaxing escape into nature. Soak in the views from our wrap around

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The space

You'll love our place because of its private setting, comfy bed and adorable cabin. Perfect for a romantic getaway, a

girl's weekend, bro trip, fishermen or couples with small children and all lovers of the outdoors. You have total access to the kitchen, living room, and all of the outdoor areas. The front porch is delightful to enjoy throughout the day and evening. Unplug unwind and spend quality time relaxing and re energizing.



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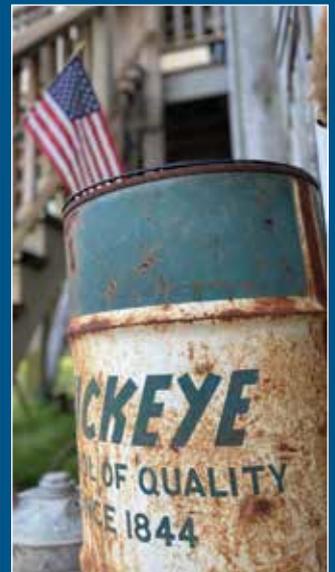
We are located in a rural area 8 miles from Downtown Huntingdon, The Dixie Performing Arts Theatre, Court Theatre and the Carroll County 1,000 Acre Lake. Our place is a full apartment located above

our shop with a private access and circle drive with plenty of parking.

Guest access

You will drive past the house and up the drive to the shop/barn. The entrance to

your private loft is behind the shop and up the stairs.





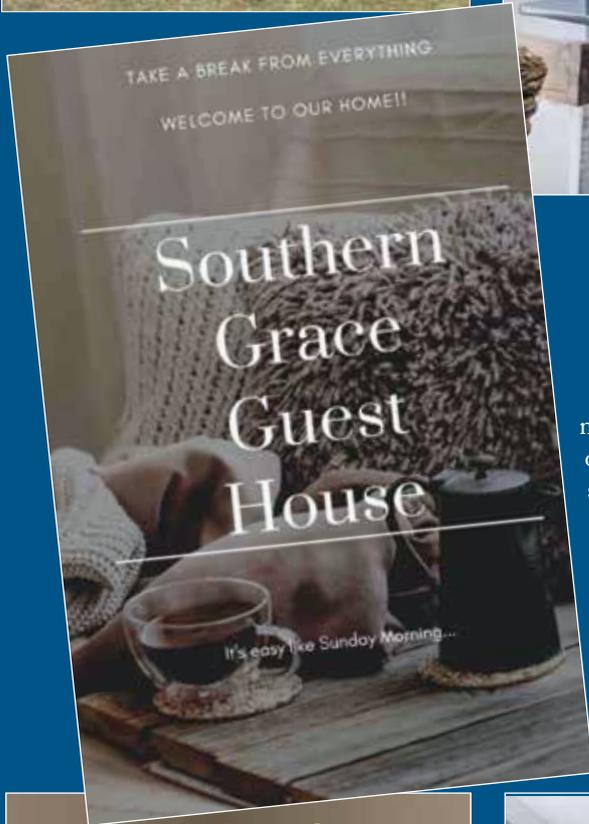
Loft 163 in Historic Downtown Huntingdon

Loft 163 is located on the Court Square in Downtown Huntingdon TN. It's on the second level of a newly renovated historic building that dates back to the late 1800's. It has amazing views and is in walking distance to The Dixie Performing Art's Theatre, Court Theatre, restaurants, coffee shop, gift shops, and more.

The space

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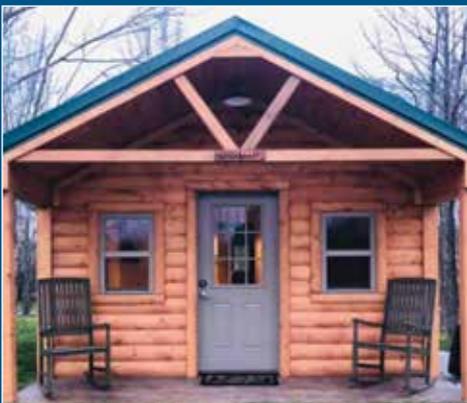
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The space

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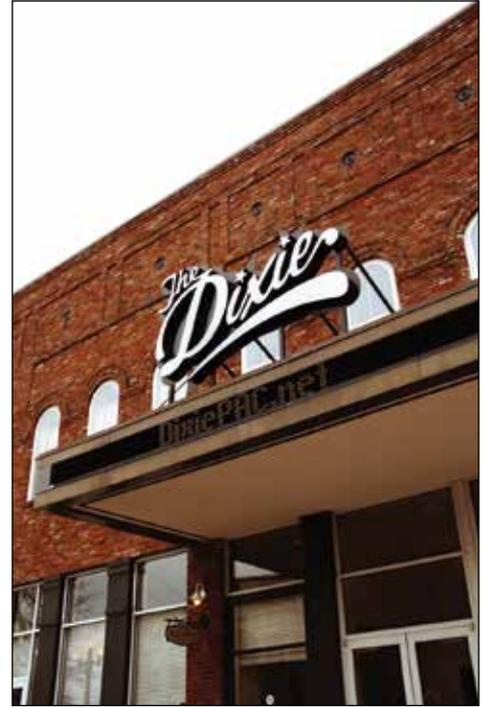
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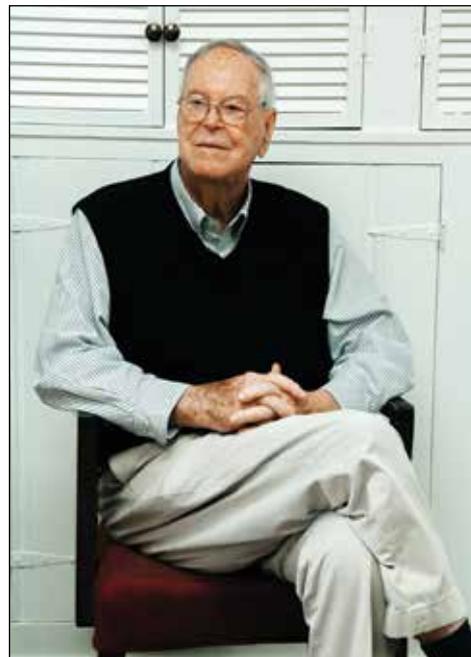
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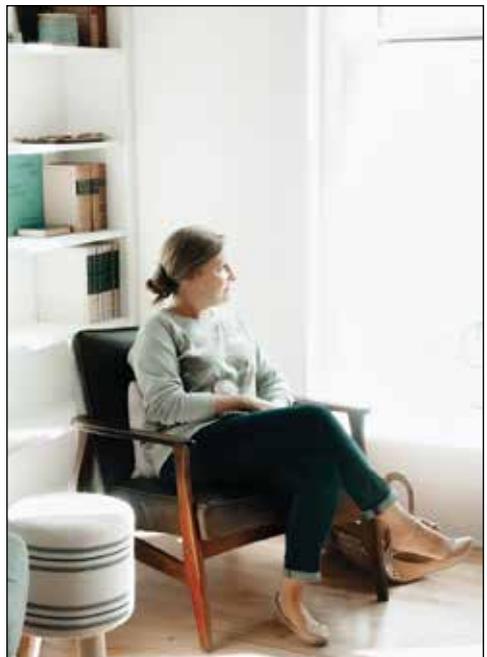
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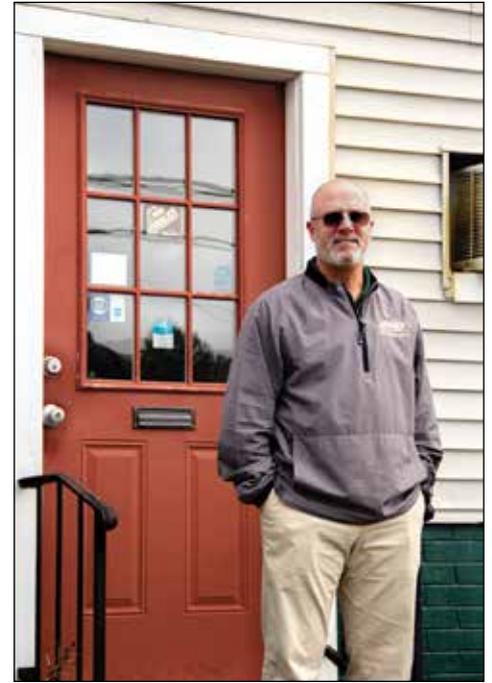
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Joey Darnall giving Tyler Bush a quick trim



Inside The Court Theater



Lovie's Flowers & Gifts owner Rachel Holmes works with an arrangement

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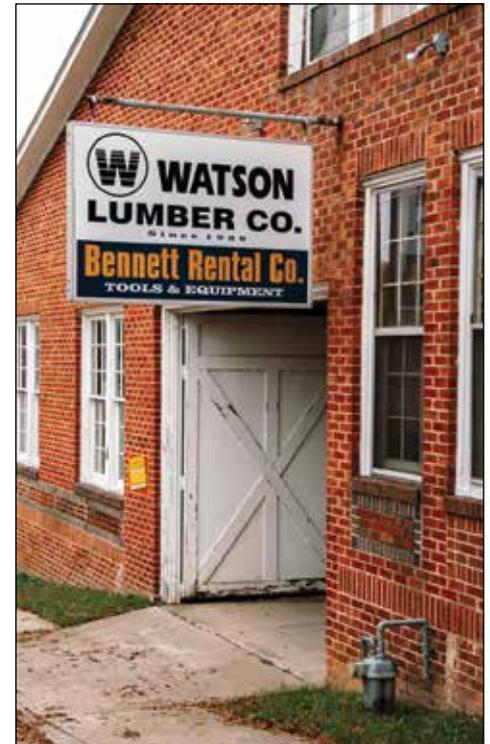
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Exterior of Small Town Blessings



Seth Bennett, owner of The Hardware House & Watson Lumber



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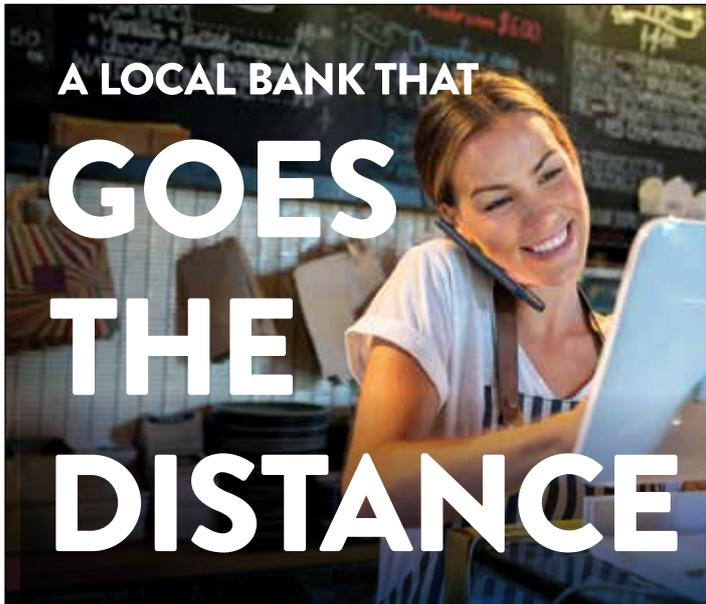
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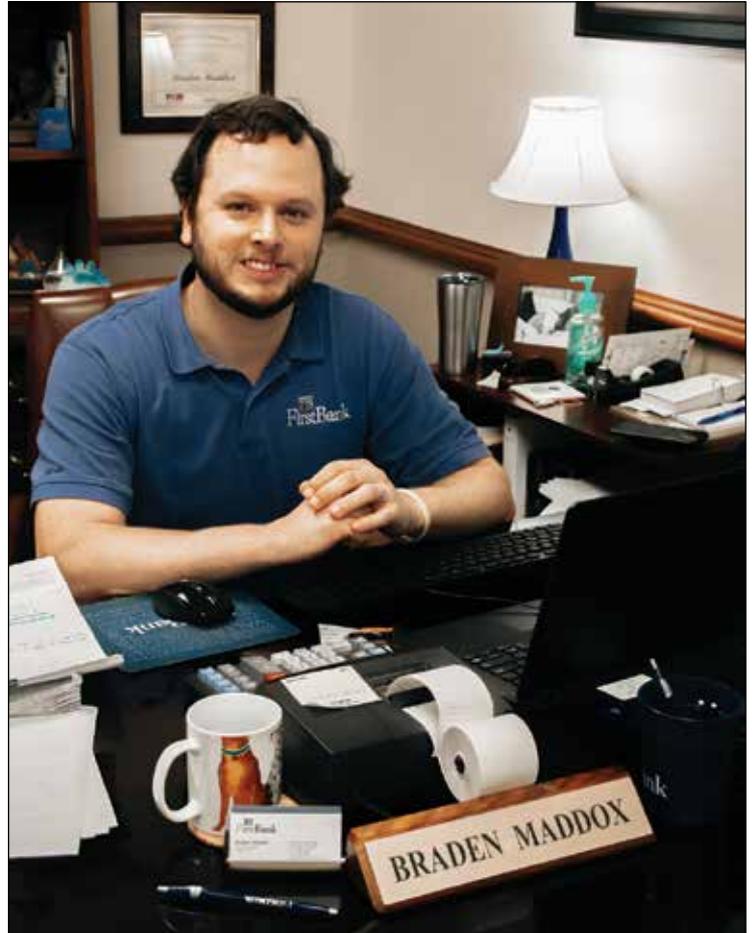
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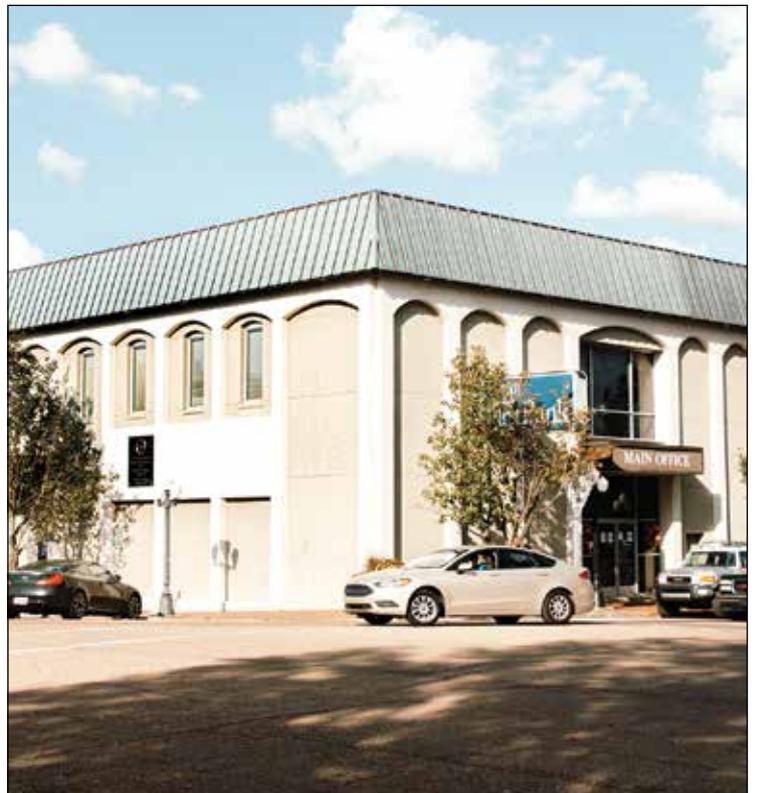
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Huntingdon's Historic Downtown features the Perfect Getaway

West Tennessee residents looking for day-trips or regional overnight travel are lucky to be in close proximity to Huntingdon, where they can find high-quality entertainment, dining, retail, and lodging options all within walking distance.

One of Huntingdon's biggest draws is The Dixie Carter Performing Arts and Academic Enrichment Center located on the court square. The Dixie is home to regular performances and almost always sells out the 471 seat Hal Holbrook Theater. The basement houses the Dixie Carter Museum and Hal Holbrook Museum, as well as rooms used for music and art classes.

The downtown area also features the iconic Court Theatre, which has been renovated in recent years with historic charm and shows weekend films to local crowds.

While in the downtown area, visitors can choose from three restaurants within walking distance, and several more if they are willing to take a short drive. Downtown eateries include Mallards Restaurant on East Main Street, Cornerstone Eatery on North Paris St., and Living Well Vegetarian Restaurant on E. Main Street. 1822 Coffee Co. on E. Main St. provides the perfect place to get a expertly crafted brew.

Mallards offers a classic southern menu with world-class desserts. Cornerstone Eatery offers pizzas, sandwiches, and more with hand-scooped ice-cream and in-door and out-door seating. Living Well offers a meatless menu that is unique and delicious.

Shopping opportunities are more abundant in Huntingdon than most neighboring towns. The immediate downtown area boast the Gift Grove, a long-standing gift shop with candles, décor, clothing, and gifts for every occasion; Maple on Main, which offers Merle Norman product, jewelry, and clothing; Lovies, a florist and gift shoppe on N. Paris St.; Small Town Blessings, a gift, and home décor store also on N. Paris St.; Mockingbird Market on E. Main Street; and Lawrence Designs, also on E. Main Street. Lawrence designs offers home-made candles and woodworking art where customization is available.

Visitors who are lucky enough to secure a reservation have the opportunity to stay at the Loft at 163, a second-level Air B&B overlooking the court square. There are several other Air B&Bs within a short drive of the downtown area. See page 10 for local lodging options.

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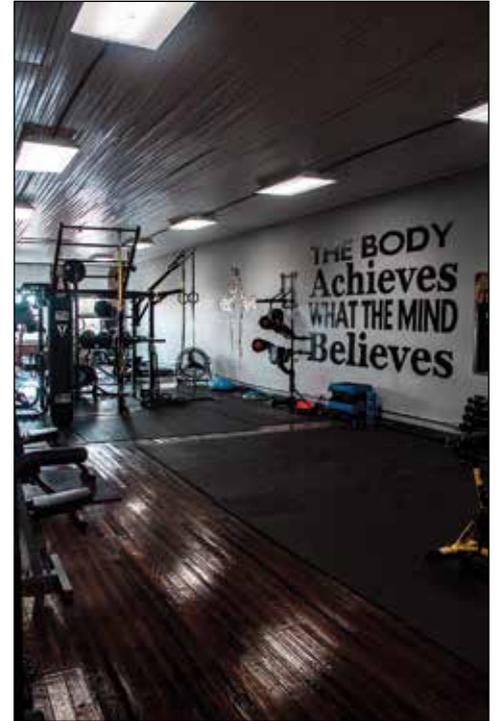
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Interior of Colonial Tea Room



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Carroll County's 1,000 Acre Lake to Celebrate Eight-Year Anniversary this Month

March marks the eight year anniversary of Carroll County's 1,000 Acre Recreational Lake! Over the last eight years this area has boomed with many homes being built, which in turn has increase property values and tax bases. The 1,000 Acre Lake also has hosted many fishing tournaments including the Junior BassMasters National Championship, which brought in teams from all over North America. Tourism increases sales tax revenue, which funds Carroll County schools through sales taxes. Enjoy this article from the March 27th, 2013 edition of the *Carroll County News-Leader* commemorating the lake's Grand Opening.

***A Dream Comes True:
Carroll County 1,000 Acre
Recreational Lake Open!***

Decades in the making, the long-discussed Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake officially opened March 20, 2013, with a ceremony attended by numerous elected officials and area residents. "For more than 25 years, residents have joined together in support of this vision," said Tommy Surber,

chairman of Carroll County Watershed Authority. "In doing so, they recognized the enormous value of this project for our county, region and the entire state. Now the dream is a reality."

The Carroll County Thousand Acre Recreational Lake, the largest manmade lake in West Tennessee, has more than 22 miles of shoreline, a 2,400-footlong dam and average depth of more than 20 feet. "This multipurpose lake will provide an abundance of fun recreational opportunities for local residents for years to come," said Dale Kelley, secretary/ treasurer of





the Carroll County Watershed Authority. "It will be a destination for boating, skiing, fishing, swimming, exploring and nature-watching." This project is a model for mitigating the potential environmental impacts associated with constructing a lake. More than 300 new acres of wetlands have been created.

The Watershed Authority converted 300 acres of former wetlands back to wetlands, bought 81 acres of existing wetlands for conservation, and put approximately two miles of Crooked Creek ditch and its tributaries back into their original channels. "Bethel University, the lake, and the soon-to-be-completed Carroll County Shooting Sports Park provide Carroll County with excellent opportunities for tourism," said Carroll County Mayor Kenny McBride, who is also a member of the Authority. "Fishing and sport shooting are big business, and we are now tapping into this market."

"The lake will have a tremendous economic impact on Carroll County, creating new jobs, attracting tourists, and spurring new residential and commercial growth on the 22.5-mile shoreline," said Brad Hurley, president of Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. "Using conservative figures, it is estimated that the lake will have an economic impact of \$4.1 million per year."

The opening of the lake marks an end of a 29-year journey to reach this point. The Beaver Creek Watershed Authority was formed in 1984 for the purpose of building a recreational lake in Carroll County. In 1997 the authority's name was changed to the Carroll County Watershed Authority. Kelley, while a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, sponsored the legislation that established the Beaver Creek Watershed Authority. "All sales tax money collected from businesses around the lake will go directly

to Carroll County and each and every school district in the county," said Hurley. "Students from Hollow Rock-Bruceton, Huntingdon, McKenzie, South Carroll and West Carroll will benefit from the increased sales tax collections generated by the new lake." This project has received the support of Governor Bill Haslam and former Governors Lamar Alexander, the late Ned McWherter, Don Sundquist and Phil Bredesen.

"We would be remiss in not thanking the J.R. Wauford Company and Dale Kelley for their commitment, dedication and hard work on this project," said Surber. "The lake is a true example of what can occur when we focus all the energy in the county toward one single purpose." Besides Surber, Kelley and McBride, the other members of the Carroll County Watershed Authority are Bob Clark, Natalie Porter and Joe Smothers.

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Local Girl Scout Jaelynn Jarvis-Brueggeman

SELLING GIRL SCOUT COOKIES DURING COVID-19

A Story From A Local Girl Scout, Jaelynn Jarvis-Brueggeman

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DWT Contributor

When I spoke with a girl scout, Jaelynn Jarvis-Brueggeman from troop #40116 of Medina, TN about how she is selling Girl Scout cookies this year with the Covid pandemic around us, she answered, “I love selling Girl Scout cookies because it is the way our troop is able to fund the fun activities we are able to do, like, earning skills badges and going to camp! That’s why I joined Girl Scout in the first place to learn how to become the kind of girl who helps others and helps our community. I also enjoy meeting people and talking to them about our cookies. We sell the cookies so that our troop will have money for the year.”

Before Covid, Girl Scout troops would go to big businesses where there were a lot of customers and set up their booths outside. Now, they can’t go there. Guidelines say they can’t meet in large groups or out in public areas either. Jaelynn used to go out into her neighborhood to sell cookies, but

now she has to stand back with her mask on, and it’s hard to hear. Some people don’t even open their doors. Fortunately, The Girl Scout Organization and local troops have put their heads together and offered Covid-safe solutions to cookie sales this year.

Medina troop leader, Julia Jarvis says, “The Girl Scout organization has helped us sell cookies this year by setting up a digital website where our family, friends and businesses can buy their cookies and have them locally delivered. If you are interested in ordering cookies for friends or family that do not live close by, you can use the on line app. Also, Jaelynn is offering ordering forms to companies and businesses...to offer our cookies to every employee who is interested in supporting the Girl Scouts, and then we can just deliver them all at once...easily.” Keep a look-out, and don’t be surprised, if you see our local girls in your neighborhood selling their cookies like a “drive-through”, socially-distanced venue. What fun!

Jaelynn says, “My Girl Scout troop is

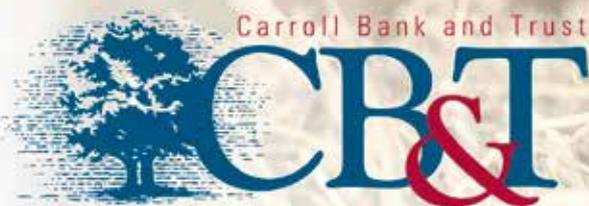
small and we get to meet together every other week and have fun together. Some troops are too large to meet and are doing it through virtual Zoom conferences and don’t get to be together. At some of our meetings, we have learned how to sell our cookies better and we have made posters for our “drive-thru” booths. We also try to come up with more ideas about how we are going to sell our cookies and still meet all the guidelines we have to follow.”

Girl Scout cookie sales end March 13, 2021. Other Girl Scout Troops are having trouble getting out and selling cookies this year as well, but they’re not giving up! There are a lot of Girl Scouts you can reach out to. With the ingenuity of The Girl Scout organization, and the local troops, Jaelynn says she is going to continue to sell her cookies the best she can to help her troop.

Want to order cookies from Jaelynn? Here is her on line ordering site: <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/jaelynn985136> or if you are local call 1-731-225-0017 to order.

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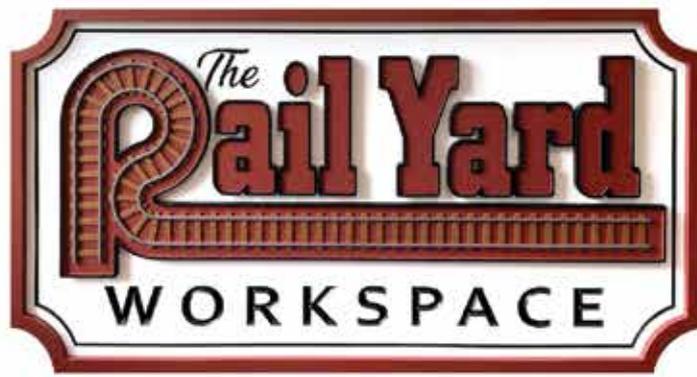
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The image shows the exterior of a building with a brick upper section and red vertical siding on the lower section. A sign hangs from the brick part, reading "The Rail Yard WORKSPACE". The sign features a stylized "R" with a train track pattern. Below the sign, there are three pairs of black, bell-shaped outdoor lights mounted on the red siding. A red door with a white frame and a small window is visible on the right. The number "9" is above the door. The building is set against a clear sky.

The Rail Yard Offers Area's First Co-Working Space

It has taken more than a year and about \$250,000 in total investment to realize, but McKenzie is now home to the first co-working space in Carroll, Weakley, and Henry Counties.

The Rail Yard held its ribbon cutting and grand opening on Jan. 22 and is already welcoming members for both private office space and "hot-desking," where members can come in and use a desk in the open space and take advantage of the ame-

nities such as break room and coffee bar, printer/scanner/fax, fast internet, and even their own mail receptacle for a professional mailing address.

This offering comes at a perfect time when more people than ever are telecommuting, some of whom don't plan to return to work in a traditional workplace setting.

David Kearshner, one of the Rail Yard's first members, rented an office as soon as the doors opened. Kearsh-

ner, who works remotely for QVC Health, moved to McKenzie last year and had trouble working from home with satellite internet. When his daughter also started working from home, he decided it was time for a change. The father and daughter now share an office at the Rail Yard.

The rustic brick walls are adorned with local black and white photography focusing on the historic rail yard and depot in McKenzie. Monica Heath, director for the McKenzie Industrial Board, which

owns the Rail Yard, hosted a photo contest to collect photos from local photographers to decorate the walls.

Heath said that during the renovation process, the electrical wiring was completely replaced and updated and a new rubber roof was installed. ADA compliant restrooms were also a priority in the renovation.

Membership options include “Drop-Ins” at \$20/day, “Dedicated Office” at \$250/month, “coworking 8-5” at \$100/

month, “Co-working 24/7” at \$150/month, and “Student” access for \$25/month.

Local businesses can also rent the conference room for \$150/day or the conference/training room for \$250/day. McKenzie Chamber of Commerce members are eligible for discounted rates.

For more information or to tour the facility, call Monica Heath, Executive Director at 731-352-2004 or email McKenzieIndustry@gmail.com.



Monica Heath, Director of The Rail Yard



David Kearsbner, one of the first tenants of The Rail Yard



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Leaders Education Foundation to Award \$15,000 in West Tennessee Scholarships

Leaders Education Foundation, a non-profit 501c(3) started by Leaders Credit Union, is pleased to award \$15,000 to graduating high school seniors. Through the generosity of its sponsors and members, the amount of scholarships to be awarded have increased by 50% from last year. The Leaders Education Foundation Scholarship Program will award thirteen (13) scholarships of various amounts and requirements to high school seniors attending a college or university. It also includes scholarships for students enrolling in a technical or vocational program through schools/colleges like TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology).

“We are pleased and proud to champion area students pursuing either the collegiate or vocational path,” Leigh Anne Bentley, President of Leaders Education Foundation, said. “We believe in supporting lifelong education, and providing resources for those who seek knowledge is a vital part of our mission.”

Scholarship applicants must be graduating high school seniors in West Tenn. and the high school senior, a parent and/or a grandparent must be a member of Leaders Education Foundation or a member in good standing of Leaders Credit Union. Applicants must be accepted or enrolled into a four-year bachelor's degree program at a college or university in the United States or a trade, vocational or technical program within the state of Tennessee. For more information about Leaders Education Foundation membership, please visit leadersgives.org.

In addition to the scholarships provided last year, Leaders Education Foundation has added three (3) scholarships in honor of sustaining charter sponsors, (3) three scholarships with a trade/vocational school focus, and (1) one new community scholarship designated to Dyer County. All scholarships awarded are given on a

one-time basis.

- **Financial Wellness Video Scholarship (1) – \$2,500:** This scholarship is for students who provide a video submission providing tips or suggestions on “How to be Financially Fit.” Students must submit a video link through YouTube with their application. Submissions will be posted on Leaders Education Foundation’s Facebook page (@leadersgives) and the number of likes and shares gained by each submission will be a factor in selecting the winner.

- **Leaders Credit Union- Martha Britt Scholarship (1) – \$1,000:** As a Founding Corporate Charter Sponsor of Leaders Education Foundation, a scholarship is awarded in honor of Leaders Credit Union which requested the scholarship also be awarded in honor and memory of Martha Britt, a west TN champion for education and educator in the Jackson-Madison County School System for over 30 years.

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- **Founders Scholarship (1) – \$1,500:** This scholarship honors Leaders Credit Union’s founding membership group, Jackson-Madison County Schools. This scholarship is designated for high school seniors graduating from a high school within the Jackson-Madison County School System.

- **Community Scholarships (5) – \$1,000 each:** Scholarships are designated for one student from each community: (1) Obion

County, TN; (1) Gibson County, TN; (1) Dyer County, TN; (1) Shelby County, TN; and (1) all other counties in West Tennessee including Madison County, TN.

- **Workforce Development Scholarships (3) – \$1,000 each:** The three scholarships are designated for students accepted or enrolled into a technical or vocational program through schools/colleges like TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology).

The scholarship money received may be used at the applicant’s discretion to help cover costs associated with education, including tuition, books, fees, and various living costs. Applications must be submitted no later than March 26, 2021. The application may be completed by visiting leadersgives.org/scholarships.

“The scholarship program provides indispensable opportunities to students, affecting the trajectory of their entire future,” Eddie Hays, Leaders Education Foundation Board Chair, said. “We are honored to be a small part of these students’ academic journeys toward success.”

Scholarship details and application information can be found at leadersgives.org.

About Leaders Education Foundation

Leaders Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization based in Jackson, Tenn. and established in 2019. The Foundation allows community-minded citizens, members, and organizations to unite to make lives better together. It invests back into its community through scholarships, grants, and additional resources that provide educational opportunities and promote workforce development, lifelong learning, and training for students, teachers, and its community. For more information about Leaders Education Foundation or to become a member and Give Forward, please visit their website, leadersgives.org.



Sherry Cotbran

WILD & HOLY

Rock Star Turned Reverend From West Tennessee

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DWT Contributor

Sherry Cotbran was born and raised in Greenfield Tennessee and left home to pursue a career in the music industry. During college she began working on music row, became a staff songwriter for Wrensong Publishing and the lead singer of a popular rock band, The Evinrudes. The band had great success in the late 90's and early 2000's with a number one hit song on rock radio, sharing stages with iconic acts such as the Goo Goo Dolls, Bare Naked Ladies, Spin Doctors, Cowboy Mouth, Fastball and many others. However, after a decade of touring and living a rock and roll dream, she heard the roots of her church upbringing calling and left it all to become an ordained, United Methodist minister in Nashville, TN. After graduating with an M.Div from Vanderbilt Divinity, Sherry became ordained in the UM church and has served as a full time senior pastor for the past decade. But she

kept writing songs all along, performing, speaking and leading workshops about the stories of powerful women of the Bible, the ones she calls the rock stars of the biblical world. Her new book, "Prophets, Harlots, Witches & Warriors: Untamed Women of the Bible" along with an accompanying CD, "Untamed Stories" releases in mid-March. Sherry will perform these songs and tell stories at a virtual concert live from the West TN Delta Heritage Museum on April 6th at 6 p.m. and also appear as their guest for their songwriter series on April 1st at 6 p.m. You can tune in on their Facebook page to watch. If you pre-order her book, she'll also meet you live via Zoom following the concert to give to sign your book and have a virtual meet and greet. You can pre-order the book and receive the Zoom link at www.sherrycotbran.com.

Lisa: Tell me about your upbringing in West Tennessee and how it brought you to your book/CD "Untamed Women of the Bible/Untamed Stories."

Sherry: "Ever since I can remember, I was singing. My brother, Steve, and I along with an all-girl quartet traveled around and sang at many revivals and backwoods radio stations throughout West Tennessee growing up. I suppose the Delta brand of rock, blues and gospel was running through my veins even then. I've always felt a kind of untamed spirit flowing through me. Not a rebellious spirit, but a natural wildness that the West Tennessee wilderness certainly shaped. Music gave me the perfect expression for that. I felt Nashville calling me always as a child, I just wanted to be around music. So, I got a music business degree from MTSU and ended up working on music row. It was there that I learned how to become a better songwriter, guitar player and eventually became signed as a staff writer. I also fronted a rock band with my then husband and partner, and we ended up having a number one hit song on rock radio stations throughout the South-east, and signing with David Sonenberg as

our manager. He really was a “big shot” as he told us the night we met him when we won an award at Nashville’s “Nammies,” music city’s version of the Grammy awards. That was a whole new level of falling down the rabbit hole for me. He was managing big acts such as Joan Osbourne, Wycleff, Lauren Hill, Spin Doctors, won an Emmy for his documentary on Muhammad Ali, it was a different world. We signed with Mercury Records out of New York. I think it all sunk in that I was in a kind of rock and roll fairytale the night I met Ringo Star and he kissed my hand and welcomed me as his new label mate.”

Lisa: So why would you ever leave all of that?

Sherry: Well it was great fun, but I felt a deeper calling stirring inside of me. I was always meant to be a songwriter/performer but there was a spiritual calling tugging at my heart that I just couldn’t ignore anymore. I ended up leaving a band, marriage and

a career and waiting tables at a downtown restaurant in Nashville for money. It was there that I met my now husband, Patrick, who was waiting to be appointed as a United Methodist minister. He basically helped me reshape my whole life around my gifts in a way that was productive rather than destructive. After seminary, I spent 10 years as a pastor in West Nashville’s urban/suburban belt, working with the city’s large population of homeless and working poor. It was there that I went through a great transformation. I continued writing songs, speaking, performing and leading workshops. In seminary, I had discovered all of these stories about women in the Bible that I had never heard of before. Women who were prophets and warriors. They seemed to me to be the rock stars of the biblical world but their stories remained largely hidden. I felt such an instant relationship with them. So, I wanted to unhide their stories as a way of helping people see the biblical world from a different

perspective, because these stories are really healing medicine, especially for women. I initially wrote songs but then it turned into a larger book. I actually began doing these shows seven years ago. But I was a full time pastor so there wasn’t much time to develop it. My husband, who has been my conversation partner about all of these stories, got a job offer to teach Bible in Chattanooga. A kind of dream job for him, so we left Music City for the Scenic City. I realized then it was finally time for me to put this book together and release a new CD of songs. I also was able to begin a nonprofit working with disadvantaged women to help them become self-employed, Beloved Woman. These two things keep my busy full time now and I’m absolutely loving it.

To find out more about Sherry and Beloved Woman, go to www.sherrycothran.com or www.belovedwoman.org. Sherry will be touring this summer doing outdoor appearances and socially distanced workshops.



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THE FORD PICKUP THROUGH THE YEARS 1948-1979

The First Generation was between 1948 and 1952.

The first generation F-Series trucks carried the designations of F-1 through F-8. They were rated by weight as panel trucks, conventional trucks, school buses, cab-over-engine, and of course, the pickup truck. Each truck was equipped with a manual transmission, and they featured driver and passenger side windshield wipers and a foot-plunger windshield washer. This was pretty high-tech stuff back then, as well as quite an accomplishment for Ford. To signify the importance of the Ford truck history: The 1948 F-Series line was Ford's first post-war truck which debuted a year before Ford's first post-war car. Henry Ford shut down all civilian production during WWII in order to produce vehicles that would support our allies and our troops. When the war ended, the F-Series trucks, along with the veterans, were the first to be recognized.



The Second Generation was between 1953 and 1956.

It brought about a complete redesign of the F-Series. They received new engines, updated chassis, roomier interior and exteriors, options such as a radio, dome light, arm rests, and lighter- and the Series also underwent an important name change. It was during this period that the F-1 became the F-100 and the F-2 and F-3 merged to become the F-250 and the F-4 became the F-350. These designations remain in place to this day. 1955 is the year Joe Cotton started selling Fords. The flathead engine in the F-100 was replaced in 1953 by Ford's new 239 CID overhead valve Y-block V8 and it quickly gained the nickname of the "Power King." It was soon replaced by the 279 and 317 in 1954 and during this time, power steering was first introduced as an option. A special F-100 was designed as a one-year-only body style in 1956 and featured a wrap around windshield instead of a sloped one and it offered vertical windshield pillars. This year's model also offered Ford's very rare "Low GVWR" (gross vehicle weight rating) versions of each model and in this year, seat belts became optional.



The Third Generation was between 1957 and 1960.

The 3rd Generation brought about a new, modernized body style where the front fenders became a part of the truck's body and the hood was integrated into the bodywork to create a clamshell design that would remain a prominent feature of the truck for the next twenty years. The cab-over F-Series was discontinued and was replaced by a tilt-cab C-Series that many may remember was used as a fire truck and heavy-duty delivery truck beginning in 1957. The C-Series production was discontinued in 1990. As another milestone for Ford, they began production of four-wheel-drive pickups in 1959.



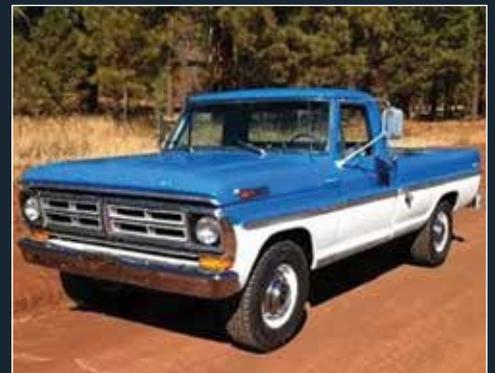
The Forth Generation was between 1961 and 1966.

Once again, a new style emerged and the look was noticeably different. In 1965 the Twin-I-Beam front suspension changed everything and it remained a part of the F-150 up to 1996 and up to 2016 on the F-250 and F-350 4x2. The addition of the Twin-I-Beam allowed the front wheels to run independently of one another giving it greater maneuverability and a much smoother ride. 1965 Ford F100 Ranger An F-Series 4-door crew-cab model emerged in 1965 to compete with passenger cars and the 300 cubic inch 4.9L straight six was introduced and it remained in the F-Series trucks until 1996. In 1965, Ford introduced the name "Ranger" to its lineup. It was previously a base model of the Edsel and in keeping with Edsel tradition, this, too, was said to be a little ahead of its time for 1965. It featured bucket seats from the Ford Mustang, detailed styling, softer suspension, and it brought sophistication to the pickup trucks of the day. The Ranger underwent many changes throughout the years and the last one was produced in the U.S. in 2011.



The Fifth Generation was between 1967 and 1972.

The cab was roomier by 3" than that of competitors and the truck came with a heavier frame. Between these years, there were 3 trim packages available: Base, Custom Cab, and Ranger. New safety features were added to the exterior to include reflectors to the rear of the truck bed. This was the first generation to offer factory installed air conditioning as opposed to dealer installation. A new grill design was added in 1969 and a 302 Windsor V8 engine was optional. Also during these years, a new trim for the Ranger XLT was added as the top of the line. Other options included AM/FM radio. Ford discontinued the Low GVWR versions of the F-Series but the Camper Special F-250 was introduced in 1972. Remember the era of "The Camper"? It is probably safe to say that we all know someone who had a camper attached to the bed of their pickup truck back in the day. And it is probably safe to say that there are numerous stories that will be passed down from generation to generation about how great they were and all the wonderful experiences that were involved.



The Sixth Generation was between 1973 - 1979.

Significant changes and upgrades were given to the Series that included larger cabins, front disc brakes, a relocated gas tank outside the cab, improved heating and air, and more galvanized steel. Also during this time, the 4-wheel-drive SuperCab made its debut.

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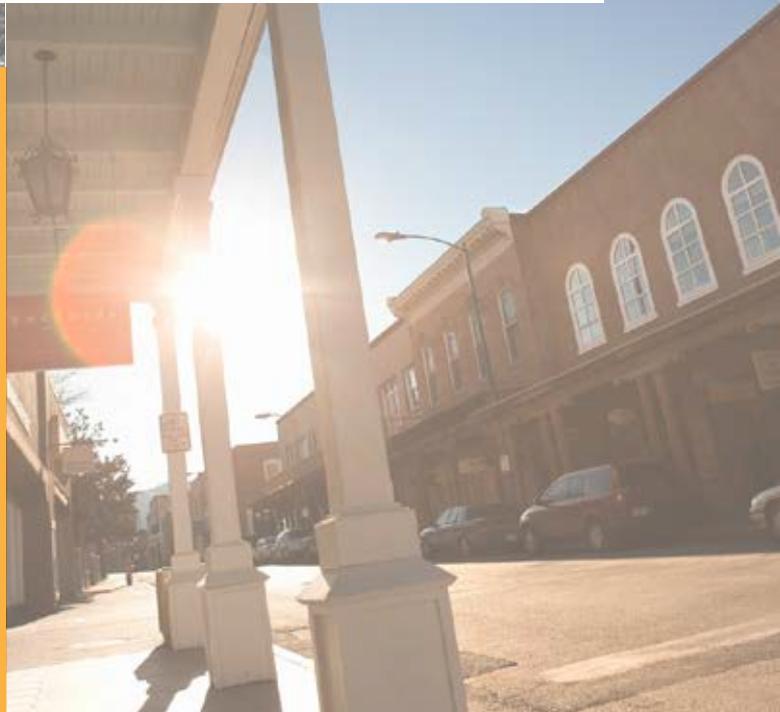
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Tanner Hudson

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“Hey Benton County! We’re Super Bowl® champs! We did it – the Bucs have won!” exclaimed #88 Tanner Hudson in an emotional Facebook Live broadcast following the Tampa Bay Buccaneers’ defeat of the Kansas City Chiefs by a score of 31-9 on Sunday, Feb. 7.

Benton County certainly turned out to celebrate its favorite son. Throughout the county, and even as far away as a resort in St. Lucia, everyone went all in for Tampa Bay, or at least for Hudson.

Fans had a chance to see Hudson on CBS, standing next to Rob Gronkowski during the National Anthem and narrowly missing a touchdown pass overthrown by quarterback Tom Brady late in the game. Seeing Hudson having a chance to play at all was enough for those feeling “hometown proud.”

Hudson was joined on the field after the game by his mother Karen Hudson, of Big Sandy, and girlfriend Karley Weatherly, of Linden. It was then that Hudson sent his Facebook message. What he said next really says it all about the 2013 Camden High School alum.

“My dad’s up there watching. I know he couldn’t be any more proud of me. I love him so much!” Hudson declared, before turning to his mom, drawing her in close, and saying, “And I love you.”

Hudson’s father Danny passed away on Nov. 17, 2019 and the unexpected loss came as a hard blow for the young athlete and all of his family, who are very close. Really, it’s those small town family values that have made Hudson such a great role model and mentor for area schoolchildren.



Tanner Hudson and Karley Weatherly proudly display the Vince Lombardi Trophy at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. Hudson was joined on the field after the game by Weatherly and his mother Karen Hudson.

“Tonight, I am thankful that our community has someone to be proud of, someone our boys can look up to, someone who truly is a good human, and someone who comes from good, good people. My son Kase said earlier that Tanner is the real deal, and I agree with him,” wrote Shanna Carter Kenyon, of Camden. She was joined by many in expressing such sentiments on social media.

In truth, what has led Hudson to become such a hometown hero is not the

fact that he played in the Super Bowl®, but the fact that he earned his spot in the NFL with hard work, determination, class, and humility. And, he has striven to give back to his Benton County home from the day he reached Tampa.

“Tanner you made us all so proud. You are a class act and very humble. You make anyone who knows you a better person. You looked great out there and played with heart!” wrote Rhonda Griffith, of Camden. Brittany Hudson, Hudson’s sister-in-law, wrote, “We are

so very proud of you, and can’t wait to see what other incredible things you will accomplish in the future. We love you!”

Hudson will bring that Super Bowl® ring back to his hometown, but he already has brought so much more. On Monday morning, following Super Bowl® Sunday, every boy in Benton County believed he could win a Super Bowl®, and every girl could believe she might officiate or coach in one. Only a true hometown hero can make kids believe they can fly.



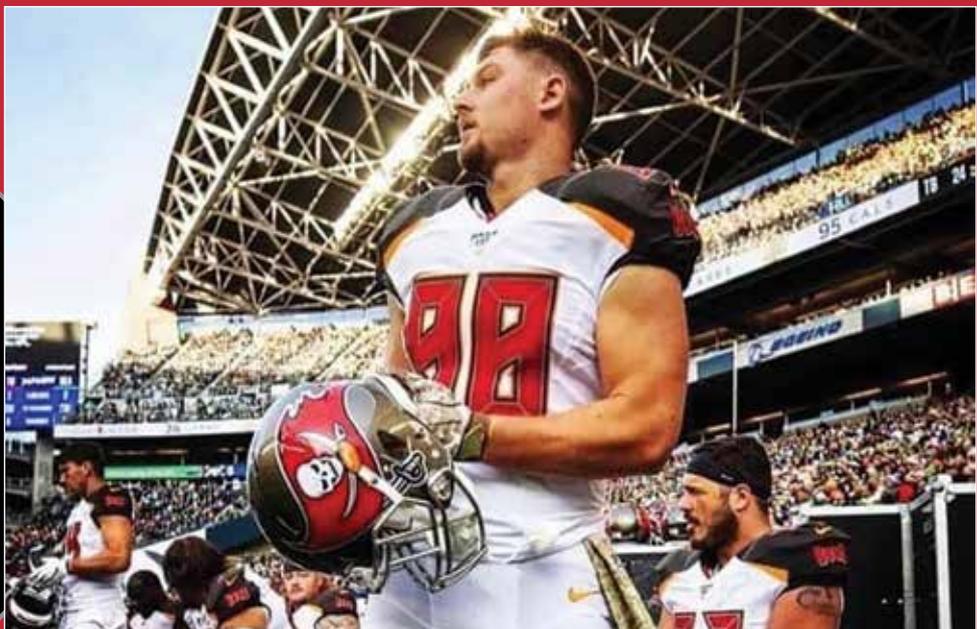
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Ed Sargent standing in front of the sound board before a Joan Jett concert. Photos by Kenneth Lansden.

Ed Sargent

A Tour Managers Ride from West Tennessee Around the World

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Touring the globe for the last 35 years, Tour Manager Ed Sargent still calls West Tennessee home. Ed has been involved in music since 5th grade band and has had an infinite love of music from the very beginning.

After a stellar career in the jazz world, Ed changed directions musically and is currently the Tour Coordinator for the Queen of Rock and Roll, Joan Jett. Initially joining her band, the Blackhearts as Tour Manager(TM) in the Fall of 2007.

“Joan is such an iconic singer, guitarist, composer, record producer, actress, and one of the true pioneers for women in the music industry. Her first band “The Runaways”, was an all-girl band in the 70’s when that just wasn’t allowed... That was where the boys ruled, HA... not for innovators and

trail blazers like Joan Jett.”

In the Blackhearts Hall of Fame Essay, writer Jaan Uhelski called her “The last American Rock Star, pursuing her considerable craft for the right reasons, a devotion to the true spirit of music.”

“Joan has been an inspiration since day one and I love working with her and the Blackheart organization” Sargent said.

Under the Blackhearts umbrella of touring, Ed has toured with artists such as Aerosmith, Boston, Green Day, The Who, Foo Fighters, Heart, Styx, Cheap Trick, Cyndi Lauper, Def Leppard and others. Before COVID-19 destroyed 2020 touring, The Blackhearts were scheduled to make a 33 city stadium tour with Def Leppard, Motely Crue, and Poison, which has been delayed until further notice.

“I knew at a young age, that I would be involved in music somehow for the rest of my life. The one thing I love to share with

the students during master classes at UT Martin is to find your passion in life!! Find your passion and the money will follow.

It’s a very simple concept. Some people don’t find their passion until later in life. I have friends that went through the military and after retiring they found their passion in woodworking, car building, music or whatever; but so many of the students or people now are so caught up in the money aspect of it, they miss the real purpose. What gets you out of bed in the morning? What flips your switch? If you find the passion in your life of what really does it for you, then the money will be there.”

Ed was a drummer through high school, college and a percussion major at UT Martin. He also sang in the University and Madrigal choir’s and shared “I love to sing, and was fortunate to make the cut in those great ensembles. I also took a couple of basic business courses and once I was

involved in booking players and bands, my career, it seems, also followed this route”.

“The inception of what became my life long career began at UT Martin. We had great trumpet players in the band and we were all big fans of Maynard Ferguson and His Orchestra. We really wanted to bring his band to UT Martin, but didn’t have a clue about the process. We found out Stan Mark, Lead Trumpeter for the Ferguson band, was also a clinician for Holton Horns performing clinics and concerts on the college circuit, so we thought here is a great opportunity.”

“Maybe we can’t get Maynard in but we can have Stan Mark come in and play. He is a truly incredible musician, is on tons of recordings and now possibly come perform with the UTM Jazz Band of which I was a member... incredible!

I kept rolling the ball along to bring this event to fruition and contacted Stan’s management at Holton Horns. We put a deal together with Holton, also with the help of the greatest music store in the world, our own Amro Music in Memphis. He came in for three days and taught master classes and rehearsals with both our Jazz Band and Symphonic Band. This was a very successful concert. Through the University’s media outlets and marketing communications, we were able to bring in the local high schools and colleges in the area making the concert a total success. Stan was the ultimate mentor and as we became friends, he took the time to teach me how to book bands, read contracts and more specifically, how to book Maynard’s Band. He taught me who to call, what to look for and how to develop show riders. The very next year we booked Maynard’s Band. I pushed it through all of West Tennessee and Western Kentucky areas and with the help again of the marketing department at UTM, we were able to effectively promote the event. As you know, we did not have the advantage of social media at the time. The concert had to be moved from a 400 seat theater to the 4,000 seat field house and was a tremendous success. That was my introduction into the business side of the industry!! Maynard’s Tour Manager, Bruce Galloway, took me backstage to meet the artist after the show and we had a fun conversation that was as much fun as prophetic.”

“Maynard asked me what I was doing after I got out of school and I told him that

I was coming to work for HIM and we had a big laugh about it. Then, 5 days after my last final exam, a month later, I got a call from Stan Mark that Maynard needed a personal assistant – valet. They asked if I could be in Los Angeles in 3 days to meet the band. They were performing a huge yearly event at the Playboy Jazz Festival at the Hollywood Bowl. That was May of 1982. (First day on the band, I met the emcee of the event, Bill Cosby... that’s another story.)

This was my favorite band in the world and I just got the call to go to work for them.

I flew to LA at 22 years old, green as a gourd out of West Tennessee and happy as a clam to get on that tour bus. Little did they know, I would have done the gig for free!

One thing I had going for me was having Stan in the band to put and keep me on the right track. I was basically an open canvas to work with in terms of molding

the person they wanted, and they knew I loved working for the band and being on the road.

I think back about my first band trips around West Tennessee, when I was in high school and from those days, I always knew THAT was what I wanted to do in life. I wanted to travel and be with the band you know. I loved band trips... whether it was the high school marching band trips to the Strawberry Festival in Humboldt to the Paris Fish Fry or away ball games with the UTM marching band. We would do these band trips and they were just so exciting to me because I love the camaraderie of musicians together. I always felt the most comfortable around musicians so when I was asked to work for Maynard’s Band it was Nirvana. The first tour took us across the U.S., up into Canada and 12 days in Japan... I was hooked.”

“I started off as his valet, security, personal assistant etc... Basically, I was the first person he called when he woke



up in the morning and the last person he saw at night. Everything, in regards to his existence as far as his movement and logistics on the road was my responsibility. Maynard's tour manager, took another tour in 1984 and that opened the door for me to take the position when I was 24 years of age. I was on the road with him for the next 23 years. We toured all over the world many times and looking back it was really a dream come true."

During this time, Ed also served in an executive producer capacity on Fergusons last 12 video and recording projects, as well as co-producing projects with Carl Fischer, long time trumpeter with Billy Joel, French Pianist Christian Jacob, Pittsburg Icon trombonist Reggie Watkins. Ed also worked alongside Tim Ries, veteran saxophonist for the Rolling Stones, on the acclaimed double CD "Stones World." While working with Maynard, Ed also worked with a variety of Jazz artists, tour managing Jazz Explosion packages with the likes of Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, Dizzy Gillespie, Al Hirt, Marlena Shaw, Billy Eckstein, Joe Williams and Dianne Schuur. As a producer, Sargent along with Stockton Helbing produced Ferguson's last recording "The One And Only Maynard Ferguson" from which the Steve Wiest arrangement of "Besame Mucho" was a Grammy Nominated bid.

In 2000/2001, Ed took a hiatus from touring to become the President of johnnyraBB Drumstick Company. The company was internationally recognized as one of the fastest growing music companies in the world, won numerous awards and Most Innovative Stick Company from Drum Magazine 2000. After negotiating the sale of johnnyraBB Drumstick Co. to DW Drums in Dec. 2001. After a tease from Mr. Ferguson regarding an Australian tour to start 2002, Ed returned to touring life with the Ferguson band until 2006, when Maynard Ferguson passed.

After a short hiatus from touring, Ed got the call then to TM the Blackhearts, who were joining the Aerosmith Tour, in the Fall of 2007.

Ed's long musical career and future came as a direct link from the UTM Guest Artist Concert Series, when Stan Mark made the guest appearance with the UTM jazz and concert band in 1980. As the Student liaison for Mr. Mark, this association has

forever ingrained a desire to nurture and financially support artists from all walks of the arts to come to UTM and perform.

For his dedication of support in mentoring young musicians through master classes, production workshops and performances, UTM bestowed the honor of naming the series, "The Ed Sargent Guest Artist Series" and as he shared... "I am so very honored and humbled by this dedication".

"For many years on the road, I always felt it was so important for the students at UTM to be able to hear and experience world class players, like I did. I felt that supporting artists coming to UTM was paramount and extremely important for the students. Bringing in Stan Mark, opened the door to my entire career. It really did. He got my foot in the door but after that it was up to me. I was lucky like that. Maynard and Joan allowed me my feet of clay. They knew what he had, and knew that I would do my best to get the job done and be a productive member of their staff".

"I do my best to convey and encourage this attitude in my teaching and master classes. It's all about having that opportunity and when you get the chance to get your foot in the door you kick it open and get in there.

Not all doors are going to be productive for you. If you end up getting a door slammed remember when one door shuts, another one will open if you are determined and persevere. It's the way of the world, especially the music business and you have to face it with that kind of mentality".

Recently Ed has assumed duties on the Board of Advisors for the new Northwest Tennessee Arts Center, (NTAC) in collaboration with the Music Department at UTM. Spearheaded by Department Chair, Dr. Julie Hill and her wonderful staff.

NTAC is a premier multi-purpose facility, currently in the design and fundraising stages, that will feature multiple artistic disciplines. Not only music, but dance, the graphic arts, sculptures, painters, speakers and more. UTM will have the opportunity with this venue to bring in top-notch performers and lecturers into a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose auditorium.

"The cultural advantages along with the visibility for the University in having a venue like this on campus is huge and very

exciting for me to be a part of.

When potential students come to the school and see this kind of performing arts facility it puts such an emphasis on "The Performing Arts" as a whole.

Not just singers, not just instrumentalists, but will include the entire gamut of THE ARTS. I love being a part of this team effort. The team of advisors are amazing all in their own right, and happy to serve alongside my friend Scott Williams from Discovery Park America. I am proud and honored to contribute to the North West Tennessee Art Center." Also, if you would like to be a part of this venture to support the Arts in West TN, please consider supporting this worthy cause by visiting alumni.utm.edu/ntac.

Final thought and wisdom from Ed... "In terms of the music business and life, it's no different than any other business. As a manager, I try and have the fortitude to always step back and take a look at the picture and not the scene. I share with the students, that the music business does not have to be an ugly dark place as the rumors say... It is cut throat upon occasion, but if you want to be successful, be kind. Be kind and respectful to other people. The key to my success, if you call it that, is I have always tried to be respectful to those around me and the people that I manage. Every day we are alive, we get to open the two most fantastic gifts.... Our eyes. Approach each day as a gift and try to be a blessing to others."





City of Jackson

Invites Local Artists to Submit Ideas for Downtown Mural

The public art initiative committee is seeking proposals for a mural on West Main Street in downtown Jackson. The space is being donated by Baker Bros. BBQ and will be the fourth installation in the mayor's series.

The mayor's public art initiative launched in fall of 2019 with the installation of the Love Your Neighborhood mural by Courtney Searcy at the junction of North Highland Avenue and College Street. The second installation was the Unity mural by Ava Ingle at the corner of

Liberty and Main Street. The third installation was the Southwest TN mural by Jonathan and Sarah Cagle on East College Street.

"These murals are helping revitalize our downtown area and are bringing more visitors and customers to the businesses that are based here," said Mayor Scott Conger.

The public art initiative seeks to exponentially grow the number of public art installations, to include murals, sculptures and other mediums across Jackson over the next four years. The public art initiative

also seeks to engage more artists, both established and emerging, in the work of creative place-making.

Artists must submit proposals by February 28. The final design will be selected by the Public Art Commission on March 18, and submitted to Baker Bros. BBQ for approval. Installation is expected to begin in the spring.

Requirements and an application can be found at jacksontn.gov under the mayor's office, projects and initiatives section by clicking public art initiative.





PLAY BALL! AT THE WEST TENNESSEE HEALTHCARE SPORTSPLEX *2021 Season Begins March 5*

The Jackson Action USSSA Select Super NIT kicks off the season with 83 teams at the West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex March 5 – 7, 2021. Known to be unique among youth sport complexes in the United States, the Sportsplex is located at 250 BancorpSouth Parkway, Jackson, Tennessee, just off of Interstate 40 and halfway between Nashville and Memphis.

The 17 lighted and immaculately groomed baseball and softball fields cover 70 acres. Groups representing numerous states have travelled to Jackson to “Play Ball!” Softball tournaments will be returning to the Sportsplex, with 7 planned events including the Sarah Beth Whitehead High School Memorial Tournament, March 17 - 20.





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Key to the development of West Tennessee

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One interesting aspect of West Tennessee lies between Dyer and Lauderdale counties. There is a spot on the Forked Deer River that is of historic significance. The story of that place can be the origin of many of the towns, communities and people who were among the first settlers in the land just east of the Mississippi River.

In 1785 a young surveyor left Nashville on a flatboat and headed down the Cumberland River to the Ohio River. He and his party floated down the Mississippi River to a small tributary that Indians called Okeena. They moved up that small river to a point where they found a sycamore tree on the bank. The leader carved his initials and the symbol of a key on that tree and used that mark as the starting point to survey much of the wilderness that was then part of North Carolina.

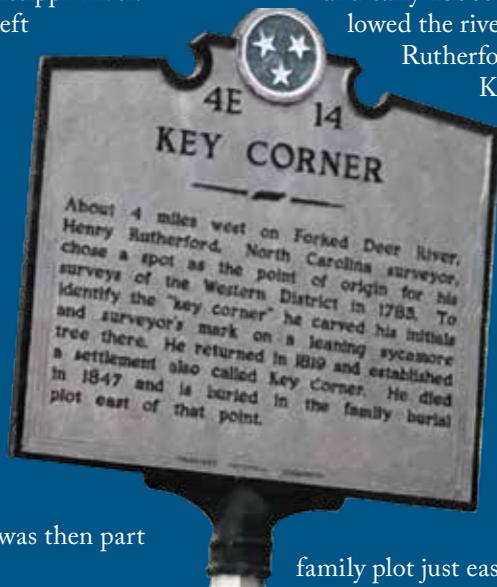
The surveyor's name was Henry Rutherford. In addition to using that point to survey land in the wilderness, it later became a major point of steamboat navigation on the Forked Deer River. You see, while the Indians called the river Okeena, the white settlers named the river the Forked Deer. And yes, steamboats once came up stream from the Mississippi to points along the Forked Deer. Commerce in the late 1700s and early 1800s usually followed the rivers.

Rutherford settled at Key Corner in 1819.

The small community served as a river port complete with a saw mill and eventually the first cotton gin in the area. He died in 1847 and is buried in a

family plot just east of the spot where the sycamore tree once stood. The sycamore tree eventually fell into the river during one of the floods that seemed to happen every year. But a young Dyersburg attorney who was interested in history was determined to commemorate Rutherford's work and his role in the development of the area.

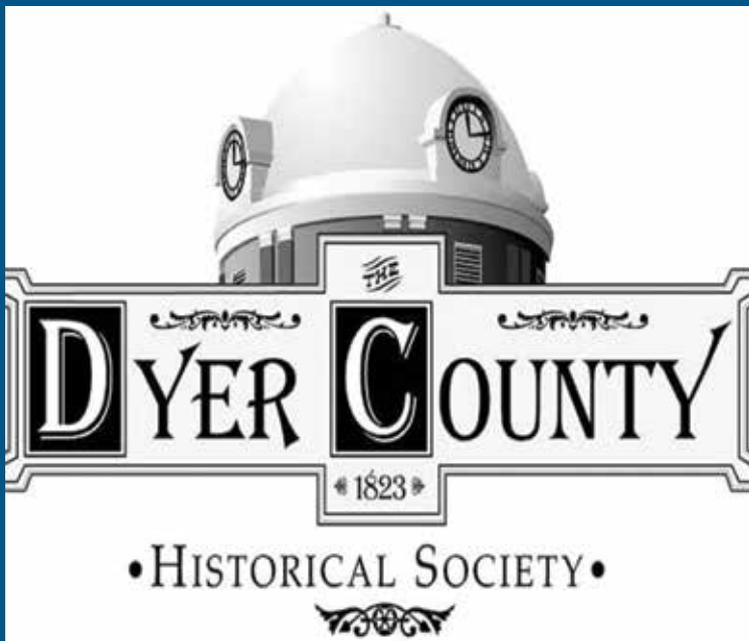
In 1931 Ralph E. Rice, persuaded the Lauderdale County court to fund a monument to mark the spot where the sycamore tree once stood. Rice had convinced the Army Corps of Engineers to locate the spot and a historic marker was created. It was placed and dedicated in 1931. It stood for years until more floods and the channelization of the Forked Deer changed the flow of water in the area. Eventually, vandals defaced the monument and the base and marker disappeared. Some local citizens who rode the bus to school along Key Corner road recall seeing the marker when they were kids. There is only a wet spot on the road and oxbow lake nearby the place where the small community of Key Corner once stood. But there are many memories of the young surveyor and his impact on the development of West Tennessee.



family plot just east of the spot



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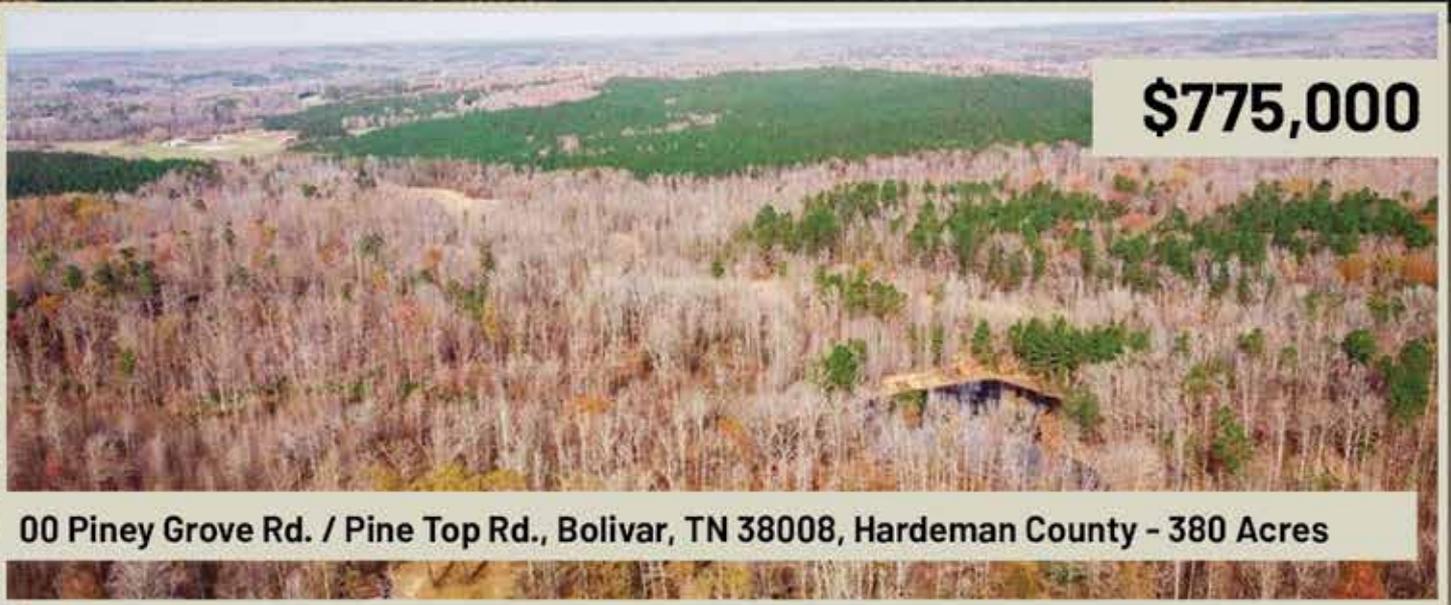
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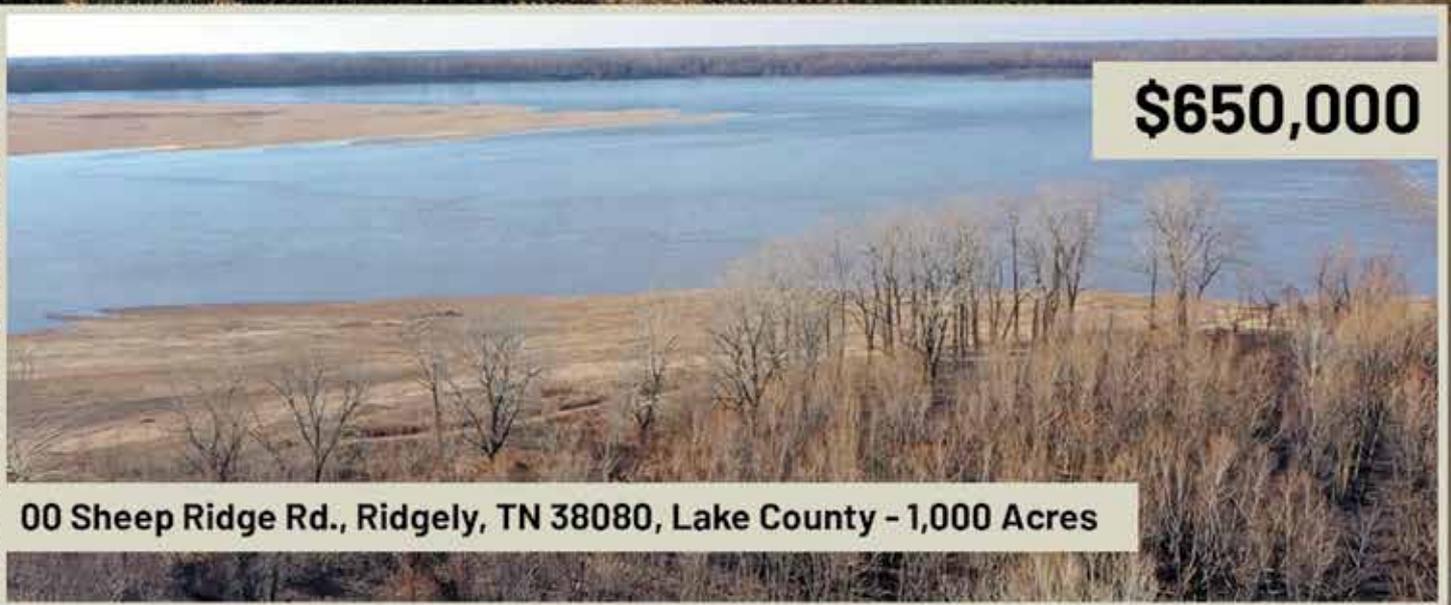
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FAQ *Things Everyone Should Know About Giving Blood*

Why are blood donations necessary?

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer or giving birth. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person — the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life.

I have never given blood before. Why should I?

Giving blood is possibly one of the easiest, fastest ways to help someone in need, not to mention it is free to do. Blood has a limited shelf life, so a supply of healthy donors who give regularly is necessary to help hospitals meet their needs. Donors can only give every 56 days (or eight weeks). While your body will replace the blood volume that you lost from your donation in 24-48 hours, it takes an average of eight weeks for your body to replenish your red cells. That is why we need a large donor base. Only 5% of eligible donors give blood—a statistic that desperately needs to increase.

What does a typical donation experience look like?

When you arrive at the blood center or mobile unit, you will first check in and register. You will need to present a photo ID or two other forms of identification. You will then be taken into a space to fill out your medical questionnaire, a series of questions making sure you are eligible to give blood that day. If you want to get ahead, you can go on our website, lifelinebloodserv.org, the day you plan to give and complete this questionnaire ahead of time. Next, you will receive a mini-physical in which your heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, and iron level are all checked to make sure you are approved to donate. Next, you will take a seat in a donor chair, where you will sit for 10-15 minutes while you give blood. Lastly, you will enjoy a snack and a drink for about 15 minutes so that our staff can make sure you are ready to go on your way. The entire process usually takes less than 45 minutes.

If you could tell me one thing about giving blood, what would it be?

Please do not self-defer! We do not want you to decide you are not eligible to give because you take a medication, have a certain health condition, or have traveled to another part of the world; let us tell you if you are eligible or not. You can call our office to ask eligibility questions at 731.427.4431 or just come see us.





LIFELINE Blood Services Opens Fixed-Site Location in Dyersburg

LIFELINE Blood Services is always busy. The blood bank, which provides services to 20 counties and 13 emergency helicopter service locations, has served West Tennessee since 1947. While LIFELINE's home base is in Jackson where the Center is open Monday-Saturday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, they also send out an average of three mobile units a day to collect blood at drives across West Tennessee. Still, though, the need for more blood donors continues to grow. The hospitals served by LIFELINE require an average of 525 units per week. The team knew they had to do something new to increase their donor base in the height of the pandemic.

"We needed something fresh," said Marketing Manager Caitlin Roach, "But we felt the best option was to utilize a community that already knew our name." That community, LIFELINE staff soon decided, was Dyersburg.

"LIFELINE has a strong donor base in

Dyersburg," said Roach. "We have had a relationship with the city since the late 1970s. We already have a standing drive at FUMC Dyersburg on the third Thursday of every month, in addition to other frequent drives in the area. It was the perfect place to open our second-ever fixed site location."

And so they did. On January 11th, LIFELINE Blood Services Dyersburg Center opened its doors for the first time. Located at 1130 Highway 51 Bypass Suite 19 & 20 (in the same area as Java Café and across the highway from Lowe's) the newly renovated center is the perfect place for Dyersburg residents and those in surrounding counties to give blood. The staff has six donor chairs available for use, as well as a reception area, two rooms for donor mini-physicals, and a canteen area for donors to relax in and enjoy a snack after donating.

The Dyersburg Center is open Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. They

are closed Thursday and Friday. Donors can schedule an appointment or just walk in to donate.

At this time, the Dyersburg Center is only taking whole blood donations but plans to expand to offer apheresis services in the coming months. This means that donors will be able to donate plasma, the liquid part of the blood, and platelets, which are most often given to cancer patients. As of now, the Jackson Center is the only location that gives donors the option for apheresis, but not for long.

"Everyone is just so excited," said Roach. "The staff is thrilled to be there, the community has been so welcoming and glad to have us—and we're glad to be here." A grand opening celebration will be held in the spring.

To learn more about LIFELINE Blood Services, call 731.427.4431 or visit lifeline-bloodserv.org.

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A rendering of the new Leaders Credit Union location slated to open in Dyersburg.

LEADERS CREDIT UNION

Coming to Dyersburg

Leaders Credit Union, a member-owned financial cooperative based in Jackson, has announced plans to open its newest full-service location in Dyersburg, with a scheduled opening in the Summer of 2021. This new retail facility will be in the developing Dyersburg Commons shopping center located on the northwest corner of US Hwy. 51 Bypass and Parr Ave. in front of neighboring retail stores such as Hobby Lobby, Old Navy, Marshalls, Rack Room Shoes, and Ulta. The new Dyersburg branch marks Leaders' ninth branch location in West Tennessee and fourth outside of its Jackson hub along with branches in Bartlett, Milan, and Union City.

Company President and CEO Todd Swims, a Dyersburg native, is eager to bring Leaders services to the Dyersburg market. "We look forward to being an asset in Dyer County and to leading the way

on behalf of our members," noted Swims. "I feel like I am coming home, and I want Leaders to be an integral part of fulfilling the needs of the local community."

As a West Tennessee credit union, Leaders is a not-for-profit, cooperative financial institution where the members are the owners. Their volunteer boards of directors oversee the credit union and approve policies elected by members. Benefits of ownership for members include generally better rates on deposits and loans and unsurpassed member service with state-of-the-art technology. Leaders invests in served communities with retail operations, by employing local staff, and through community development via sponsorships, donations, and active community participation.

Established in 1957 by five Jackson educators, Leaders has grown to over 55,000

members. As one of the largest and most stable credit unions in the nation, Leaders exists to serve the needs of its members and lead the way on their behalf. From 2015-20, Leaders was named "Best Place to Bank" by Jackson Sun's Readers' Choice Awards. Leaders also has placed in the top one percent of credit unions nationwide by depositaccounts.com. Leaders is an Equal Housing Lender and is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration.

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY ANNUAL EVENTS

Lauderdale County Fair

The Lauderdale County Fair is an annual event which takes place in the fall of each year at the Dyersburg Army Airbase in Halls, TN. This three-day celebration features delicious food, great rides, games, exhibits, pageants, livestock, entertainment, wrestling and more! Sponsored by the Lauderdale Chamber/ECD, this event is sure to please the entire family.

Tomato Festival

The famous Ripley tomatoes and the county's 50 tomato growers are saluted in a two-day celebration the second Friday and Saturday of July each year. Festival activities include a tomato contest, tomato tasting, live music, a 5k run, a carnival, a beauty contest to select Tomato Festival royalty and much more.

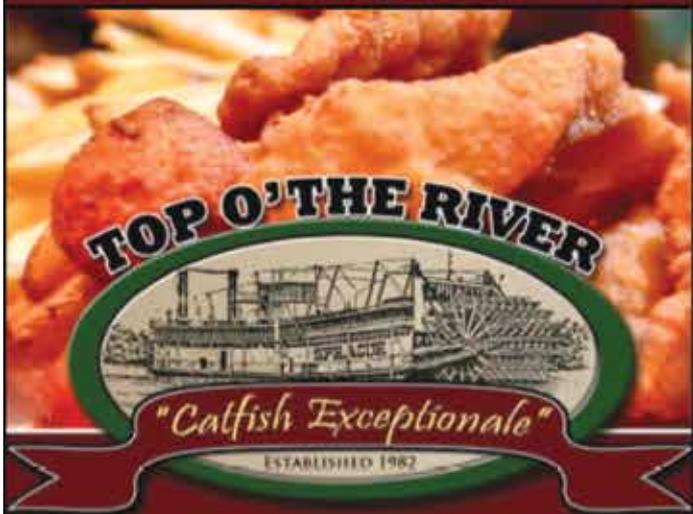
Wings Over Halls

Wings Over Halls is an air show that recounts those years during WWII. Held on a former B-17 training base 55 miles north of Memphis, this show allows you to visit the warbirds on the ramp, buy rides in some instances, see pyrotechnics that simulate bombing, and see these magnificent aircraft perform feats never imagined. Thirty aircraft perform during the show annually. A museum is also located on the site.





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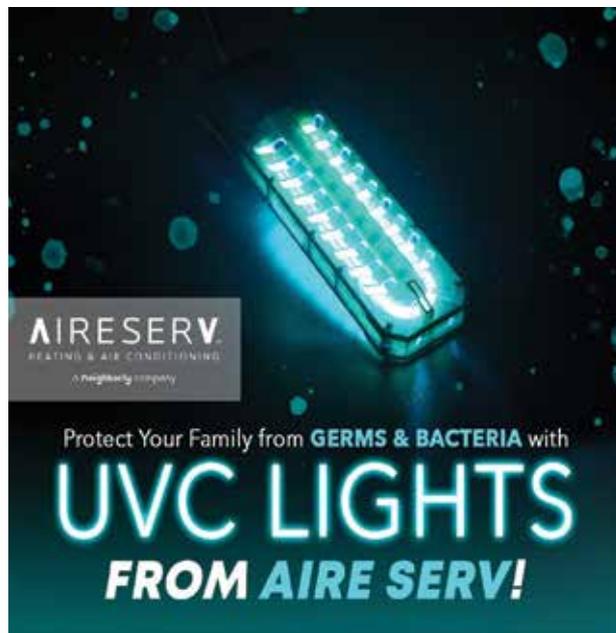


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Immunizations: Not just for kids.

If you're a parent, you're probably familiar with the immunization schedule for kids. It outlines what vaccines a child should receive and when. Did you know, though, that there's also one for adults? That's right. Even though we often think of vaccinations as simply being something for kids, adults need them, too. "It's a common misconception that adults are past the stage of needing immunizations," says Samuel Johnson, Jr., MD, primary care provider with West Tennessee Medical Group. "In reality, there are many immunizations that may be called for as an adult, including an annual flu shot. It's important to stay up-to-date on what vaccines you need as you get older."

Why Do Adults Need Immunizations?

It's a pretty common question, and one with an easy answer. Adults need vaccinations for a couple of reasons.

First, immunizations given in childhood can sometimes wear off over time, making a "booster shot" a necessity to continue the protections the vaccine gives. And second, adults are at a higher risk of developing different medical conditions than children are. That means that they need vaccinations against illnesses that kids do not.

Still not sure why immunizations are needed at all? Every year in the United States and across the world, children and

adults become sick and even die due to illnesses that are preventable. A vaccine is a much safer alternative to exposing yourself to a potentially deadly disease. When you're vaccinated against a certain disease, you are given a dose of weakened or inactivated antigen from that disease, allowing your body to build up defenses against it.

What Immunizations Do I Need as an Adult?

That's a great question—and one best answered by your medical provider! He or she can provide you with individualized guidance based on your age, gender and overall health needs. But we can take a look at common adult immunizations and when and why you might need them:

Influenza Often called the "flu shot," this is a vaccination you should be getting each year. Each year, different strains of the flu are more common, so the vaccine is reformulated every year to try and protect against those strains. Since flu season begins in October and continues through March or April, it's a good idea to get your flu shot by October or November.

Tdap/Td This vaccination protects you from tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough. If you didn't have this vaccine as a child, you should receive the full Tdap shot now. Women should receive this

immunization during every pregnancy, and every person should receive a booster shot every 10 years.

Zoster If you are age 50 or older, you should get a two-dose series of this vaccine which protects against shingles.

Pneumococcal At age 65 or older, you should receive the PPSV23 vaccine and the PCV13 vaccine to protect against pneumonia, if you haven't had it already. These vaccinations may be recommended to you at a younger age if you have a high-risk medical condition or are a smoker.

HPV You might think of this immunization as being for kids, but actually, the human papillomavirus vaccine can be given to adults, too. If you have not already been vaccinated and are younger than age 26, you should receive this vaccine to protect against HPV. In some cases, men and women ages 27 to 45 may also be vaccinated against HPV, so talk with your provider.

Other Immunizations Adults May Need

The vaccines we've listed above are recommended for nearly every adult. But there are some other immunizations you may need, depending on your individual situation:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)
- MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- MenACWY (meningococcal ACWY)
- MenB (meningococcal B)
- Varicella (chickenpox)

Your medical provider will be able to talk through any immunizations you need and why.

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is working to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccine can be allocated and distributed to priority populations. You can find more information about the vaccination plan at tn.gov.

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TENNESSEE RIVER MUSEUM



Stop by and see the Tennessee River Museum in Savannah

The Tennessee River Museum, located in the heart of downtown Savannah, Tennessee, is home to one-of-a-kind artifacts detailing the history of the Tennessee River Valley. The museum is a tribute to the Tennessee River and its influence on the land, people, and the heritage of the valley.

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Tennessee River Museum first opened its doors in 1992. Housed on Savannah's Main Street in the old post office building, built in 1939, the historical museum is dedicated to commemoration, preservation, education, and promoting heritage tourism. With almost 2 million visitors annually to nearby attractions Pickwick Lake State Resort Park and Shiloh National Military Park, tourism is the economic development engine for this West Tennessee community.

Visitors to the museum can see Shiloh Indian Mound's most famous artifact, the world-renowned kneeling figure of the Shiloh Effigy Pipe. As part of the Trail of Tears, they can walk the path of the Lt. Bell Treaty Party on their trek westward to what is now Oklahoma. Visitors can delve deeper into the area's diverse natural past by exploring the more than 200 fossils on display.

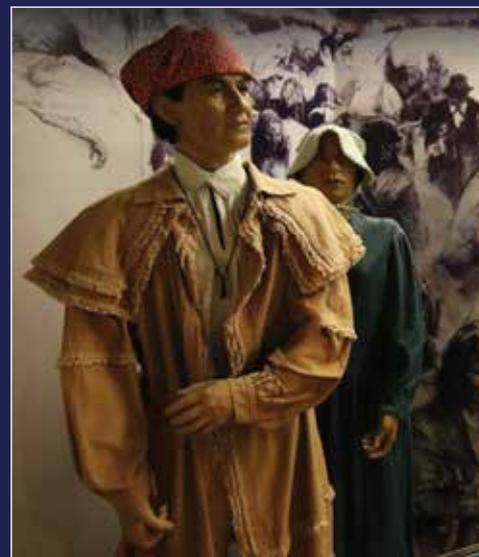
River history enthusiasts can experience the Golden Age of Steamboats through

photographs, memorabilia, and replicas from a time when steamer vessels dominated the Tennessee River. They also can see objects from the U.S.S. Cairo, the "hard luck ironclad" that plied local waters before the Civil War Battle of Shiloh, only to later spend 100 years beneath the muddy waters of the Yazoo River after striking a Confederate mine.

A long awaited expansion and renovation of the attraction just began in February. The museum is expanding its steamboat exhibit by adding a two-story showroom to the rear of the building and upgrading ADA accessibility by installing an elevator to service all floors of the facility. Hardin County received a Tourism Enhancement Grant to move this project forward, with additional funding secured from USDA, TVA, and local donations.

In accordance with CDC recommendations, the museum currently is practicing social distancing precautions, limiting group sizes, and asking that visitors wear facemasks. When safety allows and health protecting guidelines are relaxed, the Tennessee River Museum looks forward once again to playing host to school groups from across the tri-state region of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama with tours, special events, and seasonal programs with wildlife officers, Shiloh rangers, and even beloved guests like Santa!

To learn more about what the museum has to offer, call 731-925-2364 or visit www.TennesseeRiverMuseum.org or "tennesseerivermuseum" on Facebook. Anyone who would like to contribute to the museum's exciting expansion plans may send a donation to Tennessee River Museum, 495 Main St., Savannah, TN 38372 or simply drop by for a tour and kindly leave a donation in the fundraising box. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Stop by soon to enjoy all the past wonders of the Tennessee River Valley!



Trail of Tears exhibit

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April 3rd

GENERAL'S BREAKFAST AT CHERRY MANSION

The Hardin County Convention and Visitors Bureau is pleased to announce that ticket sales for the 9th Annual Generals Breakfast at Cherry Mansion will begin this week.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 9 a.m., on the lawn of the historic home in Savannah.

Cherry Mansion came of note during the Civil War when General Ulysses S. Grant made his headquarters at the home during the Battle of Shiloh.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and include the outdoor breakfast, a storytelling program by the attending Generals, and a Q&A presentation by the homeowners of Cherry Mansion. Due to COVID restrictions, guests will not tour the home this year, and masks and social outdoor distancing is encouraged. The event is for ticket holders only and sold in advance only.

"General US Grant, portrayed by historian Dr. Curt Fields, will be joined at his headquarters by his rival, Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard, portrayed by historian Larry McCluney, Jr. These first-person living history portrayals are a unique and fun recounting of historical events and famous

people, making for some great storytelling!", said Tourism Director Beth Pippin.

Pippin added this event has grown each year over the last nine years and there is a limited number of tickets available sold in advance only. The breakfast is an outside venue under a heated tent enclosure.

This event is one of many being held during the 159th anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh. The day continues by offering a visit to the Tennessee River Museum in downtown Savannah and then you are encouraged to follow in Grant's footsteps taking the trip across the river to Shiloh National Military Park.

On-you-own-touring by car, hiking, or biking is an area favorite for visitors to the pristine park. There will be Battlefield Hikes presented during the anniversary week on April 6,7,8 led by rangers at Shiloh National Park.

Tickets for The Generals Breakfast will be available at the Tennessee River Museum in downtown Savannah or on-line under events at www.tourhardincounty.org

For more information on the Battle of Shiloh visit <http://www.tourhardincounty.org> or www.nps.gov/shil

The historic events don't stop there! Just northbound of Shiloh and Savannah in the river town of Saltillo, Tennessee on April 9-10 will be the Tennessee River Primitive Art and Weaponry/History Festival. This fun-filled 2-day event is packed full of re-enactors of Native American, Mountain Men, French and Indian War, Revolutionary War and Civil War periods.

Hosted by the City of Saltillo at the community center and park in downtown Saltillo there will be food and art vendors, music, and re-enactor campsites for attendees to enjoy. Times are Friday, April 9 from 8am to 6pm and Saturday, April 10 from 8am until the fun ends!

Event organizer Mike Fields said "We will have many demonstrations throughout the weekend!! Cannon firings, flint lock musket firings, ancestral drums, stories, wood carvings...not to mention the food!!! Plus many, many vendors and craftsman that will be on site. Make plans to come out and enjoy!!"

For more information on Hardin County events and the Battle of Shiloh visit <http://www.tourhardincounty.org> or www.nps.gov/shil

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