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BEING SAFE – Election Commissioner Fred Libby shows some of the security aspects of a provisional ballot box.



FOLLOWING PROCEDURE - Administrator of Elections Jeff Beasley explains the security facets of the voting machines.



TIME FOR TESTING - Voting machines wait to be tested at the Benton County Election Commission on Monday, Jan. 29.

THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE READERS' CHOICE Ballots are in this paper

By Angela Jones

It is time to fill out those ballots for *The Camden Chronicle's* annual Readers' Choice Awards. In this Feb. 8 edition of the paper, and again in the Feb. 22 edition, readers will have the opportunity to vote on who they believe are the best of the best in Benton County!

The Readers' Choice Awards are always a great opportunity to celebrate the retailers, service providers, and public servants who make our community such a great place to live. If you want to give a shout out to your favorite beautician, bank teller, teacher, or restaurant, take the time to

complete a Readers' Choice ballot and send it in to *The Chronicle* office.

The Camden Chronicle is happy to prepare our 2024 Readers' Choice Awards. For more than 15 years, readers have voted on their local favorites in an effort to show appreciation and support for outstanding service, great prices, or consistently good food. We are always pleased to highlight wonderful people and businesses in our community.

Each year, categories are modified to keep the ballot a true reflection of Benton County. With just about every possible category

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Election Commission prepares for presidential primary

By Candy Eaton

The voting machines at the Benton County Election Commission were tested on Monday, Jan. 29,

by an independent vendor with bipartisan witnesses in attendance. The election commission ran a set of sample ballots through the machines, then verified

the count to ensure the machines are operating properly and accurately.

Following the testing, the voting machines were locked and secured un-

til early voting begins on Wednesday, Feb. 14. During early voting, the machines will be locked

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Jason Autry



Zach Adams

Holly Bobo killer files new appeal

Zach Adams. Jason Autry. These names became all too familiar to West Tennessee residents in 2017, when Adams and Autry were tried for the 2011 murder of Decatur County resident Holly Bobo. Now Adams and Autry are back in the news, again relating to the case that so many thought was closed for good.

In 2017, Adams was convicted of Bobo's kidnapping, rape, and murder. As there was no physical evidence or DNA linking Adams to the crime, his conviction resulted largely from the testimony of Autry. This testimony came in exchange for a plea deal for Autry, a co-defendant in

the Bobo murder trial.

Autry walked away with a sentence of only eight years, while Adams was sentenced to life in prison plus 50 years. Autry later was released for time served in September of 2020. Counting his pre-trial detention, Autry had earned enough jail credits to get out.

Despite what seemed like an early release, Autry did not remain free for long. He was arrested again in Benton County on Dec. 3, 2020, on charges of public intoxication, possession of meth, unlawful possession of a firearm, and evading arrest. Autry remains in jail at this time, with federal prosecutors seeking

a sentence of life in prison for Autry being an armed career criminal.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, an appeal was filed for Adams in a Hardin County court alleging that his trial counsel was ineffective and made multiple mistakes. It further alleges that Autry fully recanted his testimony and is now saying that it was concocted - he made it all up.

Was Autry lying then, or is he lying now? The answer could decide if Adams goes free, gets a new trial, or stays in jail.

"It's a very big deal, but not common because most lawyers can't find new evidence in a case of this magnitude," said legal expert

David Raybin, of Nashville. "That is extremely rare when a witness says they recant their testimony, and say, 'I lied about everything.'"

There now will be a hearing on this petition with witnesses called. A judge will decide whether Adams gets a new trial. The case that was closed may be reopened.

Despite Autry's recanting of his trial testimony, Adams should not be optimistic. Raybin said in general judges tend to view such recanted testimony with great skepticism. Whatever is decided likely will be appealed to a higher court for review.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER – From left, CES Principal Kristie Wilson congratulates CES preschool teacher Angie Justice on winning a scholarship from Sonic to attend Ron Clark Academy.

CES teacher chosen for Ron Clark Academy

Angie Justice, a teacher at Camden Elementary School (CES), has been awarded the opportunity to attend Ron Clark Academy (RCA). RCA is an immersive, two-day training on how to better engage with students, build relationships, and create a positive classroom culture.

Across the U.S., 125 teachers were awarded this scholarship from the Sonic Foundation. Justice will be representing the local Camden Sonic Drive-In franchise, owned by D&B Properties.

"I am so excited about being selected by our local Sonic for the Top Notch Teachers scholarship to attend Ron Clark Academy!" said Justice, who has been an inclusion preschool teacher at CES for

six years.

RCA is a highly acclaimed, nonprofit middle school located in Southeast Atlanta. It is a demonstration school – a place where visiting educators engage in a vibrant professional development experience by observing best practices in action before participating in hands-on workshops. In the past 16 years, RCA has trained more than 100,000 educators from all over the world.

"My top priority from day one of every school year is to build a relationship with each student. I want them to feel safe, valued, and loved," shared Justice. "I never want to stop learning new ways to connect with my students"

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BCSO deputy earns promotion

By Candy Eaton

Last week, Benton County Sheriff Kenny Christopher announced the promotion of Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Deputy Juan Rios to the rank of sergeant.

According to Christopher, Rios is a police academy trained officer who has been with the BCSO for over three years. Rios gained his promotion by completing a recent State of Tennessee testing process, for which Christopher stated Rios displayed excellent knowledge and ability.



BCSO BRASS – From left, Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) personnel Sheriff Kenny Christopher, BCSO Chief Deputy Jason Lowery, newly promoted Sergeant Juan Rios, and Administrative Sergeant Dan Clark celebrate Rios' promotion.

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SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Rogers invites Camden to get RWDY

By Candy Eaton

RWDY Streetwear is a clothing store in Camden and online. Owner and designer Mark Rogers says his RWDY brand is Southern streetwear influenced by late nights, sitting on the front porch in the evenings, back roads and city streets, good times and bad times, just like life.

“My clothing is for the people working full time to provide, the ones hustling in the streets, the ones grinding to make themselves better,” Rogers said. His motto is, “Life is short so make it count and stay RWDY.”

In the RWDY collection you will find T-shirts with sentiments like “make it count” or “it’s a Tennessee thang.” The store offers knit caps and flat bill caps, license plates, koozies, and long sleeved hoodies. Rogers said the brand is developed by bits from many cultures and lifestyles from tattoos, music, art, and fashion.

A lifelong Benton County resident, Rogers has a degree in business management and worked most of his life at a factory in New Johnsonville. He is now on a quest to develop his entrepreneurial ideas with this apparel



STAY RWDY - Mark Rogers shows off his RWDY brand.

brand. He is also exploring some online videos related to exotic coffees called, “What you sippin?”

Another endeavor in the works for Rogers is a partnership with Jay Schlueter, owner of the “Faded” barber shop in Bruceton.

These two friends plan to open a shop in Camden that offers a place to get a haircut and cut the stress out of a person’s day with a comfortable atmosphere of open, honest conversation with the RWDY boys. To see Rogers’ designs

in person, visit RWDY Streetwear at 211A Hwy. 641 North in Camden. The business is open Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.stayrwdy.com or call 731-441-0850.



GUEST SPEAKER – From left, BCVP Director Chris Stone welcomes Chamber of Commerce Director Lorie Matlock as the BCVP speaker last Wednesday.

Chamber director speaks at BCVP meeting

By Candy Eaton

At their meetings each month, the Benton County Volunteer Program (BCVP) welcomes a guest speaker. For the meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 31, the guest speaker was Benton County - Camden Chamber of Commerce Director Lorie Matlock.

The group appeared intrigued by the information that Matlock presented. She talked about her recent visit to Ford Motor Company’s Blue Oval City that is being built in Stanton, relaying the amazement she felt at the massive SK battery plant and the ongoing construction of Blue Oval City.

Matlock informed the group of plans for the Chamber to begin a program called “Lunch to Learn.” In this program guests will have an opportunity to share a meal and express their ideas for improving commerce and tourism in Benton County. The BCVP also learned about the Chamber’s suc-

cess in securing a \$95,000 grant for tourism and the formation of a tourism advisory board. The money also was used to hire of a consulting firm to help with Benton County’s branding as it relates to tourism.

Discussion turned to future industrial development in Benton County. Matlock gave a brief description of the current efforts being made to recruit new industry to the area. She commended the volunteers of BCVP for their contributions to the quality of life in Benton County, saying that the quality of the community is an essential part of securing future projects.

Located at 122 W. Walnut St. in Camden, the BCVP has many volunteer activities open for new volunteers. For more information, contact BCVP Director Chris Stone at 731-584-6060. For more information about the Benton County - Camden Chamber of Commerce, contact the Chamber office at 731-584-8395.



Join in to share the love

By Angela Jones

During this cold time of year, when many seniors or shut-ins are unable to go out often due to the weather, it is easy for those stuck at home or indoors to begin to feel isolated or lonely. A local home health agency has started a program to help radiate love and kindness to those feeling alone during the winter.

Absolute Home Care Plus, located in Camden, has started a program called “Letters of Love.” This program is an initiative designed to bring comfort and companionship to seniors or shut-ins during these colder months of the year.

The program aims to collect letters, cards, poems, scriptures, or notes of cheer from community members and deliver them to seniors in our area, spreading warmth and connection. The letters and cards will be delivered to seniors or shut-in by the agency or its volunteers.

Letters of Love will go on throughout February and March, as a mission to brighten the days of those who need some extra cheer. Absolute Home Care Plus invites everyone to take part in this heartwarming community initiative.

To participate, simply send a letter, note, or greeting card with your favorite scripture, quick recipe,

poem, or a note of cheer. Mail your letter or card to Absolute Home Care Plus, 241 Hwy. 641 N. Unit A, Camden, TN 38320.

If you would rather, simply drop off your letters or cards to the Absolute Home Care Plus office or call the office at 731-213-2733 to arrange for pick up or drop off. All you have to do is get your card or letter to

Absolute Home Care Plus, and they will do the rest.

Do you want to receive a letter, or request that someone else receive a Letter of Love? Contact the Absolute Home Care Plus office at 731-213-2733 or email infotn@absolutehcp.com (attention: Letters of Love) to add your name or your loved one’s name to the list. Join in to share the love!

BCSO From IA

“We are proud to have Sergeant Rios with the department,” Christopher added. “We appreciate his dedication and hard work and are looking forward to have him with the BCSO for a long time.”



Deadline Reminder
Deadline for The Camden Chronicle is Monday at Noon Thank You!



Donate from the heart

LifeLine Blood Services will have several mobile blood drives near Benton County this month, with one scheduled to take place at Camden Walmart on Monday, Feb. 19, from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

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

For more information about LifeLine Blood Services, call 731-427-4431.

February blood drives in or near Benton County include:

- Feb. 9 12:30-5:30 p.m.**
Camden Church of Christ
- Feb. 16, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Paris TCAT
- Feb. 19, 12:30-5:30 p.m.**
Camden Walmart
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Shiloh United Methodist Church

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 Fri, Mon. -Thur. - 7:30
 Sat. & Sun. - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

THE CHOSEN S4E1-3 (PG-13)
 Fri, Mon. -Thur. - 7:00
 Sat. & Sun. - 1:30, 7:00

ARGYLLE (PG-13)
 Fri, Mon. -Thur. - 7:25
 Sat. & Sun. - 1:25, 4:25, 7:25

THE BEEKEEPER (R)
 Fri, Mon. -Thur. - 7:35
 Sat. & Sun. - 1:35, 4:35, 7:35

MIGRATION (PG)
 Fri, Mon. -Thur. - 7:30
 Sat. & Sun. - 1:30, 4:30 (3D), 7:30

EDITORIAL



Poet's Corner

Dreamland

Once upon a time in a world far from our own, in a place called Dreamland, where dreams are often sown.

She came into this world with a song on her lips, a strange little girl who laughed and danced and skipped.

In all the best ways, she was different and odd. Unknown to most, maybe she was a gift from God.

She never grew up, though the years passed by. Her hair turned gray, yet

her spirit was spry.

She had suffered many things, both good and very bad. She still found joy in the simple things she had.

Her back is a bit crooked, but she may skip on the path. If you listen to the wind, you'll hear the little girl laugh.

Once upon a time in a world far from our own, in a place called Dreamland, this woman child roamed.

By Sherrie C-Jahn
Camden

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

CES

From IA

and their families in order to build these important relationships. Winning this scholarship to attend RCA will allow me to learn new strategies to connect with students and to make learning fun."

For more information about CES or about Justice's RCA scholarship, contact CES Principal Kristie Wilson at 731-584-4918 or kristie.wilson@bcos.org.

READERS'

From IA

covered, use the ballot to tell where you think are the best places to shop, eat, or obtain great service.

So, look for the ballot in the paper this week, get

out your pen, mark up your ballot, and return it to *The Chronicle* office. We can't wait to see what our readers choose as this year's favorites!

Who does Google say you are?



Candy's Column

Candy Eaton

Just to check the quality of my research for articles I googled myself. Boy, oh boy! Did I get surprised!

When I just entered my first and last name, I was led to a site for a "drum goddess" from Southern California, a baker from New Hampshire, and a real

estate agent from Miami Beach, Fla., who seems to be quite successful.

Trying to be a little more specific I entered my name and the city I live in. Well, Google them came up with the right me. It showed me my address, my telephone number, how much my house is appraised for, and when it was built.

My search showed me all of my husband's relatives but none of mine. I guess that was because my relatives have a different last name than mine.

I entered my maiden name and there were all the places I ever lived in with addresses, all the phone numbers I have ever had, and I believe the name of every person I ever waved at while driving down the road.

My point in this article is that all our information is accessible and out there but may not be current or entirely accurate depending on what site you land on.

Just like other things in life, take a second to look more in depth. Look at

what you are researching before you buy something or contact someone.

I have no idea how to protect your information online. I am afraid that the world we live in has us all in the "cloud." It appears that as soon as a child is born, somewhere, somehow, a computer information file about that child is uploaded.

So, don't believe everything you see on the internet. I have not taken up playing the drums, yet!

To take care of your heart, manage your diabetes

From Heather D. Smith
UT-TSU Extension

If you have diabetes, take care of your heart. And since you have a heart, take care of your diabetes.

Having diabetes means you are more likely to have a heart attack or a stroke. But, it doesn't have to, if you manage your diabetes. You can live a long and healthy life by managing your blood glucose (sugar) level, blood pressure, and cholesterol.

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

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

these questions:

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

If you learn that you have issues with blood glucose, blood pressure, or cholesterol numbers being out of the healthy range, take action now! You can live longer for your family, improve your health, and reduce your risk of heart disease or stroke. Here are some general tips on ways to move these important numbers into the healthy range:

- Eat the right amounts of foods like fruits, vegetables, beans, and whole grains.
- Eat foods that are prepared with less salt, fat, and preservatives.



- Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day.
- Work toward a healthy weight by being active and eating the right amounts of healthy foods.
- Stop smoking, dipping, or vaping. Seek help to stop if you need it.
- Take medicines the way your doctor tells you to take them. Ask your doctor about taking a low dose of aspirin for your heart health.
- Ask your family and friends to help you take care of your heart and your

diabetes. If you want to live a long, healthy life, you must take care of your health starting today! Remember that you can take care of your heart by taking care of your blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol. For additional help and programs specifically about healthy choices including managing your diabetes, contact the Benton County Extension Office or visit fcs.tennessee.edu. For more information, call Extension Director Heather D. Smith at 731-584-4601.

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Being alone doesn't have to mean lonely

Counseling Corner

American Counseling Association

Valentine's Day is a time of year when greeting card companies, florists, candy manufacturers, and other retailers want to convince us that we all have to be in loving, romantic relationships. But if you happen to be on your own these days, whether by choice or circumstance, it can sometimes leave you feeling a bit blue if that's not your situation.

The first part of the cure for the "nobody loves me" blues is to recognize that the images and propagan-

da that put out by those advertisers aren't real. The advertising business is founded on, and long experienced at, manipulating our feelings. While advertisers generally aren't trying to make you feel sad, that just may be the result that comes from all the hype and images they promote around Valentine's Day.

The second part of feeling better is to accept that you really aren't alone. You have friends, work associates, and family. While none of them might be a romantic relationship, they still are people who like you, who care about you, and who are willing to spend time with you.

You can also feel more positive about not being

in a relationship by simply learning to appreciate "you." Take a look at yourself in the mirror each morning and take the time to tell yourself at least one thing you like about yourself. Even better, make it several things.

Think about ways you can enjoy your own company. Maybe now is a good time to take up a new hobby or take on an educational program. Look for things that will make you feel good about yourself. Catch up on some of those things that you've been meaning to do but just never get around to.

The point is to focus on positive things, not sit around sulking because you're alone. Being alone is simply a situation you

are in that you can take action to change. Perhaps you want to volunteer with a local organization, or maybe just call up a friend and go share a movie together.

Feeling lonely is different - it's a state of mind and something you can control. If being alone is making you feel seriously unhappy to the point of affecting your daily life, consider talking to a counselor who can help you move your life in a more positive direction, to find a relationship with yourself that will grow to treasure.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Send comments and questions to ACAcomer@counseling.org or visit www.counseling.org.

ELECTION

From IA

again each day after voting hours end. This process will continue through the end of the early voting period, which is Wednesday, Feb. 28. Finally, all of the voting machines will be unlocked for use at the various voting locations in Benton County on Super Tuesday, March 5, until the polls close and the voting machines all are returned to the Benton County Election Commission on that night.

Ballot information was programmed by technician Greg Newman from HARP and software. He was observed by election commissioners, Administrator of Elections Jeff Beasley, and election

commission office staff. The five Benton County election commissioners, three Republicans and two Democrats, are private citizens appointed by the State of Tennessee Election Commission. Sealing and unsealing the voting machines requires bipartisan observation and participation.

The Super Tuesday ballot includes the presidential preference option of different Republican candidates, a preference vote on a Republican candidate for property assessor, and a preference vote for school board members. The Democratic party in Benton County only submitted the name of its presidential candidate for this ballot.

Political party primaries are being held all over the country this year leading up to the presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 5. A primary is not guided by constitutional law, but it is set down as a political party regulation and differs from party to party and

state to state. In Tennessee, political primaries are administered by the state election commission.

The results of the presidential preference primaries serve as a guide for the uncommitted delegates who will attend the parties' national conventions. The Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis., will be held July 15-18. The Democratic National Convention will be held Aug. 19-22, in Chicago, Ill.

Tennessee has been ranked first in the nation by the Heritage Foundation for voter integrity. The study was conducted by the foundation without the knowledge of the State of Tennessee Election Commission, resulting in a true end point.

How does Tennessee protect its elections? Election laws passed by the general assembly and administered by the 95 county election commissions provide that voting machines used in Tennessee may not be con-

nected to the internet, voting machines are publicly tested before every election with bipartisan witnesses, and ineligible voters are removed from the voter rolls through mandated list maintenance procedures.

The laws provide that Tennesseans must provide valid government-issued photo identification to vote. Some other protections include absentee by-mail ballots are not counted until election day, and bipartisan poll officials help tabulate election results at the polling locations.

Voters must register at least 30 days prior to participating in any public election. To cast a vote in the Super Tuesday primary, the last day to register to vote was Monday, Feb. 5.

For more information about early voting or the Super Tuesday primary, contact the Benton County Election Commission Office at 731-584-6144 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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LOCAL

UTM students to work at Super Bowl

For the last 10 years, the University of Tennessee at Martin has been represented at the Super Bowl, the championship game of the National Football League, and that tradition will continue with the game on Feb. 11 in Las Vegas.

There will be 14 sports business students working in several areas at Super Bowl LVIII next week, including hospitality, getting players where they need to be for autographs, and other duties found in the professional sports management field.

Students were selected by Dr. Dexter Davis, associate professor of sports management, who coordinates the Super Bowl opportunity for UTM students. This is Davis' 19th year to bring students to the Super Bowl, dating from his experience teaching at other colleges.

"We make it like a job interview, so they get some practice with that," Davis said. "They provide a resume and research the organizations that we're working with so they can write a meaningful cover letter. Along with the interview, we consider GPA, prior experience, and so on. Those who place among the top scores are selected to go."

The students working at the Super Bowl will have a variety of tasks to handle. "We work a shift at the



UTM SUPER BOWL TEAM – Dr. Dexter Davis (center) and the 14 UTM students who will work at this year's Super Bowl in Las Vegas on Sunday, Feb. 11. The students hail from Atoka, Brentwood, Clarksville, Dickson, Gates, Hendersonville, Martin, McKenzie, Memphis, South Fulton, Waynesboro, Illinois, and Indiana.

NFL's Super Bowl Experience, which is a fan fest," Davis said. "That's more of a customer service role. On game day, we work with the NFL's hospitality arm, On Location Experiences. We also work with talent movement, moving players and Hall of Famers to do autograph sessions from one spot to another."

This year, some of the UTM students will be working with On Location Elite, a very high end hospitality activity. "Some of their patrons paid in excess of \$50,000 for the weekend, so they get extra-special service, and we're going to provide that

extra-special service," Davis said.

The sports management experience the students get by working the Super Bowl is extensive, helping them learn much of the behind-the-scenes work in athletics. Davis said there will be more than 800 students coming to work at the Super Bowl this year, representing about 45 colleges and universities.

"When I started doing this, there were only four institutions doing this," he said. "One of the things that I'm personally involved in is working on the planning committee that has put to-

gether a networking event for students working the Super Bowl. There will be about 40 sport industry professionals who will be present at the event for students to come up and talk with them. It's an opportunity for students to meet professionals doing the jobs they want to do."

The Super Bowl has presented opportunities to UTM students for more than a decade, but it is not the chance to bring home championship rings. It is an opportunity to gain experience in sports marketing and develop a career in the field to last for many, many seasons.

Camden Rotary Club News



LIFELINE PEER PROJECT

At the Jan. 25 meeting of the Rotary Club, Nikki Green and Chris Smith spoke about the Tennessee Hybrid Lifeline Peer Project, a program that provides help for those with addiction and mental health problems in Benton, Houston, and Stewart Counties.



MARK TWAIN PROGRAM

At the Thursday, Jan. 11, meeting of the Camden Rotary Club, Robert "Gus" Radford presented his Mark Twain program for members. As always, he did an outstanding job impersonating Mark Twain and everyone really enjoyed his presentation.



Horse management field days are set for February

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) is planning regional in-person field days focused on horse management. Presentations and hands-on educational materials will be of interest for equine owners of all experience levels.

Presentations will be provided by faculty, staff, and students from UT Extension, the UT Department of Animal Science, and the UT College of Veterinary Medicine. Topics this year will focus on nutrition, first aid, reproduction, equine skeletons, and blanketing. Trending topics in the equine industry also will be discussed, along with a question and answer session.

Each event will include dinner and is open to the public. All ages are welcome to attend. Dates and locations of the field days include:

- Western Region: Monday, Feb. 12, 5-9 p.m. at the First Farmer's Cooperative, located at 16219 Hwy. 22 in Lexington.
- Central Region: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5-9 p.m. at the

Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center, located at 1000 Main Entrance Dr. in Spring Hill.

Registration is \$10. Attendees may register online at uthorse.tennessee.edu/horse-management-field-day or may register at the door at the time of the event. Contact Sawyer Main at smain@tennessee.edu or 865-974-7294 with questions or for group pricing information.

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Teacher Spotlight

Who's new at... Camden Central High

Tamela Allen-Hollowell

Assigned School: Camden Central High School
English

Hometown: Camden
Tamela received her B.A. from Murray State University.

Her family includes her husband Marty, granddaughter Ava, and grandson Arlie. When not teaching, Tamela enjoys reading, boating, cooking and spending time with family and friends.



Victoria Subia

Assigned School: Camden Central High
Spanish

Hometown: Jackson
Victoria graduated the University of Tennessee at Martin with a degree in Spanish. Her family includes her mom Jackie, her dad Octavio, and sister Adriana and Monica. When not teaching she enjoys spending all day on the boat with her friends. Victoria also has a labradoodle named Winnie.

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OBITUARIES

Announcements

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

Commodity Distribution

The NWTNEDC USDA Commodity Distribution dates are as follows: Thursday, Feb. 15, at 560 Benton Industrial Road in Camden and Friday, Feb. 16, at Big Sandy City Hall in Big Sandy. For information call the Benton County Service Center at 731-584-7355.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS Church Library

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

Senior Center

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

UMW Thrift Shop

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

Genealogical Society

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

County's growth. Celebrate Recovery

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

NA Meeting

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

AA Meetings

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

Al-Anon Meeting

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

Cemetery Upkeep

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

Special Needs Adult Program

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

Family Support Program

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

American Legion

American Legion Post 228, Big Sandy, has Karaoke every Saturday night from 8-12 p.m. and a DJ every Wednesday night from 5-9 p.m.

Veteran's Meeting

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

Veteran's Meeting

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

Support Group

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

Recycling Program

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

Nutrition Program

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

Corrie Ten Boom



Sunrise

David Coy

A remarkable biography needs retelling and we all who value truth, and treating others the same way we ourselves desire to be treated need to be reminded. It is said that if we do not learn from history we are doomed to repeat it. I believe evidence in our culture around the world is showing we are reliving a facsimile of history that too many did not learn. During the years from about 1940 until 1944 Corrie Ten Boom, her sister and Father preserved and rescued some 800 precious souls from the evil Nazi ideology until a traitor informed on them and they were sent to a concentration camp. Sadly, Corrie's father and sister did not survive the concentration camp. Corrie however did and when the war ended she set up a rehabilitation clinic for Holocaust survivors. Let no one say that the Holocaust

did not happen for they are deceived or are deceiving.

Tragedy comes in many forms sometimes it is humanity's inhumanity illegally, unjustly, and immorally with the corrupt protecting evil. The rest of us may get the idea that nothing good can or will come from the evil that is in control. John Stuart Mill said in 1867, "Let not any one pacify his conscience by delusion that he can do no harm if he takes not part, and forms no opinion. Bad men need nothing more to compass their ends, than that good men should look on and do nothing. He is not a good man who, without a protest, allows wrong to be committed in his name, and with the means which he helps to supply, because he will not trouble himself to use his mind on the subject." Thank Jehovah for people like Corrie Ten Boom who against evil sought that good might come. Eze. 33:7ff; 18:20; Prov. 24:11-12; Jas. 4:17. Here to serve you if we may. ~David, Shackelford's Sunrise Aftercare 731-879-6284.



Mildred C. Holland 1934-2024

Mildred Clemantine Holland, 89, of Big Sandy, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Aultman Compassionate Care Center in Canton, Ohio. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Stockdale-Malin Funeral Home of Big Sandy with Andrew Wilhite officiating. Burial followed at the Lowery Cemetery.

Mrs. Holland was born Feb. 27, 1934, in Big Sandy, to the late Raymond P. Merrell and Bertha A. Berry Merrell. She was a member of the New Hope Community Church in Big Sandy. She loved flowers, cooking, cake decorating and gardening. She also loved to sing and sang with family members in church and in local nursing homes.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by first husband, Ray Sterling, second husband, James W. Holland, a son, Donald R. Sterling, four brothers, Howard, Wayne, Ray, and Charles "Buddy" Merrell, two sisters, Mae Pierpoint, and Elsie Lowery, and a grandson, Donald L. Sterling.

She is survived by a son, Kenneth (Cynthia) Sterling, of Rockwall, Texas; a daughter, Teresa Nelson, of Canton, Ohio; a sister, Clara Wade, of Big Sandy; four grandchildren, Patrick Nelson, Lt. Col. Kenneth R. (Christyn) Sterling, Angela Combs, and Miranda (Alex) Rains, and eight great-grandchildren.

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Hospice Volunteers

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

Foster Parents

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

Meeting

The Big Sandy God Girls meet every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big Sandy Christian Community Outreach Center (CCOC), 30 Front St., Big Sandy. Any girl from grades 2-12 is welcome to

come enjoy cooking, baking, dancing, sewing, car washes, bake sales, and more. For more info., call 731-333-6710.

Drug Disposal

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

Veterans Honor Guard

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

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

GOLDEN PAST

Earl Thompson, and his grandson, Bobby Hollingsworth, around 1959-60. Mr. Thompson owned Earl's Sporting Goods, which was located on West Main Street in Camden, about where IperionX is now, in 2024. Notice the Earl's sign in the background. Bobby and his granddaddy are on a Cushman scooter, which was sold at the store. Original picture belongs to Bobby Hollingsworth.

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Instant Pot BBQ Chicken Tacos

Ingredients

3 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breasts
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. onion powder
2 tsp. kosher salt
Black pepper, to taste
2 c. low-sodium chicken broth
1/2 c. mayonnaise
2 limes, juiced
12 sprigs fresh cilantro, leaves chopped, plus more for topping
4 green onions, thinly sliced (dark green parts separated)
1 1/2 c. broccoli slaw mix
1 1/2 c. shredded red cabbage
12 6-inch corn tortillas
2 c. barbecue sauce

Directions

Season the chicken with the garlic powder, onion powder, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper. Place the trivet insert in an Instant Pot. Place the chicken on the trivet and add the broth.

Lock the lid on the Instant Pot, making sure the



steam valve is in the sealing position. Set to pressure-cook on high for 12 minutes. When the time is up, carefully turn the valve to the venting position to release the pressure.

Meanwhile, in a small food processor or blender, puree the mayonnaise, lime juice, cilantro, white and light green, green onion parts, remaining 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper.

Transfer the cilantro

dressing to a medium bowl. Add the broccoli slaw, red cabbage and dark green scallion parts. Toss to coat.

Wrap the tortillas in a damp paper towel and microwave for 15 seconds to warm through. Transfer the chicken to a medium bowl, discarding the liquid. Shred using 2 forks. Add the barbecue sauce and stir to combine. Divide the chicken among the tortillas and top with the slaw and more fresh cilantro.

Gingersnaps

from Trudy Heywood

Ingredients

3/4 cup butter flavored shortening
2 cups sifted all purpose flour
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 teaspoon salt

1 egg
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 cup molasses
1 teaspoon each ginger, cinnamon, and cloves

Directions

Combine shortening, sugar, and egg in mixing bowl; beat until fluffy. Add molasses and beat well.

Stir dry ingredients to-



gether and add; mix well. Chill dough thoroughly. Shape into 1 inch balls and roll in granulated sug-

ar. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350* for 12 minutes. Makes 4 dozen

Loaded Smashed Potatoes

Ingredients

2 pounds baby yellow potatoes
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 tablespoons olive oil
3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
4 slices bacon, diced
1/2 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Lightly oil a baking sheet or coat with nonstick spray.

Place potatoes in a Dutch oven and cover with cold salted water by 1 inch. Bring to a boil and simmer until just tender, about 15 minutes; drain well and let cool slightly.

Place potatoes onto the prepared baking sheet. Using a flat dry measuring cup or glass, carefully smash



the potatoes until flattened but still in one piece. Brush with olive oil; season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place into oven and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown and crisp. Sprinkle the tops of each potato with cheese; place into oven and bake until cheese has melted, an addi-

tional 2-3 minutes.

Heat a large cast iron skillet over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook until brown and crispy, about 6-8 minutes. Drain excess fat; transfer bacon to a paper towel-lined plate.

Top each potato with sour cream, bacon and chives. Serve immediately.

Pistachio Butter Board

Ingredients

2 cups Wonderful Pistachios In-Shell No Salt pistachios, shelled (about 1 cup of pistachio kernels)
1/2 cup raw cashews
1 large or 2 small garlic cloves, peeled
1/2 lemon, zested
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup tahini
1/4 cup Italian parsley leaves
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon nutritional yeast
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 teaspoon sea salt
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 cup Wonderful Pistachios No Shells Lightly Salted, chopped, for garnish

Directions

Place the No Salt pistachios and cashews in a food-safe container and cover with cold water by



2 inches. Put the lid on the container and move it to the refrigerator to soak for a minimum of 12 hours (maximum of 36 hours). Drain nuts and discard the soaking water.

Whir the garlic clove in the food processor until minced. Add the soaked

and drained nuts, lemon zest and juice, tahini, parsley, water, nutritional yeast, olive oil, salt, and onion powder. Process until creamy and smooth, scraping down sides.

Sprinkle with chopped pistachios.

Old-Fashioned Pancakes

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon white sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
1 1/4 cups milk
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 egg

Directions

Sift flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt together in a large bowl. Make a well in the center and add milk, melted butter, and egg; mix until smooth.

Heat a lightly oiled griddle or pan over medium-high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake; cook until bubbles form and the edges are dry, about 2 to 3 minutes. Flip



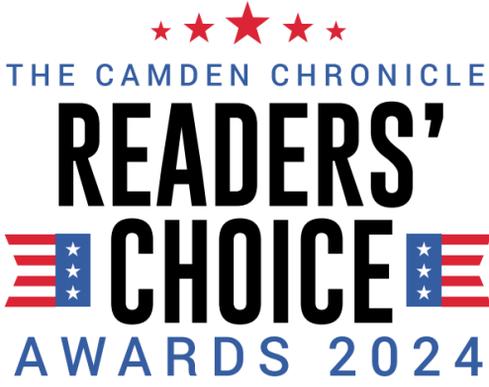
and cook until browned on the other side. Repeat with remaining batter.



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 5. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to these rules.

COMMUNITY

Cupid to deliver books to CES

Mother Goose books will return to Camden Elementary School (CES) next week when Cupid stops by to make deliveries in honor of Valentine's Day. According to CES Librarian Barbara Winters, Cupid is so booked up this year that he will have to visit CES on Thursday, Feb. 15.

When Cupid makes his appearance on Thursday, he will deliver books purchased in honor or in memory of special individuals. These books also make great thank you gifts for teachers for Valentine's Day.

Sponsored by the CES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), this program is a wonderful way to build up the catalog of books in the CES library. The books

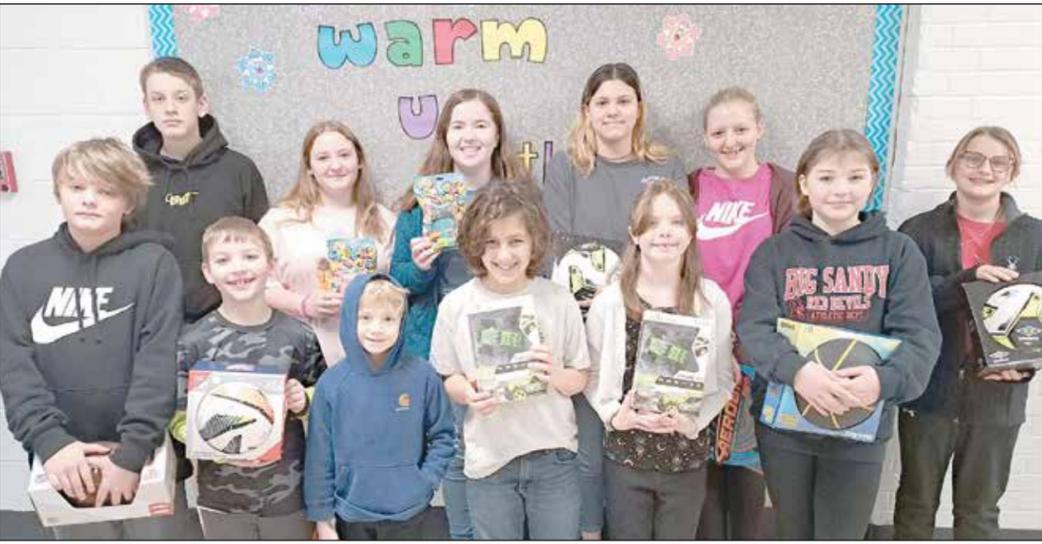
ultimately become a part of the school library and are a treasured memory for many children.

No child forgets receiving or giving a book to the library in honor of someone special. During their years at CES, kids return to their favorite books again and again before moving on to other titles as their reading skills develop.

Books cost from \$7-15 and must be purchased from the CES library by the end of school on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in order to place a bookplate with the honoree's name and/or picture in the book. To purchase an in honor or in memory title for the CES library, please contact Winters at Barbara.Winters@bcos.org or by calling 731-584-0556.



MOTHER GOOSE BOOKS – In December, Santa stopped by CES to deliver books to (from left) Willow Patterson, Dakota Curtis, Coi Gilley, Lucas Henry, Carlee Collins, Kinley Collins, Camilla Wallace, MaKray Blackburn, Molly Blackburn, Presley Christensen, Peyton Minnick, Baker Jones, Fletcher Parker, Greenlee Gogel, Naomi Darnell, Lo Jones, Ava Horton, Dawsyn Miller, and Callie Crawford.



BIG SANDY CELEBRATES PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Last week, Big Sandy School celebrated 12 students who have completed the first semester of the 2023-24 school year, a full 18 weeks, with perfect attendance. Front row, from left: Ben Beal, Austin Troutt, Calvin Conner, Maurizio Orio, Sophia Wheeler, and Anna Troutt. Back row, from left: Carter Beal, Charlie Ralls, Rachel Graham, Braelynn Russell, Abby Baldwin, and Alora Raus. Congratulations to these motivated students for their dedication to school!



CES APPRECIATION DAY – CES lunchroom workers were celebrated in January with a special Utrust Appreciation Day. Back row, from left: School Board Member Marko Winters, Tracy Coody, Liz Mendoza, CES Lunchroom Manager Amber Arnold, Vicky Chandler, Holly LaRose, Steven LaRose, and (not shown) Hazel Martin. Front row, from left: Calynn Mitchell, Evvy Arnold, Lo Jones, Trace Clayton, Asher Baker, Presley Christensen, Brant Woods, Hagan Deckard, Caleb Leonard, Paige Leslie, Trace Busby, Joseph Byrd, CES Librarian Barbara Winters, and (not shown) Harmon Prince.

CES celebrates lunchroom workers

In January, the students at Camden Elementary School (CES) held a Utrust Appreciation Day for all of the CES lunchroom workers. Considering how cold it was, the winter wonderland theme of the day seemed very appropriate.

Students members of the A-Team (appreciation team) made life-sized snowmen to represent each lunchroom worker and brought the workers goody bags filled with special

treats. All the students and classes made snowflakes or posters to decorate the CES lunchroom according to the winter wonderland theme.

Lunchroom workers were treated to a special "thank you" luncheon featuring chilly day chili and snowmen themed sweets. On this special day, CES students and teachers alike were excited to tell the lunchroom staff how much they are appreciated every single school day!

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TUFF cost share funds available

The second round of funding of the Tennessee Urban Farm and Forestry (TUFF) cost share program is available to businesses in Tennessee's disadvantaged urban communities that aim to provide education about healthy food or increase agricultural production and forest products.

Applications for the second of three funding rounds will be accepted online from Feb. 1 until Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. TUFF program funds are available through a competitive application process. Each application will be evaluated to determine if the project aligns with priorities of the program and funding availability.

"The first round of TUFF funding is already making a difference for urban indoor farms, agricultural youth education and nutrition, and wood products production," said Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Charlie Hatcher. "We are eager to begin work on the second round of support for food, forestry, and nonprofit agricultural

groups."

Urban farm and forestry businesses that are planning new projects or improvements to their operations may apply for reimbursement for up to 50 percent of the expenses with a maximum award of \$250,000 in TUFF cost share dollars.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Business Development Division hosted a webinar with an overview of the TUFF program on Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. The session was recorded and placed on the TUFF webpage.

TUFF is made possible by the State of Tennessee's American Rescue Plan funding through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and funds are subject to federal procurement and uniform guidance standards. TUFF cost share details can be found online at www.tn.gov/TUFF. Contact the Business Development Division at business.development@tn.gov with questions.

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CHS CELEBRATES BASKETBALL HOMECOMING

On Friday evening, Feb. 2, Camden Central High School celebrated its 2024 Basketball Homecoming festivities. Members of the CHS basketball teams and cheerleaders were presented to the crowd in the CHS gym. This year's CHS Basketball Homecoming Court includes (from left) Matthew Arnold with Freshmen Rep Jolee Fields, Ayden Melton with Sophomore Rep Abbi-Grace Wallace, Aiden Pierce with First Maid Kaitlyn Bell, Ridge Bruce with Homecoming Queen Faith Wallace, Jaylen Boggs with Second Maid Kalyn Jones, Nowah Porter with Junior Rep Emma Pierce, and Gage Johnson with Senior Rep Livia Comuzie.



Aiden Pierce



Ayden Melton



Ridge Bruce

Lions earn 1-seed for district tournament

By Adam Blackburn

Coming off one of their worst performances of the season at Hickman County, the Camden Lions returned home on Friday, Feb. 2 with a chance to lock up the 1-seed in the upcoming district tournament. They were able to accomplish that with a defeat of district foe Stewart County to remain unbeaten in district play.

At Hickman County on Jan. 30, the Lions trailed

the Bulldogs by a score of 15-11 after the first quarter. The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair, but from that point on, it was tough going for the Lions.

The Bulldogs continued to build a lead through the remainder of the game. Hickman County led 28-19 at halftime, 39-27 after the third, and extended the lead more in the fourth quarter to cruise to a 65-46 win.

Camden struggled with ball control with 19 turnovers, while Hickman

County only committed 7 turnovers. The Lions also struggled from the 3-point line shooting 1-13, while the Bulldogs connected on 9-22. Those two stats alone show the difference in the game between the top two teams in the region. Camden hopes to get another chance against the Bulldogs in the region tournament.

Ayden Melton led Camden in scoring with 18 points, while Isaac Moore added 8. Ridge Bruce

scored 7, Nowah Porter 5, Aiden Pierce 4, and Gage Johnson and Angelo Arnold added 2 points apiece.

In the critical district win over Stewart County on Feb. 2, Ayden Melton once again provided the offensive explosion to make sure the Lions closed out the visiting Rebels, winning 58-50.

The Lions led throughout, but the Rebels found a way to keep the game with-in striking distance. However, in a familiar theme

this season, when the team needed baskets in crunch time Melton stepped up with a stellar performance.

At the end of the third quarter, the Rebels were poised for a comeback, but Melton exploded with 13 points in route to a game-high 39 points. Moore contributed an important 12 points, while Pierce added 5 and Arnold hit 2 points.

With one week remaining in the regular season, the Lions look to tighten up important aspects of their

game to be sharp heading into postseason play. A deep postseason run definitely is something this team hopes to achieve.

Camden closed out the regular season with games at Waverly on Monday, Feb. 5, versus East Hickman on Tuesday, Feb. 6, and at Houston County on Friday, Feb. 9. Tuesday night was Senior Night, where CHS honored seniors Jaylen Boggs, Ridge Bruce, and Aiden Pierce.

Photos by Mandy Moore.



Abby-Grace Wallace and Emma Pierce



Carson Douglas



Faith Wallace

Lady Lions head into final week with losses

By Adam Blackburn

With the regular season winding down, the Camden Lady Lions hope to gain some momentum before the district tournament that begins Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Huntingdon High School. Last week the Lady Lions dropped a pair of games

with Hickman County and Stewart County but showed a lot of fight in both. Despite a string of recent losses, the team continues to play hard and will look for a breakthrough this week.

In the Jan. 30 game at Hickman County, the first half of play was a close, back and forth affair result-

ing in a score of 14-11 after the first quarter. Camden played hard in the second frame, taking their lead into the halftime locker room with a score of 21-19.

Freshman Carson Douglas was a standout for the Lady Lions in the first half, leading the team in scoring at the break with 8 points,

including 2-2 from the free throw line.

Defense was the story of the second half as neither team found much rhythm. The Lady Lions scored only 5 points in the third quarter, dropping their lead to Hickman County to be down by 4 points, 30-26, heading to the fourth

quarter. Camden's offensive woes continued in the fourth quarter, as the Lady Bulldogs kept pushing to extend their lead and grab a win, 39-32.

Abbi-Grace Wallace led Camden in scoring with 9 points, while Emma Pierce and Douglas finished with

Please see LADY, page 4B

PUBLIC NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, by Deed of Trust recorded on February 7, 2022, of record in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, in Record Book 371, page 235, Rejoice O. Morgan did convey in trust, to W. KENT JONES, Trustee, a tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of the indebtedness described in said Deed of Trust to CARROLL BANK & TRUST; and,

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that in the event of default in the payment of the debt secured by said Deed of Trust, when due, or in the event of failure to comply with any of the conditions and/or covenants of said Deed of Trust, the whole amount of the unpaid principal sum, together with all interest due and accrued upon the same, together with all other payments agreed to be made, shall, at the option of the holder, become due and payable immediately without demand or notice thereof; and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and there have been other violations of the conditions of said Deed of Trust, and the owner and holder of said debt has instructed the undersigned Trustee, to foreclose said Deed of Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority in me vested as such Trustee, I will on the 20th day of February, 2024, offer for sale and sell in front of the Courthouse door in Huntingdon, Tennessee, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. to the last, highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, dower and curtesy rights, and all other rights or exemptions of every kind, and all unpaid taxes, to effect satisfaction of principal, interest and costs due on said promissory note(s) and Deed of Trust aforementioned, as well as to pay all attorney's fees and costs necessarily incident to this foreclosure, the following tract of land, situated in the 8th Civil District of Benton County, Tennessee, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the center of Cedar Grove Road, at the southwest corner of this tract (with State Plane NAD83 Coordinates of N:673,339.92 & E:1,363,862.83), about 614 feet south of intersection with Hicks Road; thence with center of Cedar Grove Road for 309.42 feet in 3 calls as follows: North 43 deg 05 min 15 sec West 122.07 feet; North 50 deg 28 min 33 sec West, 90.48 feet; and North 52 deg 50 min 39 sec West, 126.87 feet to point in same; thence leaving road with Jesse Berry (Parcel 17.00, Map 46) for 2 calls: North 82 deg 27 min 06 sec East, 37.64 feet to an iron pin found with cap RLS #384 (Marshall Turner) and continuing this bearing with a fence for an additional 532.37 feet to an iron pin set (with cap #898); and North 02 deg 23 min 06 sec East, 504.60 feet to an iron pin set in the old original tract north fence boundary; thence with old fence and Parcel 14.01 for 2 calls: North 86 deg 06 min 38 sec East, 178.41 feet; and North 89 deg 02 min 20 sec East, 161.64 feet to a 14" cherry fence corner at northeast of this and the original tract corner; thence with old fence on original east boundary for 6 calls, first with Gary Berry: South 01 deg 00 min 34 sec East, 141.14 feet to 12" red oak; thence with Parker (Parcel 32, Tax Map 46), South 02 deg. 32 min

14 sec West, 204.02 feet to 42" red oak; South 07 deg 12 min 57 sec West, 196.43 feet to 24" poplar; South 17 deg 35 min 50 sec West, 81.99 feet to 8" sourwood; South 02 deg 31 min 22 sec West, 74.92 feet to an x-tie post; South 00 deg 25 min 16 sec West, 341.38 feet in iron pin found with Cullivan RLS cap in fence at the southeast corner of this tract; thence with Joyner (Parcel 17.04 Map 46), North 84 deg 13 min 22 sec West, 140.87 feet to a cross-tie fence corner at the southeast of Axley (Parcel 17.05); thence around said Axley in 4 calls: North 16 deg 30 min 30 sec West, 320.56 feet to a cross-tie fence corner; South 79 deg 40 min 39 sec West, 145.43 feet to a #898 iron pin found; and thence South 71 deg 35 min 52 sec West as follows: 140.60 feet to steel post, continue an additional 69.99 feet to a #898 iron pin found, and an additional 37.42 feet to the BEGINNING, containing 9.106 acres as surveyed with State Plane NAD83 bearings, November 26, 2018 by Robert G. Barrett TRLS 898. The above described is encumbered by approximately 0.178 acre of county road and utility easement extending 25 feet from center of Cedar Grove Road. Situated on the herein described real estate is a Clayton TRU Satisfaction Serial No. SA4074699AL. Subject to conditions as shown on the plat of record in Plat Cabinet C, Page 317A, in the Register's Office of Benton County, TN. The above description is the same as in the previous deed of record.

For source of title, see Record Book 371, Page 232, Register's Office of Carroll County, Tennessee.

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 3560 Cedar Grove Rd., Big Sandy, TN 38221 but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

Other Interested parties: NONE. If applicable, the notice requirements of TCA 35-5-117 have been met.

The debtors' equity of redemption, homestead, dower and all other rights or exemptions of the debtors are waived in said deed of trust, and the title is believed to be good, but said real estate will be sold and conveyed by me as Trustee and not otherwise.

Said sale will be made by Trustee only, without covenants of seizin or warranties of title, and title will be made subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all valid restrictions, liens, covenants or easements, if any, of record on said property.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth herein, or with publication setting out the new date, time and place for the sale.

This law firm is acting as a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated at Huntingdon, Tennessee, this the 22nd day of January, 2024.

TRUSTEE
THE JONES LAW FIRM
19478 WEST MAIN STREET
HUNTINGDON, TN
38344-0707

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of The West Tennessee Public Utility District of Weakley, Carroll and Benton Counties, Tennessee will meet in

open and public session, at the District's office 14055 Paris St., Huntingdon TN, Thursday February 8, 2024 at 12:30p.m.

02/01, 08

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated March 8, 2022, executed by CORDARO J MARTIN conveying certain real property therein described to MEGAN K. TROTT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee recorded March 9, 2022, in Deed Book 373, Page 97; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **March 14, 2024** at 11:00 AM at the main entrance to the Benton County Courthouse, 1 East Court Square, Camden, TN 38320, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Benton County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IN THE FIFTH CIVIL DISTRICT OF BENTON COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE WEST MARGIN OF MOCKINGBIRD LANE, SAID PIN LOCATED 15 FEET FROM THE CENTERLINE OF SAID LANE AND THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 35 OF FRAZIER SUBURBAN COMMUNITY, A PLAT OF WHICH APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 146 (NOW PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 554) IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE; RUNS THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES EAST WITH THE WEST MARGIN OF MOCKINGBIRD LANE A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN (BURIED) AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NO. 33; RUNS THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES (RECORDED PLAT SHOWS SOUTH 64 DEGREES 236 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 232.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE CENTER OF CHARLIE CREEK, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT NO. 33; RUNS THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES WEST WITH THE CENTER OF SAID CREEK A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT NO. 35; RUNS THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES EAST WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT NO. 35 A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING LOT NO. 34 OF FRAZIER SUBURBAN C O M M U N I T Y SUBDIVISION, PLATTED AS AFORESAID AND

AS SURVEYED BY THOMAS L. DEAN ASSOCIATES ON JULY 6, 1989. SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENT, A G R E E M E N T S , RESTRICTIONS, PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ZONING ORDINANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS OF RECORD IN TRUST DEED BOOK 50, PAGE 258, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE. ABOVE DESCRIPTION COPIED FROM PRIOR INSTRUMENT OF RECORD. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO CORDARO J. MARTIN, BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED DATED MARCH 8TH, 2022, FROM CARRIE HENSLEY AND TIMOTHY M. HENSLEY AND SHERRY HENSLEY, OF RECORD IN RECORD BOOK 373, PAGE 93 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID: 073M-B-011.00

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **215 MOCKINGBIRD LN, CAMDEN, TN 38320**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): CORDARO J MARTIN

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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

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

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BENTON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTION/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The BCSWCD will hold a District Board of Supervisors Election on February 20, 2024. The Election will be held at the USDA Service Center, 205 Highway 641-N, Camden, TN. From 10:AM until 3:00 P.M.

02/08

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

THE ESTATE OF RENA ELIZABETH MULVANEY, DECEASED.

MATTHEW R. WEST, PETITIONER.

DOCKET NO: 3965

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By the authority granted by an "Order Granting Petition to Sell Real Estate" filed in the above styled case on August 2, 2023 and entered of record in Minute Book 84, Page 579, I, Timothy R. Burrus, Special Commissioner, will on March 8, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, the real property in the matter of the Estate of Rena Elizabeth Mulvaney, as set out in said "Order Granting Petition to Sell Real Estate".

LOCATION OF SALE:

The Real Estate will be sold in the Benton County Chancery Courtroom, 1 Court Square, Camden, Tennessee. A sale sign will be posted at the sight of the property to be sold.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:

8575 DANVILLE ROAD BIG SANDY, TN 38221

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The property is located in the 16th Civil District of Benton County, Tennessee, and being Tax Map 013, Parcel 031.00, in the Assessor's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, and appearing in Deed Book 76, Page 523, in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee.

The address of the property is **8575 Danville Road, Big Sandy, TN 38221**

TERMS OF SALE:

Said real property will be sold for cash, 10% down on the day of the sale, with the balance due upon confirmation of the sale by the Court. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days (until March 19, 2024 at 12:00 Noon) during which time a person may come into the office of the Clerk and Master at the Benton County Courthouse and raise the highest bid received at the auction by ten percent (10%) and will be required to deposit ten percent (10%) of the raised bid price with the Court. Upon the bid being raised, a second and final auction will be held at the Benton County Courthouse, Chancery Courtroom, 1 Court Square, Camden, Tennessee, on March 19, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. The highest bidder at the second and final auction will be the buyer. Should the bid not be raised, the high bidder from the first sale will be the successful buyer. Possession of the real property will be upon delivery of the deed. Property taxes will be assessed to the buyer.

This property is offered and sold as is, in the present condition, with no warranties or representations, express or implied, not noted herein. While Chancery sales are conclusive upon all parties to the action and generally confer a good title, nevertheless there is no warranty of title. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Court.

Announcements made the day of the sale will take precedence over any written material. For a legal description of the real estate contact the Clerk & Master's office at 731-584-4435.

This the 31st day of January, 2024.

Timothy R. Burrus
as Special Commissioner

John W. Whitworth, BPR

#6800
Attorney for the Estate of
Rena Elizabeth Mulvaney
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P.O. Box 208
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Ellen Zhang, BPR #35713
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Division of TennCare
310 Great Circle Road
Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 532-1457

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 8, 2010, executed by TINA MAXWELL and TERRY MAXWELL, JR. conveying certain real property therein described to BOBBY M. GOODE, STATE DIRECTOR, USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee recorded November 8, 2010, in Deed Book 203, Page 299; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE who is now the owner of said debt; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **February 29, 2024** at 3:00 PM at the courthouse door where the foreclosure sales are customarily held, Camden, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Benton County, Tennessee, to wit:

BEING LOT NO. 12 AND A PORTION OF LOT NO. 11 OF EASTVIEW SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF EASTVIEW SUBDIVISION, EAST PORTION, AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 118 (NOW PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 526), IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED IS SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS OF RECORD IN WARRANTY DEED BOOK 47, PAGE 528, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO TINA MAXWELL BY WARRANTY DEED DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2010, FROM DEBORAH T. WOOD AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN RECORD BOOK 203 PAGE 296 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
Parcel ID: 078D-B-018.00

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BENTON COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

On 1/31/24, the following defendants were bound over to the Grand Jury/Circuit Court:

Michael Wayne Bassett, 56, of Camden, rape of a child, incest.

Alvin R. Turner, 56, of Camden, two counts attempted first degree murder.

On 1/24 or 1/31/24, the following defendants were charged court costs/taxes, and received fines, sentences, probation, or court orders as indicated:

William T. Akers, 47, of Big Sandy, pled guilty to first offense DUI. Fined \$350. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

Kylie Charles Allen, 48, of Camden, pled guilty to possession or casual exchange of meth. Fined \$150. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Must complete "We do recover life recovery" program.

Zachary Lee Day, 34, of Camden, pled guilty to driving while license revoked. Sentenced to 6 months, suspended. Un-supervised probation for 6 months.

Shannon L. Starnes Poglitsch Garrett, 39, of Camden, pled guilty to second or more driving while license suspended. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days.

Perry William Gatrost, 64, of Holladay, pled guilty to second or more driving while license revoked. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended.

Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days.

William T. Gray III, 56, of Holladay, pled guilty to unlawful possession of a weapon. Sentenced to 11/29. This plea is to be served consecutive to Benton County Circuit Court plea.

Dennis Allen Hatley, 34, of Camden, pled to a lesser charge of driving without license. Sentenced to 30 days, suspended. Un-supervised probation for 30 days.

Landon Blake Hollowell, 33, of Paris, pled guilty to possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$150. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days.

Randy Allen Luther, 36, of Huntingdon, pled guilty to two counts of possession or casual exchange of meth. Fined \$1,500. Sentenced to 11/29 for each count. Sentences to run consecutive to sentence in Carroll County Circuit Court. Supervised probation for 4 years. May gain day-for-day jail credit for successful completion of inpatient rehab and structured aftercare. If leaves or discharged from rehab must return to jail.

Michael Shane McConnell, 41, of Eva, pled guilty to second or more driving while license suspended. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days.

Colton Joseph Norton, 34, of Camden, pled guilty to criminal trespass. Sentenced to 30 days, suspended to 20 days. Un-supervised probation for 30 days. No contact with victim or property.

Leonard W. Pierpoint, 53, of Camden, pled guilty to driving while license revoked due to conviction of DUI. Sentenced to 6 months, suspended. Un-supervised probation for 6 months.

Wanda Rainey, 55, of McKenzie, pled to a lesser charge of possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$250. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 1 day. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Must complete random drug screens.

James Haskell Roberts, 66, of Waverly, pled guilty to possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia. Fined \$150. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days.

Secret D. Sanders, 39, of Henry, pled guilty to first offense DUI. Fined \$350. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended to 2 days. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Loss of driver's license for 1 year.

Michael D. Sands, 43, of Henry, pled to a lesser charge of driving without license. Sentenced to 30 days, suspended. Un-supervised probation for 30 days.

Freddie Lee Wheatley Jr., 42, of Camden, pled guilty to resisting stop/arrest/ search. Sentenced to 6 months, suspended. Un-supervised probation for 6 months.

Buffey A. Wood, 47, of Camden, pled guilty to theft of merchandise up to \$1,000. Sentenced to 11/29, suspended. Supervised probation for 11/29, may become non-reporting once paid and after 90 days. Pay restitution of \$50.66 to and no contact with Walmart.

BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORTS

Arrests from 1/30-2/5/24:
Donald Wayne Campfield, 31, 165 Norman Rd., Springville. Fugitive from justice.

Gary Wayne Cotham, 37, 79 Amanda Park Cv., Lexington. Failure to appear capias.

Roy Lee Ellis, 53, 138 Adele St., Bruceton. Violation of the sex offender registry, violation of probation.

Lloyd Arlen Jones, 49, 485 Jones Ln., Camden.

Domestic assault, unlawful possession of a weapon.

Kimberly Gail Jordan, 31, 108 Shirley Ln., Eva. Possession of schedule II meth and fentanyl, possession of a legend drug without a prescription, possession of unlawful drug paraphernalia, introduction of contraband into a penal institution.

Noel Alexander Martineau, 25, 6872 Cedar Grove Rd., Big Sandy. Aggravated domestic assault, violation of an order of protection/ restraining order.

Channda Soth, 32, 244 Court St., Camden. Possession of schedule II meth and fentanyl, unlawful possession of a firearm, violation of financial responsibility law, driving an un-registered vehicle, license required, improper display of plates.

Ashley Brooke Stephens, 34, 237 Mays Ave., Huntingdon. Public intoxication.

Larry Dale Williams, 50, 70 Stepp Rd., Camden. Aggravated domestic assault, vandalism.

PUBLIC NOTICES

From 2B

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **160 MAGNOLIA AVE, CAMDEN, TN 38320**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): TINA MAXWELL, TERRY MAXWELL, JR.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: SYNCHRONY BANK

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

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**State of Tennessee
Benton County Probate
Division
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
As Required by TCA
§30-2-306
Case No. 4933**

Estate of **CLARICE WHEATLEY**, Deceased

with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

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

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. All persons indebted to the above Estate must come forward and make proper settlement with the undersigned at once.

Ernest Randall Wheatley
Administrator
01/30/2024
John W. Whitworth
Attorney
01/30/2024
Timothy R. Burrus
Clerk and Master
01/31/2024

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NOTICE TO CITY OF CAMDEN 2023 TAXPAYERS

On March 1, 2024, unpaid 2023 property taxes will bear interest of one & one half of one percent (1.5%). An additional 1 1/2% will be added each month thereafter. (Ref: TCA 67-5-2010). Taxpayers, save this additional cost by taking care of 2022 taxes by February 28, 2024.

TO 2022 TAXPAYERS

You are advised, after March 1, 2024, additional interest and cost will be imposed in consequence of suits to be filed for enforcement of the lien for property taxes for prior years; until the filing of such suits, taxes may be paid in the City Clerk's office at Camden City Hall. (Ref TCA 67-5-2010)

Until filing of such suits, taxes may be paid at City Hall. (TCA67-5-2401)

NOTE: We will publish by name and amount all 2022 delinquent taxpayers in this newspaper, February 29, 2023 in accordance with TCA 67-5-20002.

City Clerk

02/08

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MCNAIRY COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT SELMER

IN THE MATTER OF: RYLAN ANTHONY TUBBS, DOB:05/26/2020 A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE

JAMES PENLEY, and JULIE PENLEY
Petitioners,

VS.

MICHAEL CORN, putative biological father, Respondents.

DOCKET NO.: A-388

ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN LIEU OF PERSONAL SERVICE

The Petitioner, JAMES PENLEY and JULIE PENLEY ("Petitioners"), have filed a Motion for an Order allowing service of process upon the Respondent, MICHAEL CORN ("Respondent"), by publication in lieu of personal service. Petitioner has demonstrated by Affidavit that Respondent, MICHAEL CORN'S whereabouts are unattainable upon reasonable inquiry.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the office of Harmon, Nowlin, & Surratt, PLLC shall:

1. Forthwith cause a copy of the Order to be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in THE CAMDEN CHRONICLE, which newspaper is of general circulation in the county of Respondent, MICHAEL CORN'S residence.

2. The copy of this Order that is published shall further notify Respondent, MICHAEL CORN that he must answer or otherwise respond to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and for Adoption in this action within 30 days of the fourth weekly publication of this Order, and if Respondent, MICHAEL CORN does not answer or otherwise respond, a default judgement may be entered against Respondent, MICHAEL CORN. Enter this the 9th day of January, 2024.

William Cole
Chancellor

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Gov. Lee names Tennessee Supreme Court appointee



Mary L. Wagner

On Feb. 1 Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced the appointment of Mary L. Wagner to the Tennessee Supreme Court.

"Mary is a highly qualified judge who will bring significant experience to the Tennessee Supreme Court," said Gov. Lee. "Her understanding and respect for the rule of law and commitment to the conservative principles of judicial re-

straint make her well-suited for the state's highest court, and I am proud to appoint her to this position."

Mary L. Wagner is currently a circuit court judge for the 30th Judicial District, which covers Shelby County. She previously served as an associate at Rice, Amundsen & Caperton, PLLC and taught as an adjunct professor at The University of Memphis

School of Law.

Wagner earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder and J.D. at the University of Memphis School of Law. Wagner will fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Roger A. Page, effective August 31.

This judicial appointment is subject to confirmation by the General Assembly.

SPORTS



Elk Quota Hunt application period now open

The application period for the 2024 Tennessee Elk Quota Hunt is now open. Applications will be accepted until midnight on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Applications are available and accepted at any TWRA regional office, TWRA license agent, on-line at gooutdoorstennessee.com, or via the TWRA mobile app.

There are 19 total permits available in 2024. The total includes 17 permits for the archery only season and the gun/ muzzleloader/ archery season, one youth permit, and one

donated permit to be drawn during the Tennessee Conservation Raffle presented by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation.

Each applicant may apply as an individual (no party hunts) and may select up to four hunt zone choices on the application. There is one youth permit elk available for resident youth between ages 13-16 who must be 13 on or before Oct. 12 and not turn 17 on or before the same date. Youth may not apply for both the youth elk quota hunt and the regular quota hunt. Only youth

16 or older may apply for the regular hunt. More information on the 2024 elk hunts may be found on the TWRA website at TN-Wildlife.org.

There is no application fee for Annual Sportsman, Lifetime Sportsman, or Annual Senior Citizen license holders. For all other applicants, there is a non-refundable \$12 application fee plus a \$1 agent fee. There is a \$2 processing fee if the application is made on the Internet. When applying at a license agent, hunters must remain at the location while the

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Tennessee began its elk hunt in 2009 with just five tags available. Since then, hunting opportunities have grown as the elk population expands. The elk hunting zones are located on North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area. Hunting on private lands is allowed only with landowner permission in Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan, and Scott counties.

LADY

From 1B

8 points apiece. Faith Wallace contributed 5 points, and Avery Wright added 2 points.

In the final district game of the regular season versus Stewart County on Feb. 2, the Lady Lions had a big hole to dig out of by ending the first frame trailing 12-1. Camden refused to quit, however, outscoring the Lady Rebels 10-4 in the second quarter. Trailing by just 5 points, 16-11, at the halftime break gave the Lady Lions hope for a second half comeback.

In a very physical game, the Wallace sisters were both hurt in the second half but showed toughness by returning to the game. After the third quarter, the Lady Lions still trailed by 5 points, 30-25.

Both teams got hot on offense in the final frame, with Camden scoring 18 points and Stewart County extending for 21 points. The deficit was just too

much to overcome, and the Lady Rebels earned the victory by a final score of 51-43.

Sophomore Miley Hartney showed her hot hand in the second half, connecting on four 3-point baskets on her way to a team high of 17 points in the game. Addie Jo Melton and Pierce knocked down 3-point shots in the second half, as well. F. Wallace and Pierce added 8 points each. Wright scored 6, Melton finished with 3, and A. Wallace scored 1 point.

The Lady Lions had a big rivalry game at Waverly on Monday, Feb. 5, then had their final regular season game at home on Tuesday, Feb. 6, versus East Hickman. Kaitlyn Bell and Faith Wallace were honored on Senior Night. On Friday, Feb. 9, the team finishes out regular season play on the road at Houston County.

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Your heart is a muscle. And, like all of your muscles, it works best when you exercise, rest, drink water and eat healthy. Love your heart, and your heart will love you!

Do you feel with your heart?

Are you making pictures of hearts and giving little heart-shaped candies to friends for Valentine's Day? When you make a promise you really, really mean, do you "cross your heart"? Or, do you listen to songs about broken hearts?

We see and hear about hearts everywhere. Long ago, people thought our feelings came from our hearts. Maybe because strong feelings can make our hearts beat faster. Now we know feelings come from the brain, not the heart.

Broken Heart Puzzle

Cut out these shapes. Can you put them together to make a heart? What does the Valentine message say?

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Standards Link: Health: Understand good personal hygiene practices that include caring for teeth.

Valentine Pals

Jill and Phil are pals. They like many of the same things. How many ways can you find that Jill and Phil are the same?

Standards Link: Recognizing similarities and patterns in objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Have a Heart!

Look through the newspaper for an example of someone who was "heartless" or totally lacking compassion or caring. Is there a way they can make up for their behavior?

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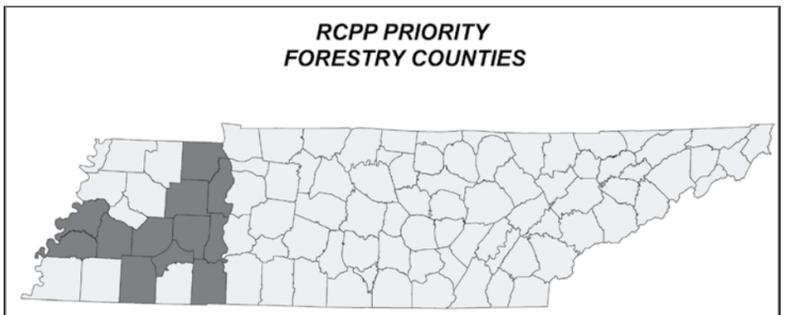
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TWF gets grant to improve land management in West Tennessee

In an effort to enhance conservation and land management in West Tennessee, Tennessee Wildlife Federation (TWF) and partners Agriscienter International and UT Extension have joined forces in a unique collaboration between agriculture and conservation organizations known as the West Tennessee Field and Forest Partnership. The partnership was awarded a \$15.9 million grant from the USDA NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and was the sole project in Tennessee selected for RCPP funding this year.

"It has been incredibly rewarding to watch this partnership come together and be selected for such a competitive grant," said Michael Butler, CEO of TWF. "Agriculture and conservation are highly connected, and both need to actively prioritize the health of the land for the long term. I see a real potential to change how we approach conservation in Tennessee going forward."

This unprecedented partnership brings together the expertise of three highly respected organizations to increase adoption of conservation practices within agriculture and forestry. In total, the five-year

project, which is expected to begin in 2025, will add a minimum of 17,500 acres in West Tennessee involved in active conservation practices.

TWF's role in the partnership is to restore and conserve forest land, focusing primarily on the forested corridors along the Tennessee and Lower Hatchie Rivers. TWF

The federation will assist private landowners of existing forest land or nonproductive agricultural land with developing forest management plans and enrolling in NRCS Farm Bill programs to improve management of those lands.

"Helping landowners implement forest management practices on their land is vital for conserving native landscapes. We are excited to expand our forest restoration capacity to West Tennessee through the RCPP grant," said Chris Roberts, TWF director of conservation. "Properly maintaining forests enhances the quality of wildlife habitat, reduces the risk of wildfires, and improves water quality in nearby waterways."

To date, TWF's Habitat Conservation team has restored more than 4,000 acres of forest across the state. Under a different NRCS grant, the Federation has been restoring and conserving forest land on the Cumberland Plateau and Western Highland Rim. This project under the West Tennessee Field and Forest Partnership will expand that model to add an additional 7,000 acres of forest restored in West Tennessee.

Work on this project is expected to begin in spring of 2025. West Tennessee landowners with forestland or unproductive agricultural land who are interested in implementing forest or grassland management on their property can fill out the landowner interest form at tnwf.org/landowner-west.

TWF leads the conservation, sound management and wise use of Tennessee's great outdoors. Since 1946, TWF has spearheaded the development of the state's wildlife policy, advanced landmark legislation on air and water quality and other conservation initiatives, helped restore numerous species, and introduced thousands of kids to the great outdoors. To learn more, visit tnwf.org.



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FAITH

What insurance policy do you have



Growing in Grace & Knowledge Joseph Rhodes

Insurance companies provide a very useful service in today's world of uncertain things. They make folks think about their own demise. They, through selling of the insurance policy, make us realize that sooner or later we will leave this earthly existence. I really feel for those who sell insurance policies because it's not an easy job to help people face the prospect of their own mortality. To do this insurance salesman have kept raising one important question over and over in all kinds of different ways. The question is, "What will happen to your family after you're gone?" Picture with me a happy mom or dad playing with their smiling children. Then picture one or both of the parents gone. Noe here comes another picture of the widow or widower well taken care of financially. The question becomes inescapable as we think about even at this time. It's as if the insurance com-

panies knew this one question would be the one that ate at us until we looked past whatever the policy costs to looking to the well-being of our loved ones. Let's be honest, we all want to know that our families will be taken care of when we're gone. Don't we? I want you to realize that I am not calling anyone in the insurance business out, but there is one question that insurance companies never ask. It's a forgotten question that everyone seems to avoid. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU AFTER YOU DIE?

We need to understand what the scriptures say happens after we leave this temporary world. Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," II Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." Every person of the age of accountability, after death, will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and be judged for what they have done during their lifetime.

Very few people are willing to discuss the issue of their

own death. No newspaper or magazine cover proclaims the truth as God's Word presents it to each of us this day. However, this is not some hidden mystery that many of us are not aware of. Our own conscience tells us it's going to happen. We know sometime, somewhere we will have to give account for what we've done in this world. We sense almost instinctively that mankind are responsible beings who do not simply live life as we please. We know and realize that mankind is not a vegetable or some animal and we know deep inside that it is the duty of mankind to be good and to do well. We often betray our own consciences as knowingly do the wrong things. Even though many do not give death much thought, we should think on it from time to time. There's this thing in many people that makes them almost feel immortal, as if they are never going to die. We continually put eternal matters out of our minds because it either scares us or we just can't fathom to think about the possibility of not being in a place of paradise. We are so foolish when we think about the judgment we must all face. There are many folks who say think they have nothing to fear. They think they are perfect, but they know they're not. They like to look at others and cast judgment, but fail to realize they've failed at times in their lives. Some just can't wrap their minds around the fact that a loving God would do that to someone. To many, many people Hell is not a real place. There are those who assume judgment will be a simple mathematical equation. God will determine whether they've done more good than evil in their lifetime. If they've done more good than evil, their thinking is that God will forget about all the evil. So at this point are you thinking, "Is there any hope for mankind?" This one thing is for sure, the insurance companies take care of the survivors. Yet, the question to you re-

WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU?

God does not leave us out in the cold or darkness for that matter. He makes a way for us to come back to Him through His Son. There is hope, not because of anything that we've done or that is in us, but because of the One who will day judge each of us. This hope is so complete and so wonderful that the terror that may grip some of you even now will become a day of joy.

Our hope is Jesus Christ John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus will be our judge. John 5:22, "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son." We will be judged by His Word. John 12:48, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

Jesus will be the Judge of the world and all that is in it, that is a fact which given the scriptural evidence we cannot dispute. The scriptures make another claim which cannot be disputed. He wishes to be your Savior and your Judge. He can be your Savior if you are willing to accept His salvation through faith and obedience. We make the choice. We must choose to serve our Creator through His blessed Son or to take our own chances on the Day of Judgment.

What will happen to you when you're gone from this world? The thing is, deep down you know the answer to that question, even though you don't like think about or admit it. You know if you are truly living for Him. You are aware if you have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. You know if you have been saved and remain saved. There is not one person who will escape the Judgment to come. The question I have asked myself and you need to ask your self is: WILL THE JUDGE ALSO BE YOUR SAVIOR?

Satan's Sermon

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Randy Reed

Psalms 91:11,13 - Verse 11 is a prophetic promise of Jesus's protection. "For He (God the Father) shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways". Satan quoted this verse in Matthew chapter 4 to Jesus on the mount of temptation. He was trying to get Him to tempt the Father, by casting Himself off the temple, making a big show, and obeying the Devil in the process! The Devil did not quote verse 13! It says, "Thou shalt tread upon the

adder: the young lion, and the dragon thou shalt trample under foot".

We know the Devil is called a serpent, (adder) a lion, and a great red dragon. He didn't dare quote that part! Jesus answered with another scripture, and He could have just said "read on".

The Devil preaches in some pulpits in America, by pulling Scripture out of context, and what II Peter calls, "wresting" scripture. We need to be grounded in the word of God so we don't take for granted that just reading, or quoting a verse or two means a man is of God. "Search the scripture daily, to see if those things are true.."Acts 17:11. God Bless.

Negativity is not cheering for us to succeed



Living on Purpose Billy Holland

I want to begin today by saying how much I appreciate you for being a faithful reader of this newspaper and this column. Newspapers are still considered valuable to the older generations as they remember their grandparents

and parents who embraced the daily news as part of their regular routines. As technology is constantly advancing, we see younger readers choosing to receive their information through various forms of modern media rather than holding the printed page. I'm personally grateful for all the great publications that agree to carry columns like "Living On Purpose" as they believe sharing positive and thought-provoking content is a blessing to their

audience. Since the beginning of the year, I admit the messages have been rather sobering. Focusing on self-examination and searching deep into our soul about what we believe. We talked about the carnal desires of our flesh, compromising, justifying our rebellion, and how we have the free will ability to ignore intentional sin without the concern to repent. We used the example of Achan and asked if intentional sin is hindering the churches and the demonstration of God's glory today. We agreed that sin offends His holiness and obstructs the advancement of His kingdom.

Facing hardships and trials is a part of life, but holding on to the one that does not falter and is never caught by surprise is our greatest hope for being content and enjoying the abundant life we will ever have. There is no such thing as God being confused and pacing the floor unsure of what to do. The mountain plateaus feel good and we love these seasons of victory, but when we enter into a dark valley, though it's not pleasant, it can give us peace and security to understand that Christ is always teaching and ready to carry us through suffering in His perfect time.

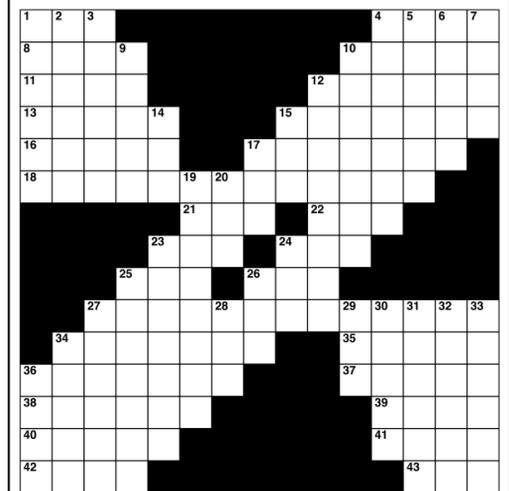
We decide which view of life we will embrace. If our mind is set on being negative, there is little anyone can say or do to cheer us up. However, for those who choose the higher road of embracing optimism, no dead-end or dire situation can prevent faith and hope from declaring that anything is impossible with God.

To think or say there is no answer to a certain circumstance is revealing to ourselves and the world that we no longer believe that God is who He says He is. Ephesians 3:20 promises, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." If the devil or anything in this life is more powerful than God, then either He is not the Almighty or our view of Him is in error. God's word reassures us in Jeremiah 32:17, "O sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth with your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too difficult for you!"

We become good and faithful soldiers through extensive training and developing a passion to be a living sacrifice for His glory. We cannot succeed for the Lord if we are ready to give up every time we are challenged. Defeat does not mean failure and no one that is known for great accomplishments has ever avoided disappointments.

Our perseverance goes on trial when we face discouragement from difficulty. Our thoughts can come from God or the devil and both have a plan. If God is saying to stand and press through the pain, then He has a vision that will eventually bring victory and joy. However, if we choose to agree with the enemy, he will forever keep us offended and tangled up in a depressing victim mentality. God can help us succeed when we have an unrelenting determination to become like Him.

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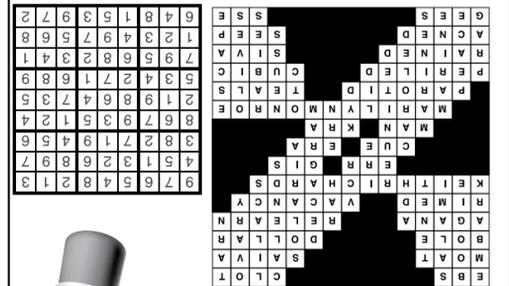
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SPORTS

Busy times and exciting news for CHS sports

By Adam Blackburn

February is a busy and exciting month for athletes at Camden Central High School. The basketball regular season is wrapping up, and district and region tournaments await. These tournaments provide a lot of drama with upsets possible, and the possibility of a deep postseason run.

The Camden Lions have put together another strong regular season and have hopes of capturing a third straight district tournament title. The youthful Camden Lady Lions have had their ups and downs this season but will look to play the role of spoiler in the upcoming tournaments.

While the district tournament will be held at Huntingdon High School from Feb. 13-18, for the second consecutive year Camden will host the region tournament. The four teams from district 12-AA (Camden, Huntingdon, Waverly, and Stewart County) will match up with the four teams from district 11-AA (Cheatham County, East Hickman, Harpeth, and Hickman County).

February also represents the beginning of spring sports. Official team practices for baseball, softball, and tennis begin on Feb. 12 with four weeks of pre-season practice and scrimmages leading to the first regular season contests in

mid-March.

All three programs are coming off successful seasons last year. The Lady Lions softball team captured their second straight district title, the Lions baseball team finished district runner-up, and the Lions tennis program won a district championship. Track will also be underway in the spring, where several returning runners will look to make another good showing at the state meet.

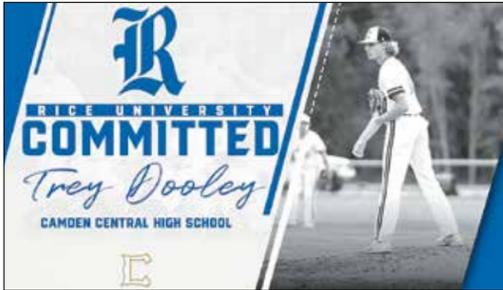
In recent weeks, individual athletes at CHS have received exciting news. Senior runner Ridge Bruce committed to compete at the college level for UTM. Bruce won the small schools Cross Country State Championship last fall.

Senior Trey Dooley, a pitcher for Lions baseball, has run his fastball up to 95 mph and earned a scholarship from Rice University in Houston, Texas. He committed in late January. Senior Connor Comuzie, a catcher for the Lions, has an offer to play baseball at Roane State College in East Tennessee. Comuzie is still considering his options but will have the opportunity to play college baseball.

Finally, Camden quarterback Isaac Moore, coming off an outstanding junior season on the grid-iron, received his first DI college offer from Jacksonville State University in



Ridge Bruce



Trey Dooley

Alabama. It will be fun to see what other offers he receives in the coming months as he prepares for his senior season with Lions football.

Our community has a great opportunity to help CHS athletes and teams continue to celebrate their

accomplishments. Take time to come out to the district and region basketball tournaments, the softball and baseball games, the tennis matches, and the track meets over the spring months. Stand strong with CHS sports!

NCAA desperately clings to life



From the Pressbox

Jim Steele

If there's any indication that the NCAA is desperately trying to cling to power and impose its will over college football, you need only to see what it's trying to do to Tennessee.

The NCAA is asserting that Tennessee improperly recruited five-star quarterback Nico Iamaleava through NIL (name, image, likeness), which makes paying players legal. The NCAA is opening Pandora's box.

Of course, the announcement that Tennessee was under the NCAA's microscope pleased many fans in the Southeastern Conference not clad in orange. However, they, too, should realize this is just the tip of the iceberg. Those other schools likely will be next.

What you have to understand is that Tennessee didn't broker any deal with Iamaleava regarding his name, image, and likeness, a.k.a. NIL. His deal was reportedly worth between \$6 million and \$11 million. Spyre, the NIL collective, brokered the deal.

That kind of money does open eyes and potentially breeds corruption. There is talk that Iamaleava was flown to Tennessee to arrange the NIL deal. But,

Wait for it...

He wasn't flown by UT. He was flown by Spyre to discuss his deal, all perfectly legal under the new parameters as I understand them. Everybody is doing it and doing so above the table in the bright of day. In fact, Tennessee was propped up as the example how all NIL deals should be administered. Remember that? It wasn't long ago that Tennessee drew praise for how it managed its NIL issues.

Also, you recall how the NCAA heaped praise on UT for its investigation into former coach Jeremy Pruitt? Tennessee was propped up as an example to follow one day, then the next, excoriated it for its NIL deals.

The NCAA can't have it both ways, no matter how much it has wanted to these past five decades or so.

What you have to understand about the NCAA is that it refused to drag its complex and contradictory rulebook into the 21st century. College athletics and college athletes have changed. This isn't your granddaddy's college athletics anymore. Need evidence? Surf YouTube and watch college football

games in the 1970's.

The sad thing is the NCAA actually believes it is still in the 1970's.

In spite of the changing landscape, the NCAA refuses to upgrade and desperately clings to the antiquated notion that the power it once had over how schools conduct their athletic business doesn't apply anymore. The NCAA can look in the mirror if it wants to seek blame for what's going in college athletics these days.

The NCAA refused to properly address the transfer portal as well as NIL and probably a dozen other things over the past 50 years, though it knew these issues were going to come to a head one day.

Well, NCAA, that day has arrived. Supreme Court associate justice Brett Kavanaugh remarked, upon reviewing the NCAA, that he couldn't believe the NCAA got away with all of this for so long.

What makes NIL so complex is there is no uniformity. Each state has its own laws and guidelines. What applies in Tennessee may not apply in Alabama, Arizona, or Utah.

So, the NCAA is trying to insert itself into a place where it's not invited. College football, for starters, has moved beyond the NCAA. College football is a self-sustaining money maker and the NCAA knows this. The NCAA is torn between trying to impose its will over college football and relieving itself from the grief and misery the current landscape provides.

How massive is college football? Consider that powerhouse basketball programs like Kentucky, Kansas, and Duke rake in as much revenue during the entire regular season as do Tennessee, LSU, Alabama, Texas, etc. on one Saturday. One day versus an entire season!

That's how massive colleges football is. The NCAA would love to regulate this cash cow, but at the same time, covets the idea of letting football be a self-governing entity. Essentially, for the most part, it already is.

So, the NCAA is taking aim at Tennessee, huh? Good luck with that. If the NCAA tries to pursue this, it faces a long process in the court system.

It won't end well.

By putting Tennessee in the crosshairs, the NCAA may have just ushered in the beginning of its own demolition. It has become a toothless tiger.

The NCAA has only itself to blame for its demise. I say good riddance.

Jim Steele is a correspondent for Magic Valley Publishing.

Leftover spring turkey quota hunt permits on sale

Leftover permits for 2024 Wildlife Management Area (WMA) spring turkey quota hunts became available on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7. These permits are to bag one bearded turkey.

The available permits are located at Natchez Trace State Forest-North (5 dates), Natchez State Forest-South (7 dates), and Wolf River Wildlife Man-

agement Area (3 dates). All of the remaining 464 hunts permits are for shotgun users. Hunt dates range from May 3-26.

Permits are limited to one per customer and can be purchased online at gooutdoorstennessee.com, on the TWRA App, or in person at any TWRA license agent. Additional pricing information is also available online and at agents.



CHS track team tryouts to be held Feb. 18

Interested high school students in Benton County are invited to try out for the 2024 CHS track team. The team will be competing in a limited number of boys and girls events at area track meets, including 800-meter, 1,600-meter, and 3,200-meter races.

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. at the Huntingdon High School (HHS) track. To make the team, students must be able to meet or best specific time standards.

For those interested in running the 800-meter event, boys must finish in a time of 2 minutes and 30 second or less (2:30), while

girls must finish in a time of 3 minutes and 15 seconds (3:15) or less.

For those interested in the 1,600-meter event, boys must finish in 5:35 or less, and girls must finish in 6:45 or less. For the 3,200-meter event, boys must be able to finish in 11:35 or less, while girls must finish in 14 minutes or less.

Practices will be held at the HHS track on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons beginning Tuesday, Feb. 20. Track meets will take place during the months of March through May. Transportation to all practices and meets is not provided and is the respon-



sibility of the student's parent or guardian.

Students interested in trying out for the CHS track team should text Coach Amber Douglas at 731-697-1511 prior to the Feb. 18 tryouts.

Free trapper training camp to be held at Buffalo Ridge

TWRA and the Tennessee Fur Harvesters Association are hosting a free trapper training camp at Buffalo Ridge Refuge in Humphreys County on the weekend of Feb. 23-25.

The training camp will feature instructions on live trapline, fur handling, trap making, snaring, and trap modification. The 3-day event is for all ages.

Registration is limited and must be made online at

www.gooutdoorstennessee.com. The direct link to the trapping workshop registration is www.license.gooutdoorstennessee.com/event/viewevent.aspx?id=50377.

Check-in for the training camp will begin with registration on Friday, Feb. 23, from 5-6:45 p.m. Classroom instruction will be 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, activities will start with breakfast at 7 a.m. Instruction will be held throughout the day.

The Sunday session is expected to conclude by noon.

Three meals will be provided on Saturday and breakfast will be provided Sunday. On-site primitive camping is available. Participants must provide their own camping gear, have appropriate clothing, and bring note taking materials. Hotels are also available approximately five minutes from the refuge.

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