

Charlotte Pike To Lose H.G.Hill; Bellevue Plans for New Library



See the special
Camp Section
in this week's paper

Annual Pegram Fish Fry March 29

The Pegram Community Club's annual Fish Fry will be held on Saturday March 29, 2008 at the Clubhouse beside the "Red Caboose" on Hwy. 70 in Pegram TN 37143. Serving begins at 11am, and will continue until the fish is gone, rain or shine, with fish plates featuring a generous helping of fish, slaw, hush-puppies, and home-cooked desert. Adult plates \$8. and Child's plate \$4.

Music beginning at 6:00 in the evening with a cake auction during band breaks. Join us for fun as we support a long-standing Pegram tradition. Look forward to seeing you there!

****Note-**Peanut oil is used for frying.

John C. Tune Airport Hosts Fly-In

Join the tenants of John C. Tune Airport when they host the Saturday Fly-In on March 29 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday fly-ins are hosted every Saturday by various Middle Tennessee general aviation airports like John C. Tune Airport. Many Middle Tennessee aviators fly to the luncheon, but traveling via plane is not required. The fly-in is a great event for the whole family.

Members of the general public are invited to join the tenants of John C. Tune Airport for the Saturday Fly-In Lunch. Lunch features hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and more for a cost of \$5.

Come to Hangar One, John C. Tune Airport, 110 Tune Airport Drive, Nashville, TN 37209. Take Interstate 40 West to Exit 204, North on Briley Parkway approximately 1.6 miles to Exit 26B, (Centennial Boulevard West), Right at first traffic light (approximately 0.2 miles), Left on Centennial Place, Left on Hermitage Plaza.

April 5 will be the last day for the H.G. Hill store on Charlotte Pike, according to store manager Ron Porter.

The area from Charlotte Pike to the U.Haul location will be torn down to make way for a center.

The Metro Nashville Library Board has approved the move to the downstairs area of Dillards in Bellevue once the mall is torn away. The new shopping center will also keep Macy's and Sears.

Eric Crafton, councilman

for the 23rd District and Charlie Tygard, councilman at large, will be meeting with the Mayor's office soon to go over the proposal. Tyard said he feels like they are 30-45 days away from closing the deal.

Donna Nicely with the Metro Library, is excited about the potential move, according to Tygard.

The new location for the library would have dedicated library parking and be very visible from the road.

Westview Writers Retreat at Bethany Hills

Westview Publishing has a great writers retreat planned for the weekend of April 25, 26 and 27 at Bethany Hills Camp in Kingston Springs.

The retreat is planned to be a small, intimate gathering where writers can benefit from the author discussions, as well as talk one-on-one with published authors.

Check-in for the retreat will begin around 1:00 p.m. with the first panel discussion starting at 3:00 p.m. The Friday group of authors will be River Jordan, Brenda Rickman Vantrease and Eric Wilson.

Following time to talk with the authors, dinner will be served. A social and networking time will continue after dinner.

Saturday morning will begin with a continental breakfast. The Saturday morning discussion will be with author J.T. Ellison, after which lunch will be served.

There will be time between lunch and the afternoon session to relax, reflect and maybe even write a bit. The afternoon session will be on researching your subject.

Following dinner there will be entertainment, so anyone who plays an instrument is invited to bring it for a real down home jam session.

Sunday morning's continental breakfast will be followed by a session on Traditional Publishing Versus Self-Publishing-Which Is Right For You.

The fee for the retreat is \$300 and includes your room

for two nights and all your meals, plus all the sessions and fun meeting other writers. A \$150 deposit is needed by April 18 to reserve your spot. There is very limited space available, so send your deposit early to Westview Publishing, P.O. Box 210183, Nashville, TN 37221. The remainder is due the day of the retreat.

RIVER JORDAN

River Jordan is a southerner with a global perspective. Primarily, she's a storyteller of the southern variety

and has been cast most frequently in the company of Flannery O'Connor and Harper Lee. Jordan's writing career began as a playwright where she spent over ten years with the Loblolly Theatre group and received productions of her original works for the stage including *Mama Jewels: Tales from Mullet Creek*; *Soul, Rhythm and Blues*; and *Virga*.

Jordan's novel *The Messenger of Magnolia Street*, (HarperSanFrancisco) was published in January 2006. Kirkus Reviews describes the novel as "a beautifully written atmospheric tale." *The Messenger of Magnolia Street* was applauded as "a tale of wonder" by Southern Living Magazine, who chose *The Messenger of*



Magnolia Street as their Selects feature for March 2006, and by other reviewers as "a riveting, magical mystery" and "a remarkable book." The novel was also selected by as a major book of the month release for a major book club publication.

Ms. Jordan teaches and speaks on 'The Power of Story', is a monthly contributor to the southern authors collective, *A Good Blog is Hard To Find*, and produces and hosts the radio program *BACKSTORY*, on WRFN, 98.9 FM, Nashville Saturday's 4:00-6:00 CST. She has just completed a new work of fiction. Jordan and her husband live in Nashville, TN. You may visit the author at www.riverjordan.us

BRENDA VANTREASE

Brenda Rickman Vantrease is a former librarian and English teacher, who lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brenda's first novel, a historical novel of art, love, and religion set in fourteenth century England, was published by St. Martin's Press in March of 2005. *The Illuminator*, a national best-seller, was translated into fourteen foreign languages and received starred reviews in both *Publisher's Weekly* and *Library Journal*. The paperback edition (St. Martin's Griffin, 2006) was



a reading group gold selection from Macmillan Publishing and was chosen by BOOKSENSE, a publication of the Independent Booksellers Association, to be included on their 2006-2007 List of Recommended Books for Book Clubs. Her second novel, *The Mercy Seller*, was released from St. Martin's Press in March, 2007, to critical acclaim. The paperback edition of *The Mercy Seller* will be in bookstores April 1, 2008.

For more information on Brenda and her work go to www.brendarickman-vantrease.com and www.readinggroupgold.com

ERIC WILSON

Eric Wilson, author of seven novels, gained a love for history and adventure while living in Europe and Asia as a young

boy. His first four books were published by Random House, and he has done recent novelizations of grass-roots theatrical hits. His latest series, the Jerusalem's Undead Trilogy, is published through Thomas Nelson and hits shelves in October 2008. Eric lives with his wife of eighteen years and two teen daughters in Nashville, Tennessee.



Special Community Good Friday Service & Easter Week Services

Hillwood Presbyterian Church, 6220 Hickory Valley Road, Nashville, TN,37205, is conducting a **Community Good Friday Service** at 12 noon, Friday, March 21. Participants in the service will be: Rev. Rik Rouquie, Hillwood Presbyterian Church; Rev. Linda White, Brookemeade United Church of Christ; Jack Strouji, St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church; Rev. Cynthia Andrews-Looper & Elise Elrod, Holy Trinity United Church of Christ; Rev. Paul Gardner, Blakemore United Methodist Church; Rev. Regina Proctor and Rev. Mike Ripski, Belle Meade Methodist Church; Rev.

Thomas Kleinert, Vine Street Christian Church; Rev. Carson Salyer, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Carmen Sanders, Music Director; Jeffrey Nelson, Organist; and the Hillwood Chancel Choir. The public is invited to attend.

Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, 5820 Hillsboro Road, will hold its unique **Tenebrae service** 7 p.m. March 21 in the church sanctuary. The word "tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "shadows." Hillsboro's Tenebrae service, held on "Black Friday," is designed to show the congregation Jesus' darkest hours before the light of

Easter."Hillsboro's 'Black Friday' service is an essential touch point of our Easter experience," says Senior Minister David Kidd. "In order to fully appreciate the impact of the empty tomb, one must first step into the desolation that Jesus (and his disciples) endured that Friday night. Crucifixion is an unspeakably cruel form of execution. But if we're to understand light, we have to first experience darkness."The Tenebrae service takes the congregation through these dark moments. "We travel the last steps of Jesus' life, one by one, by dimming candle-light, scripture, reflection and poignant

music. And so we come to walk with Jesus through his blackest hours. Then - then - comes Easter," Dr. Kidd explains. All who would like to join in this journey will be warmly welcomed.

Holy Week Services at Belle Meade United Methodist Church:
Thursday, March 20th
Maundy Thursday
6:30 PM Worship Service

in the Sanctuary
Friday, March 21st
Good Friday
6:30 PM Tenebrae Service
in the Sanctuary
Sunday, March 23rd
Easter Sunday
8:30 and 11:00 AM
Worship Services in the Sanctuary
8:45 AM Worship Service in the Chapel
9:45 AM Sunday Brunch

Annual Egg Hunt at Red Caboose Park

The Annual Free Community-Wide Egg Hunt for pre-school through sixth grade kids will be held at Red Caboose Park on Saturday, March 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Egg Hunt Times:11:15 - Toddlers to Age 3; 11:30 - 4 & 5 Year Olds; 11:45 - Kindergarten through 2nd Graders; 12:00 - 3rd through 6th Graders.
This Free Event includes: Face Painting, Washable Tattoos, Games, Snacks, Prizes, and Thousands of Eggs!
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There is no charge for any of the activities or snacks. The Egg Hunt is sponsored by Bellevue Baptist Church. For more information, call: 646-2711

Highland Park Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Highland Park Church will be holding its annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 22 from 1-3pm at the church which is located at 5710 Knob Road in Nashville. Activities include the Easter Egg Hunt with thousands of eggs, an obstacle course, Castle Bounce, face painting, egg decorating and more! For kids of all ages. The event is open to the public and free.

Bowie Park Egg Hunt!

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Bowie Nature Park—Saturday beginning promptly at 2 p.m. at the Treehouse Playground area.
Fairview Middle School Beta Club will help hide the eggs and will also help younger children to hunt. The hunt will be divided into 4 age groups, including a division for children with disabilities.
This year's sponsor is Beverly Totty, ERA Pacesetter Realty. Call 799-5544, ex. 2.

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Westview Calendar - Ongoing

West Of Nashville Seniors (WONS) meets Wednesdays

West Of Nashville Seniors meets every Wednesday at Say Cheese in Bellevue Center Mall at 10 a.m. to play cards, board games and socialize. This is a free group and everyone is invited.

Harpeth View Toastmasters

“A Friendly Place to Meet and Speak.” -That’s how Harpeth View Toastmasters describe their club meetings. You too, can discover how fun and easy it is to build self-confidence and overcome your fear of public speaking; skills necessary in today’s business world. Visitors are always welcome! Meetings are held weekly on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. on the second floor of St. George’s Episcopal Church on Harding Road (park in spaces located between the church and Belle Meade City Hall). For more information call 654-4819.

Singles Volleyball

Friday's 6:30-8:30 p.m. single men and women play at West End United Methodist Church (across from Vanderbilt Univ.). No charge, all skill levels welcome. For details, call Rodney at 615-443-1896 or Emily 615-975-4672.

American Singles Golf Association

The American Singles Golf Association is a national organization. The Nashville group meets every third Tuesday at the Dan McGuinness Irish Pub at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 615-872-7788.

Nashville Cribbage Club

The only Nashville Area Cribbage Club meets at various local coffee houses on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Everyone from longtime players to the “Cribb-Curious” are welcome to the free event. For more info, please call (615) 673-2899 or email D.R. Fay at nashvillecribbclub@yahoo.com.

Order Sons of Italy meetings

The Order Sons of Italy in America encourages the study of Italian language and culture in schools, preserves and celebrates our Italian heritage and reaches out to the needs of our community. The Franklin chapter is the only nationally chartered Order Sons of Italy in America in Tennessee. We meet the last Tuesday of every month at 6:45 at St. Philip Catholic Church, 113 Second Ave.,

Franklin. Visit www.giuseppeverdilodge.com or call Joe LoCasto at 474-6619 or Dan Solomon at 373-3352 for more information.

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Bellevue-North meets at 10:00 a.m. first Thursday of the Month at the Western Hills Church of Christ (Charlotte Pike near Sawyer Brown Road) at 10:00 Contact Barbara O'Hara at 352-6335 or barb_adasohara@yahoo.com for more information. Free. The MOMS (Moms offering Moms Support) Club was designed specifically to help at-home mothers overcome the challenges of isolation, frustration and boredom that accompany the joys of raising children.

The MOMS Club of Bellevue-South meets at 10:00am the first Thursday of each month at the Bellevue United Methodist Church, 7501 Old Harding Pike. Free. The MOMS (Moms offering Moms Support) Club was designed specifically to help at-home mothers overcome the challenges of isolation, frustration and boredom that accompany the joys of raising children. For more info, call Anne at 662-5668.

Toastmasters at NSCC

Nashville State Community College Toastmasters Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. at Nashville State Community College, 120 White Bridge Road. The meeting is open to anyone interested in improving his or her speaking skills. For more information, call 673-2145.

Bowie Outdoor Club schedule

The Bowie Outdoor Club: HIKE, BIKE OR RUN

Meets the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at Bowie Nature Park in Fairview (excluding June, July & August). Information: Kristina Giard at 799-2389 x112, or <http://www.fairview-tn.org/bowiepark>

No Longer Bound Grace Fellowship

There is freedom from addiction; alcoholism, drug addiction. Our ministry is for reconciliation with God who has the power to change anyone. Our purpose is to be a non-judgmental fellowship group for support. That we may be firmly rooted and built up in Christ in order to live a free and productive life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Weekly meetings every Tuesday and Friday night from 6:30-8:30 at Brook Hollow Baptist Church, 678

Brook Hollow Rd at the corner of Brook Hollow and Davidson Road in Nashville. Contact jay-bygrace@comcast.net for more information.

Caring for the Caregiver support group meetings

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER--an ongoing support group open to anyone caring for an elderly relative or spouse.. Meets alternate Monday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Jewish Family Service at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. No charge. Please contact Teri Sogol at 354-1662 to register.

Courthouse Quilters Guild in White Bluff

Courthouse Quilters Guild meets the second Monday of each month. Basic quilting classes are taught upon request, projects for the month start at 5:00 pm, business sessions begins at 6:30 pm. There is a "Sit-N-Sew" each 4th Saturday, service projects are worked on, classes taught or work on a personal project. Meetings are held at the White Bluff Church of Christ, 4416 Hwy 70 E., White Bluff, TN across from the Post Office. Visitors are welcome to attend.

For more information call (615) 730-7585, (615) 763-1034, (615) 412-9941, (615) 797-9662 or email bsquilts@bellsouth.net.

Bellevue Rotary meetings

Bellevue Rotary meets at Loveless Café Wednesdays 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. join Bellevue’s fastest growing service club for breakfast at one of the nation’s most beloved and historic eateries. Every Wednesday Morning the Rotary Club of Bellevue meets for a full Loveless Café breakfast and an hour of friendship, fellowship and timely discussion of current club service projects and events. For more information contact club President Larry Musick at 615-210-2981 or email Larry@klajmusick@bellsouth.net

U.S.Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 11-05 meets on the second Monday of each month at Woodmont Hills Family of God Church, 3710 Franklin Road, Nashville, at 7:00 p.m.

For more information please call Michael Willey at (615) 516-7173 or Randy Ventress at (615) 509-6025 or visit our website at <http://a0821105.uscgaux.info/> for more information.

Bellevue Creative Activities Playgroup

ABC Educational Playgroup meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to Noon. There are Creative Projects, Games, Recreation, Reading & Writing for children 2-5 Years, Siblings encouraged to attend. RSVP to Samantha Kirchner, Coordinating Parent, 615-646-0960.

Bellevue Exchange Club

The Bellevue Exchange Club meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at Shoney’s in Bellevue. Guests are always welcome. Call Bob Allen at 218-4580 or Rod Frank at 354-6464, Steve Smith at 476-4120, or Charlie Tygard at 243-3295 for more information.

Humphreys Co. Historical Society

Humphreys County Historical Society. Everyone welcome! For information on meetings, call 931 + 296-2094.

West Nashville Go Club Forming

Do you enjoy chess or other strategic boardgames? You'll love Go, the oldest games in the world! Already play? Join other Go players from West Nashville. Just curious? All are welcome! For more info, please call 615-598-1104 or email Corey Todaro at west-nashvillego@comcast.net.

CHADD meeting in Franklin

Do You Have a Child with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder? Do You Want to Learn More about AD/HD? <http://lib.williamson-tn.org>

Horizon Medical hosts Alzheimer Group

Horizon Medical Center will host a Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month, 2nd floor conference room from 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M..

To register call Medline at 615-343-1910

Hillsboro-Harding Exchange Club

The Hillsboro-Harding Road Breakfast Exchange Club meets at 7:30 am every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the White Bridge Road Shoney's restaurant. Guests are always welcome. Call Winston Caldwell at 383-7321 or Henry Hopton at 832-7388 for more information.

Friends Learning in Pairs (FLIP)

FLIP is seeking caring people aged 55 and over to serve as tutors for children in grades K-4 in the Fairview and Bellevue areas. Volunteers go to a school one day a week and spend 30 minutes each with 3 to 4 students who are struggling with reading. Please call Carolyn Warnick at 615-948-3102 or email cwarnick@scitn.org for more details.

West Nashville Civitan Club

West Nashville Civitan Club is a co-ed club that meets at 6 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the White Bridge Shoney's. Normally an outside speaker makes a presentation on the fourth Tuesday.

Bellevue AA

An AA group for 25 and younger is now being held at 7700 George E Horn Road, Bellevue, Tennessee (New Beginnings Church – main auditorium) at 8:00 p.m. on Monday nights beginning September 24, 2007. If you need additional information, please call Tammi N. at 251-8805, ext. 201.

Financial Fitness Workshop

Edward Jones invites you to their “Financial Fitness Workshop” sponsored by Nashville Public Schools “Community Education” running Monday evenings, March 3rd through April 7th, 6-7:30PM at the J.L.Turner Senior Center/ Bellevue YMCA, 8101 Hwy 100, Nashville, 37221. Cost is \$60, which includes all materials. Topics include: Basic investments, stocks, bonds, CD’s, and mutual funds. Investment vehicles including annuities, college savings plans, and individual retirement accounts, types and purposes of insurance, and estate planning. Call 646-8156 for more info.

Help for Tornado Victims

Do you want to help disaster victims who have lost their home by fire or hit by a tornadoes in Williamson county? We can teach you how in our upcoming classes. Join the Red Cross Disaster Action Team! Please call 790-5785 and speak to Norm or Celeste or visit our website: williamsoncountyyredcross.org for more information.

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Westview Opinion Pages



The Daughter's View

by Paula Underwood Winters

It's Tuesday again and it never fails that we have computer problems on a Tuesday as I'm trying to send the paper to the printer.

I'm looking forward to next week when I'll be taking a few days off to head back down to my home in New Orleans to attend the Tennessee Williams Festival.

Of course, I can't take a real vacation. I feel to guilty when I take days off and I'm not working. So, while I'm there I'll be taking up carpet and getting my floors back to the original wood floors. I never understood why someone put while carpet in an apartment in the French Quarter, and in a 200 year old place that had hardwood floors.

I look forward to the Tennessee Williams Festival each year. Stephanie Zimbalist will be there this year along with many other writers and actors. Last year John Waters was there. Now, he's a hoot! John Boy Walton's Richard Thomas was there last year, too, if I remember right. I didn't go to any of the plays where he was acting.

If you want to find out more about the Tennessee Williams Festival, you can go to www.TennesseeWilliams.net and see the schedule and participants and special activities.

When I get back I'll write about the festival and I may try to get an interview with someone special.

Have I said lately how much I hate politics. I've decided that no matter what politicians are like before they are elected, once they are elected all sense of common decency goes out the window.

And talk about problems, since when did being politically correct mean you can't say the truth. Geraldine Ferraro made the statement that Barack Obama wouldn't be where he is in the presidential campaign if it weren't for his color and she was really slammed. But, you know, it's probably true. If he were a white man running against Clinton, he would not be getting the press he is or a lot of the support. That's not saying anything bad about him, it's just that a lot of people are probably supporting him because of his color. Just like a lot of people are supporting Clinton because of her gender. You might not like it, but it's probably true. That is if people will really be truthful with themselves.

On The Eve of Spring, 2008

The Westview dateline this week is the last day of winter, 2008. With the arrival of spring, Vet's View would like to wax nostalgic, one more time...

It was Easter Sunday, 1968, now forty years ago. This then-almost 25 year old U.S. Army Captain was in Vietnam.

About a month earlier, this ol' Vet's mother wrote and said, "The Nashville Tennessean wants a letter from you to publish on Easter Sunday morning." Not a request a soldier receives everyday; Vet's View set about the task of writing the letter. The paper got a head and shoulders photo from my parents, and the letter really wasn't difficult to compose. Sure enough, on Easter Sunday morning, 1968, the picture and letter made the newspaper. Along with two other soldier-Nashvillians, the letters served to remind readers of those in service far from home. They had set in quotation marks below this ol' Vet's picture the phrase, "Standard of Sacrifice", which was the theme of my letter. The military, I felt, was serving proudly in a long (and by then) unpopular war. Fast forward some forty years and Vet's View feels the same about our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Different time and different mission, yes, but youngsters are still in harm's way, far from home, and setting standards of service and sacrifice for soldiers, airmen, sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard sure to follow.

Vet's View
by John Furgess
Past VFW
National Commander
Westview Columnist
since 1979



Remember them in your Easter prayers, and those of Purim, this weekend.

It was quite a Hooligan's bash last Saturday! Vet's View was proud to witness high school classmate Charlie "Sunshine" Strobel receive the shilelagh award for his longtime work with the homeless of Nashville. Presiding Hooligan, Judge Leon Ruben, announced that the 27th annual Hooligan's St. Patrick's Day party (next year) would be in a yet-to-be announced location. The current Moose Lodge, on Charlotte Pike, has been sold (but moving to a nearby location), so Hooligan plans for 2009 can't be released yet - right in line with their Loyal, Royal, Secret Order! Biggest round of applause went to former Governor Ned McWherter, who was decked out in his bright green St. Paddy's jacket. They awarded some lucky person an original "Vic Lineweaver Bathrobe," but Vic had already - signed the book - and headed off to another event! No, the name drawn wasn't Jeremy Finley!

Area residents are out and about tilling the soil, in the anticipation of a better growing season than last year. Spring is always a beautiful time of year. Each state truly has its own beauty, but one must travel far to see nature more beautiful than right here in Middle Tennessee. Enjoy the season! At least that's this Vet's View. What's yours?

Westview Calendar

Murphy's North Pole Network Collectors Club

There are many reasons to join a local Hallmark Collectors club. Door prizes are awarded at most club meetings. Get holiday decorating ideas beyond the traditional Christmas tree, and also actively participate in philanthropic projects that will benefit our community.

The club meets (for either a meeting or club event) on the fourth Tuesday of every month except January. Currently, the club meets at Shoney's in Bellevue (in the private dining room) at I-40W/Highway 70S - with dinner arrival beginning at 6 p.m. and the club meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Bellevue

Bellevue Family & Community Education meetings

Family & Community Education Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Lutheran Church on Bellevue Road. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call 662-1270

Bellevue Genealogy and History Club

The Bellevue Genealogy and History Club meets every Friday from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the JLT Lifelong Learning Center at 8101 Hwy 100. You do NOT have to be a member of the YMCA or the Senior Center to attend. The schedule for January 2008 is:

The schedule for the Bellevue Genealogy and History Group for February 2008 follows.

March 21, 2008 - Good Friday - no meeting.

March 28, 2008 - Speaker Pat Knapp - "The Joys and Woes of Navy Life" - Pat was a WAVE in WWII and has helped many authors write and tell their personal stories.

Please let me know if you know of anyone or any events or field trips you want to schedule for March and/or April.

Contact Bob Allen at 218-4580 or Melinda Hunkler at 646-9622.

Waverly Lions Club Memorial 5K Run

Waverly Lions Paul Haase Memorial 5K Run and 5K / 25K Biathlon (combination Run and Bike Race)---"The Flattest Race in Tennessee"; begins at Waverly Junior High School (520 East Main Street, Waverly, TN, in Humphreys Co. approx. 60 miles west of Nashville). Prizes for all age categories.

For information or a Race Application, call 931 + 296-1270 or docdanartis@aol.com or <http://waverlytn.lionwap.org>

Fairview High Carnival

The Fairview High School PTO will be hosting Green's Carnival during Spring Break. It will be set up in the Fairview High School parking lots. The carnival will offer the Ferris Wheel, fast rides, slow rides, and kid rides. There will be that wonderful carnival food readily available plus all the carnival

games you want to play.

The Carnival will be open on Wed. thru Friday, March 19-21 from 5-10PM and on Saturday, March 22, 2-10PM.

Tickets can be purchased for each ride or ride unlimited with the \$15 arm band.

Dennis Lampley To Speak to Dickson Co. Historical

Dennis Lampley will be giving a presentation on CAPTAIN ED BAXTER & HIS TENNESSEE ARTILLERY MEN, CSA on March 24 for the Dickson County Historical & Genealogical Society. It will be in the old Dickson City Council chamber at the police station on S. Main St. (across from the War Memorial Bldg.) The meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

U.S. Border Patrol Recruiting at Opry Mills

The U.S. Border Patrol is coming to Nashville to offer jobs to qualified people in the area. Agents will be at Opry Mills Mall on Friday from 10a.m. to 9:30p.m. They will also be at the Nashville Superspeedway on Saturday from 9a.m. till 2p.m. Michael Olsen, the Assistant Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol, will be available to talk to you by phone regarding the Border Patrol and their hiring campaign.

Southern Women's Show

Food, Fashion & Fun... We have something for everyone! Savvy shopping, creative cooking ideas, healthy lifestyle tips, trendy fashion shows, celebrity guests, and prizes. Satisfy Your Cravings at the Southern Women's Show in Nashville, April 10 - 13, 2008 at the Nashville Convention Center.

Admission prices are: Adults: \$9 at the door, \$8 in advance online and at local Kroger stores. Youth (6-12): \$5; Ages 6 & under free with paying adult

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More Holy Week Services at Area Churches

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity will offer Holy Week services. A Maundy Thursday service will be held on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. The service includes a ritual “stripping of the altar” in which altar cloths, crosses, candles and the Bible is removed from the sanctuary to symbolized Jesus’ suffering.

A Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be held on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. The candlelight service includes the reading of Jesus’ seven last words from the cross. In darkness, a large wooden cross is carried through the church representing Jesus’ crucifixion.

Holy Trinity is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – the largest Lutheran body in the United States. With over 66 million

members, the Lutheran Church is one of the world’s largest protestant churches.

Easter events will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 23. Holy Trinity offers an Easter Flowering of the Cross ceremony at 10:00 a.m. Participants insert long-stemmed flowers in a large wooden meshed cross located on the church grounds. The brilliant display symbolizes new life and the resurrection. An Easter service will be held at 10:30 a.m. with music by the Adult Choir. Children will be invited to an Easter Egg hunt immediately after worship. Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – the largest Lutheran body in the United States. With over 66 million members, the Lutheran

Church is one of the world’s largest protestant churches.

Holy Trinity, located at 525 Sneed Road, Nashville, offers Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The web site is www.holytrinitynashville.com and the office phone number is 673-6289.

Rev. John Stirewalt is the pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Gospel Chapel Services

Easter Sunday, March 23, you are cordially invited to celebrate the resurrection of our LORD JESUS CHRIST at our 7AM “SON-rise” service. Steve Witter, from Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa will bring the early morning message. Following this time of praise and rejoicing, the men of the Chapel will serve a

“Pancake Breakfast” with all the trimmings. As we do each LORD’S day, the LORD’S Supper will be at 9:15. After that, there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship, a time to get acquainted. Starting at 10:45 we will celebrate the LORD’S resurrection with songs and hymns of praise and worship. Steve Witter will also speak at this hour. Everyone is invited to be with us at the Gospel Chapel, 7305 Sonya Drive at I-40W and Old Hickory Boulevard, a local church fellowship where CHRISTians gather in the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. For more information see our ad in today’s paper or go to www.nashvillegospelchapel.org.

Redeemer Tenebrae Service

Redeemer Lutheran Church will conduct the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. “Tenebrae” is the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows.” The characteristic feature of this service is the extinguishing of candles one by one as the Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ is remembered. As the sanctuary grows progressively darker the service is careful to leave worshippers with a single light signifying that Christ is not defeated in death and anticipating the Easter celebration of the resurrection. (Easter service is at 10:30 a.m.)

Redeemer is located at 800 Bellevue Rd, two blocks off of Hwy 70 South. The website is www.redeemernashville.org.

Open Auditions for Teens in *Bye, Bye Birdie* at Chaffin’s Barn

Open Call Auditions for TEENS (AGES 14 -18) for Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre's production of BYE BYE BIRDIE will be held Saturday April 5, 2008 , 10 am - 3 pm at Chaffin's Barn , 8204 Hwy 100, Nashville 37221.

ALL AUDITIONEES MUST MAKE AN APPT PLEASE CALL 615-646-9977.

[NOTE: IF YOU ATTENDED CHAFFIN'S BARN'S GENERAL AUDI-

TIONS IN THE FALL AND WERE CALLED BACK, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THESE AUDITIONS! YOU WILL RECEIVE A SEPARATE NOTICE!!]

All teen roles available including "Kim" & "Hugo."

The teen chorus will be internships.

They will receive hands on training and the a professional opportunity to be directed and choreographed by, perform w/ and learn from

some of the areas best musical theatre performers.

We are looking for male and female performers.

Auditionees should prepare:

16 bars of a B'way type song OR 16 bars of a 1950's pop song AND a (1) minute comic monologue. An accompanist will be provided. Please bring SHEET MUSIC in the appropriate key

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BE ACCEPTED.

FYI: CALLBACKS WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING SAT, APRIL 12 AT 10AM.

YOU MUST ATTEND THIS AUDITION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A CALL BACK OR HAVE BEEN CALLED BACK PRIOR TO THESE APRIL 05 AUDITIONS.

BBB Rehearsal dates : JUNE 23- JULY 10 2008 - ALL DAY TIME approx 9am - 4pm

BBB Run dates : JULY 10 thru AUGUST 23

Shows are Tues thru Sat

evenings 7pm actor call, 8pm show

Additionally, there are:

(3) scheduled Thurs matinees July 17, 24 & 31 call 11am, show at 12 pm and (1) Sunday matinee July 13 call 1p.m., show at 2 p.m.

Pull-Tight Auditions for *Importance of Being Earnest*

Auditions for the classic British comedy THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST will be held by the Pull-Tight Players in Franklin, Tennessee on Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. and Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m. Pull-

Tight Players Theatre, 112 2nd Ave. S., Downtown Franklin

Performances will be May 30, 31, June 1, 5-8, 12-14.

Roles are available for: 4 women (ages 17-65) and 5 men (ages 20-65). There will

be cold readings from the script. Each person MUST have a proper British accent (no exceptions)

Contact Jeanne Drone, director, Jdtalker@aol.com, for more information.

Community Band Festival March 29 at Hillwood High

The community is invited to a Community Band Festival which is free and open to the public and which will take place on Saturday, March 29th at the Hillwood High School Auditorium located at 400 Davidson Road in Nashville. The Festival, hosted by the Hillwood HS Band-Michael Chester Director, and organized by Christopher Reeves, the Robertson County Director-features the following performances by these mostly adult groups:

1. The Robertson County Community Band at 2pm.
2. The Nashville Community Concert Band at 3pm
3. The RCCB and The NCCB will join forces for one piece.
4. The Community Jazz Combo of The Renaissance Center-4pm

The music features classical, pops, vocals, Broadway and traditional band pieces.

Questions may be answered at 352-7713.



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WALLY THE ROOSTER	March 5 winner:
P.O. Box 210183	Dennis Peterson
Nashville, TN 37221	March 12 winner:
or fax to 662-0946	Rusty Grafman

I found Wally, now enter me in the contest!

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Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Wally’s location _____

Nashville

Nostalgia

By E.D. Thompson

Email: thompsonia04@ad.com

Do You Remember?

Here is another variety of memories, another smorgasbord of Nashville’s nostalgic tastes.

Do you remember the old Jackson Building which used to stand at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Church—long before Cain-Sloan was there? The several floors of the building were occupied with offices of many types. I especially remember the street level which was Shacklett’s Cafeteria. Wouldn’t you love to sit down in that cafeteria today and have the servers move around the tables offering you coffee and those great trays of breads.

Do you remember the Binkley Shoe Store when it was in the old Sears-Roebuck building at Eighth and Church? Do you remember Armstrong’s at the corner of Church Street and Capitol Boulevard? The rest of the block was Castner-Knott Company. Do you remember Joy Floral Company when it was on the corner of Sixth and Church? I bet many of you don’t remember an H. G. Hill Grocery in the block between Sixth and Seventh Avenues downtown.

Advertising today is something totally different from our old days. Today, I can look at a commercial on the television screen and can’t even understand what they are talking about, I don’t know what the picture means, and I have no idea what company or product they are advertising. Then, at the end of the thirty seconds or a minute commercial, they flash the name of the product on the screen for what seems to be less than a second. That’s some way to advertise!

In the old days, we knew what the product being advertised was from the start. We heard the product announced several times. We even associated a product with a one-liner that we could always remember. For instance, do you remember hearing “A little dab will do ya.” We knew that was Brylcream. When Pepsodent toothpaste was advertised we knew that we would hear “You’ll wonder where the yellow went.”

All of us knew that “Better things for better living through chemistry” was talking about DuPont. “Fire-Chief gasoline” was Texaco. I remember the Saturday night boxing on television which was sponsored by Gillette Blue Blades, and we heard the announcer say a million times, “Look sharp, feel sharp, be sharp.”

We knew that Colgate toothpaste “Cleans your breath while it cleans your teeth.”

Dinah Shore used to sing “See the U.S.A. in a Chevrolet.”

“Quick, Henry, the Flit” was familiar. My wife and I just ate some Campbell’s Soup, and my wife said, “Mmm, Mmm, good!” And, if you don’t know “Good to the last drop,” then you have never read this column before!

Do you remember when kids looked forward to Saturday matinees at the neighborhood movie theatres? Where I lived, we would go to either the Melrose Theatre or walk over to the Belmont Theatre at 21st and Blakemore. East Nashville kids could go to the Woodland or Roxy theatres. West Nashville kids went to the Elite Theatre on Charlotte Pike across from Cohn High School. North Nashville’s neighborhood kids had the Ritz Theatre on Jefferson Street.

The Saturday matinees usually showed a cartoon, a comedy short of Laurel and Hardy or The Three Stooges or Edgar Kennedy or Patsy Kelly. Also, they would show an adventure serial as well as a full-length feature. Often, the features were westerns.

The famous cowboy and cowgirl stars had horses which were just as famous.

Some were probably more famous than others. Most of us knew Gene Autry and his horse Champion. Also, there were Tom Mix who had Tony, Tex Ritter whose horse was named White Flash, and Roy Rogers who rode Trigger. We can’t leave out cowgirl Dale Evans whose horse was named Buttermilk. The Lone Ranger cut the crooks off at the pass on his horse named Silver.

William Boyd rode Topper, and Bill Elliott rode Thunder. Ken Maynard was quite popular, too. His horse was named Tarzan. And, I am sure many of you saw Rex Allen. He rode a horse he called Koko. Do you remember the African-American Western star named Herb Jeffries? But, there were other stars which I have heard about but don’t recall ever seeing. I have heard of Jack Perrin, Eddie Dean, and Tom Keene.

Almost all of them were in black and white films, so we knew the good guys by their white hats, and the bad guys by their black hats.

Do you remember when our Union Station was busy with passengers coming and going, and making train connections? Do you remember the Red Caps at the depot?

Do you remember the old dirt racetrack at the Fairgrounds? During fair week they held harness racing each day on that track that circled out in front of the grandstand. Once, before I was married, I had my future wife in my old 1936 Plymouth out driving one day. I wanted to drive up the hill at the back of the grandstand. There was no activity at all at the fairgrounds that day. Before I left the area, I noticed that the gate was open onto the dirt racetrack. So, I decided I would take my car out around that old track. Surely, I’m not the only one who ever did that!

Why do old memories seem to me like the events just happened yesterday?

Living Word Fellowship... a place to Pray...Plant...Harvest

Living Word Fellowship is a new, dynamic church that is based upon the belief in God and the salvation provided through his son, Jesus Christ. Living Word Fellowship is a fellowship that chooses to deal with issues that affect your life, here, today, and now. Things you won’t find at Living Word Fellowship are ancient, religious tradition, stagnate religious culture or religious mythology...but you just might find answers to that nagging feeling in your heart that tells you there is more to life and more to learn...

Living Word Fellowship believes that God is at work today...through the power of His Holy Spirit and they provide the “Plug In” needed to find your connection, regardless of your past or present circumstances.

Pastor Andrew Burns is the Founding Pastor and cordially invites you to check them out. Pastor Burns was licensed as a Minister of the Gospel in 1991. Ordained by both Global Action International and the International Ministerial Association, Pastor Burns has held numerous positions in churches on both the West Coast and East Coast, ranging from Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, Minister of Music, Children’s Pastor and Evangelist. Pastor Burns plays the piano, sings, leads worship,

teaches and preaches. Having attended Bethany University, he began his ministry service in 1982 as a Ministerial Intern for Calvary Worship Center in Modesto, California. Pastor Burns also served in the US Navy for nearly 12 years. Pastor Burns, his wife Deborah and their family currently make their home here in Nashville.

According to Pastor Andy Burns, many have experienced a need for a place to belong, where you can share the love, compassion and comfort through the study of basic Bible concepts. Pastor Burns states, “We are not here to judge. Our vision, our Ministry, and our aim is to bring Jesus to those who don’t understand who Jesus is. Many people have given up on traditional religion, or have not attended any church for a long time because they got “burnt”. Others may have never attended any type of church, and have trouble with the “traditional” or “old fashioned” types of services. This is who we wish to reach. Make no mistake, we’re a Bible believing fellowship, and we never compromise fundamental doctrine, but we do not waste our energies or your time teaching “proprietary doctrines” like many denominational churches tend to do. Jesus spoke against those who teach man made commandments as “doctrine”, instead of teaching God made

commandments. We cover this in our Basic Bible Concept class, geared to help enhance your understanding. All are welcome to participate in any of our services, classes or activities without ANY commitments to our fellowship. At LWF, our success is measured by our ability to send others out from our fellowship to begin vital ministries, throughout their lives, the lives they touch and in a broader sense, the world; not by expanding our seating capacity. We also believe that God is the one who provides for our needs, and that people are just funnels through which he chooses to provide for our various needs as they occur. We believe this so strongly that we do not pass collection plates, but rather offer a donation box, in the back of every service. Give, don’t give, it’s up to you and your understanding of God’s Word concerning giving. We exist to seal the Gospel of Jesus Christ into every life, providing a strong emotional and spiritual security that will always be there for you, standing the test of all time. We are part contemporary, part conservative and fully dynamic in structure. You can take some time to visit our website if you like, at www.lfellowship.net to learn more.”

See their contact and location information on our church pages.

be a way of life, but it’s kind of like paying patience tax until you can save up for a big down payment.

I imagine it’s pretty hard to have tons of patience when a skunk moves in with you, so maybe the big question right now is this: How much longer are you willing to hold your nose while you save up money for a nice home?

I can see three options here. Number one, get the animal control people to trap that critter and continue to live in Skunk Manor for a couple of years longer while you save more money. Two, you could go ahead and make the move to a nicer place of your own that costs twice as much before you’re truly ready. Not what I’d recommend, by the way.

Or, option three could be taking a couple of months to look around for another bargain rental deal – something that’s in-between where you are now and the really nice neighborhood you’ve got your hearts set on AND would allow you to save up a fat 20 percent down payment on the place you really want.

God bless and good luck, Rachel!

- Dave

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Dear Dave,

I just found out that my mom co-signed my son’s new car loan. He defaulted, and now she’s making the payments. Does this mean she owns the car that was financed with the loan? If not, how do I go about taking over the car? I want to sell it.

Patty

Dear Patty,

No, this doesn’t make your mom the owner of the car unless she signed as an owner. But the first thing you do is call this kid up and tell him to bring you the car. Just make sure he hands it over voluntarily, otherwise you’re looking at another problem called grand theft auto!

When you co-sign a loan for a friend or even a family member it’s like playing Russian roulette. Chances are the gun’s going to go off, and you’ll end up blowing your financial brains out.

Debt is the most aggressively marketed product in our culture today. And if some banker wants a co-signer on a loan, it means he doesn’t think the person asking for the loan will pay it back! Before all this started I’m pretty sure grandma didn’t have a space on her to-do list marked “go thousands of dollars into debt.”

DAVE SAYS

Financial Straight-Talk

by Dave Ramsey

www.davesays.org

Co-signing is BAD idea. If you insist on doing it, you better make sure you have the ability to write a check and hand them the money. Because chances are – one way or another – that’s exactly what you’re going to end up doing.

- Dave

Dear Dave,

We’ve managed to become debt-free thanks, in part, to the fact that the little house we’ve been renting is just \$500 a month. We’ve also been able to save up a few thousand dollars to buy a new home. We’d like to move into a better place of our own soon – especially since a skunk just moved in under the floor – but that will mean doubling what we now pay for a better way of life in a nicer neighborhood. What do you think?

Rachel

Dear Rachel,

Congratulations on becoming debt-free! Feels great, doesn’t it?

Renting should be a time of wisely having patience until you reach the point where you can buy properly. It shouldn’t

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2. Social Intelligence
3. Importance of relationships between students and the school pets (of which there are many).

The animals were the reason the school was founded on a farm in rural Franklin. (And don't panic now, if you're thinking about transportation. There are several carpools going their way). The rural environment is one of the elements that make Willow Hall Academy so unique. And then there is their unique teaching techniques that benefit all college bound students, as well as those students who learn differently. Ninety-five percent of their graduates successfully



continue on to fine schools such as Father Ryan, Brentwood Academy, Battleground Academy and other private, as well as public schools.

In the beginning, Willow Hall Academy was founded to meet the needs of children with average or above average intelligence, who did not have behavioral or emotional problems, but who learn differently, specifically dyslexic children. Over the years the school focus changed and opened to a wider population to include all students seeking

smaller class size, affording the individual attention and their unique, stress-free environment.

Ms. Muller's basic philosophy is simple: children need to be children, parents need to be parents, and educators need to be educators. Their curriculum is traditional. Their teaching style is non-traditional. This is all offered, following the 'Golden Rule' along with "The Three R's" in a safe, protected place.

To learn more about this extraordinary school, go to www.willowhallacademy.com



On the flip side of life

By Diane W. Repasky drepasky@bellsouth.net

I guess I'll make the rounds telling tales on my family again. And since last week, I talked about empty-nesting with my back-home-to-stay daughters, this week, it's Larry's turn. — My tale about him starts all the way back at the first few years of our marriage....

So we had this nice cuddly electric blanket then. It was orange, wow, my favorite color. (Hey; don't go there; everything was orange in the '70s.) ...Queen-size; dual controls; pretty snazzy. But then, after four-years-&-eleven-months, it stopped working. ...Well... *one* side did. Mine. Larry's side didn't stop working cuz he never-hardly used it to begin with. But *me*, why in the blazes would I suffer in Ohio in the middle of a cold March night? (Or even August, since I've occasionally been accused of being reptilian cold-blooded [and I *think* (I *hope*) Larry's talking about my "internal thermometer".]) Anyhow, so this darned orange electric blanket stopped working! After a mere four-years-&-eleven-months! And I wasn't about to have that! So I told Larry I was going right back to my Sears catalog, where we'd bought the thing, and order me up a new one.

"No need to," he informed me. "We'll just return this one and get it replaced with a new one." "Oh yeah?," I questioned; "What makes you think Sears'll take it back after all this time?" "Because it has a five-year warranty on it, and our five years aren't up yet," Larry announced. (How he knew that, at four-years-&-eleven-months, the blanket still even fell under warranty beats the heck outta me...but it's almost scary that he did. In fact, how he knew it even had a five-year warranty is pretty scary too.)

Anyhow, so me & my electric blanket went trucking off, over to my local Sears store. And there, behind the "Service Counter," I ran into this cocky, nose-in-the-air, thinks-he's gonna-be-a-'Manager'-next-week, snippy young kid who insisted he wouldn't take back my busted electric blanket and replace it with a new one. So an argument ensued, and I reminded him that it had a five-year warranty, and he said he needed proof of that fact. (Forget the fact that, when I took him the blanket, it was back in its original plastic Sears zipper-bag, which Larry'd saved for four-years-&-eleven-months.) So I produced it to him: the bonafide, O-rig-i-nal, Five-Year Warranty. And his jaw dropped a tad. But nonplussed, he went on to *further* inform me that, without a Receipt-Of-Purchase, we couldn't verify that any transaction with Sears had actually taken place within that mandated five-year period. So, my *coup d'grace*, I handed him the O-rig-i-nal, Nearly-Five-Year-Old, Proof-Of-Purchase

Catalog Receipt...with the date clearly on it. —He was stunned. ...And I smugly walked outta the Sears catalog department toting a free order form for a brand-new electric blanket.

My point? Why, it's Larry, of course. Understand this: After FIVE YEARS, Larry disappeared for three minutes into the dungeon otherwise known as our basement, then resurfaced with 1) the original zipper-bag our electric blanket had come in five years earlier; 2) the original five-year warranty card our electric blanket had come with five years earlier; and 3) the original store receipt from the purchase of our electric blanket five years earlier. — And you tell me THAT'S not something to be frightened of!!

...Well...just the other day, I was cleaning up the kitchen and ran across about 20 foot-long receipts from Kroger. And I got to thinking about them, knowing that Larry would have a fatal heart attack if I threw them out, instead of piling them up for him to cart off into the mysterious Neverland of his Dungeon. So I asked him: "Larry, is there some tax purpose for why you hang onto grocery store receipts? I mean, like, can you deduct them from our taxes or something?" "...Uh...no..." he replied. "Then why do you keep them?," I wanted to know. "It's not like we can return the pot roast we ate last Sunday," I reasoned. (Although I did return two rotten avocados once, but come to think of it, I was in such a hurry for dinner that I didn't even *take* the receipt.) Well, he had no reply, except that "that's the way he'd always done it." To which I said, astounded, "So you mean we've got sitting in our basement THIRTY YEARS of grocery store receipts, crammed into Lord-knows how many file drawers, and they have NO PURPOSE WHATSOEVER FOR BEING THERE?" "...Uh...yeah..." he simply answered.

—"But wait," he continued. "If you think *that's* bad..." and he left the kitchen and headed toward his bedroom closet. And he returned with TWO empty boxes for hair blow-dryers. One was for the blow-dryer we *currently* own...and one was for the blow-dryer we *used* to own, till it busted almost three years ago. He had no explanation why he had saved the "older" box (especially since he'd chucked the anciently-dead blow-dryer long ago, but inexplicably, had saved the empty box)...but the "newer" box, he said he'd saved because it stated on it that the dryer had a two-year warranty (although the warranty is expired on "that" blow-dryer too).

And I have no clever way to end this article...except to say that, oh-my-gosh, I certainly hope we never have mice.

"I Didn't Know That"

Why We Say The Things We Say

by Karlen Evins



"You might want to slow it down." I gripped my door handle.

"I know how to drive, Karlen."

"It's just, the police love that curve. You're going 50. The sign says 40." I pointed. I shrugged. "And don't forget that stop si..."

The sudden brakes told me she would've. "Has your mother ever commented on your driving?"

"No. My MOTHER thinks I drive just fine." Clearly I hit a nerve.

When it comes to work, my assistant and I are a team. From radio shows to speaking schedules we're click and clack. The girl can organize everything from spread sheets to closets like nobody's business. But put us together in a car and we become the Bickersons.

"Are you always this annoying?" she asked.

"Just trying to get there alive."

"Are you still a *backseat driver* when you're sitting up front?"

I live for these moments.

"Well, may I just say... *backseat drivers* have been maligned. It's really not fair the bum

wrap they've been given."

Darcy rolled her eyes.

"The original backseat drivers were not complaining passengers. No. No. Nay. Nay. For what they were assigned to do, these drivers were appreciated...respected even.

The original *backseat drivers* worked on fire trucks. Their role, as critical to the equation as the driver, himself. Perched at the back of the rig, watching out for ladders that could further delay things if suddenly unleashed, the backseat driver was in a position of honor...as vital to the team as the firefighters themselves.

"So you see, little Darcy...when it comes to your safety, this label, under any other circumstance, would be highly respected. Everyone else on the truck would be thanking me."

Again, the eye roll.

"If not my wisdom, I'd think you'd at least respect your elders."

This time a snarl.

It was no use. Next time I'll just drive myself.

Karlen Evins, author of "I Didn't Know That" welcomes your feedback at karlen@karlenevins.com.

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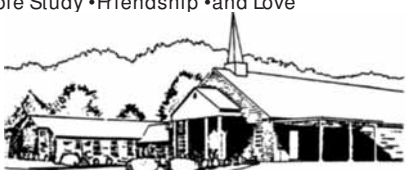
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Brookmeade Cub Scout Pack 3 Celebrates Blue & Gold Banquet; Parents & Volunteers Also Honored

Brookmeade Cub Scout Pack 3 celebrated its Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday, February 17th. Several parent volunteers were given pins for their years of service. Cub Scouts Wesley Smith, Wayne O'Briant, Nathaniel Berle, and Carson Lovell were awarded their Bear badge. Matthew Mangrum, who had already received his Bear, received 1

Gold Arrow Point and 6 Silver Arrow Points. Webelos Scouts Christopher Geny and Ty Mason earned several Webelos pins. Graduating Webelos J.C. McCaw, Jamey Wilson-Patton, and Richie Powell participated in a "crossing over" ceremony, and joined 2 Boy Scout troops, 87 and 42.



Andrew Owensby Awarded Eagle Scout at March 15 Ceremony

Bellevue Boy Scout Andrew Owensby, a senior at Middle College High School, received his Eagle Scout award at a Court of Honor ceremony March 15 at

Bellevue United Methodist Church. Andrew is the fourth Eagle from Troop 624 this year.

Metro Councilman Bo Mitchell has arranged for all

four Eagle Scouts to be recognized at the Council meeting on August 1. Troop 624 meets at 7 pm Mondays at the church, 7501 Old Harding Pike.



Troop 624 Scoutmaster Jimmy Ransford, parents Patty and Craig Owensby, Andrew, Troop 624 Eagle advisor John Garland, Andrew's grandfather Guy Benson of Cadillac, Michigan.



Big Black Spiders?

"Big, black spiders?" I shuddered to think of what kind of spiders live here in England! This was my thought as I opened my eyes. Nona was nowhere in sight, and Hailey was lost again, confined to my dreams. I sat up and looked around, rubbing the sleep from my eyes and calling out to Nona. "Nona, where are you?" I asked.

"Well good morning sleepy head. You slept for over twelve hours!" Nona said, as she walked back into the bedroom, brushing her hair and smiling at me. "I'm getting ready to go down to breakfast with your dad and Aunt Sara. If you get up, hurry, wash your face and get dressed. I'll wait for you, my sleepy girl."

It was already breakfast time? I must have slept right through dinner last night. No wonder I felt so hungry. As I washed my face in the cool water, I told Nona about my Hailey dream and about her secret room. Nona's eyes got really big as she rubbed her hands together and said, "Okay, Miss, we'll go on a treasure hunt after breakfast!"

I smiled at Nona...but I wasn't sure if I could wait until after breakfast, I was so excited to see if I could actually find Hailey's secret room!

Breakfast was interesting this morning. We had Kippers. It's a sort of smoked fish. Aunt Sara said it was Salmon. Owen, Aunt Sara's butler, served it with potatoes and buttered bread. Aunt Sara said it was one of her favorite breakfast treats. I guess she's *never* had pancakes with maple syrup, but I didn't want to ask. I did ask her if it was alright to explore the third floor of Montacumbay. She smiled and said, if she felt more like it, she would even go with me. As I looked over at my kind, white-haired aunt, I so wanted to tell her about my dream visits with Hailey, but I didn't want her to think I was a silly child. Anyway, Nona seems to be the only adult who really believes in Hailey.

Aunt Sara left us at the breakfast table and went back to her room. Daddy excused himself and said he was meeting with Aunt Sara's attorney, one last time before we headed back home.

Heading back home...that thought tugged at my heart, but it seemed like we *just* got here.

"Daddy, when exactly are we going back home?" I asked...I was sort of afraid to ask the question, afraid of the answer, because I knew it would be sooner than I liked.

"Well, Miss Lauren, I believe I can finish up everything today with Aunt Sara's attorney, and we can probably leave tomorrow." Daddy said...

Tomorrow...that sounded so final. I felt my heart sink...I hadn't even had enough time to visit with Aunt Sara and make friends with her...much less Mrs. Beals son, Drew.

Tomorrow...Nona and I looked at each other and knew the urgency to excuse ourselves, go get the skeleton key from our room and search the third floor...

Tomorrow! *Tomorrow*... my trip to England would be over? Goodnight and God bless!

Overbrook student wins Pinewood Derby for second year in a row

Overbrook fourth-grader J.B. Lund, 10, has won the Overbrook Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby for the second year in a row and is heading again to the district Pinewood Derby, which he won last year.

JB made his own car both times complete with sleek design and weight added in the back to increase speed.

"I carved it from a piece of wood," he said. "I have weight on the back, so that may be why it's so fast."

His mother, Mrs. Inez Lund, said J.B. was so excited when he won the district derby last year he slept with the trophy the first night.

"He is so into this," Mrs. Lund said. "We say that he's

going to be our engineer because he does the design and every thing. And he's always saying, 'Dad, don't touch my car!'"

The Webelo scout is in Mrs. Janna Dedman's Boy Scout troop at Overbrook.

Overbrook is owned and operated by The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. Overbrook is a co-educational Catholic school for pre-k through eighth grade students where children grow in grace and knowledge. One hundred percent of the eighth-graders enrolled in Algebra I last year at Overbrook tested out of entry level math in high school as freshmen and are now taking higher level math. In addition, four members of the Overbrook



Overbrook Boy Scout J.B. Lund, 10, poses with his two winning Pinewood Derby cars and the trophies he won for this year's Overbrook derby and last year's Boy Scout district derby.

Class of 2004 have been recognized this fall as National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists and commended students.

Bellevue Homeschool News



Kindergarten News by Jada Elise Perry

Hello I'm Butterly Jada. I stayed with my mom today. I got some Easter Bunny things and we went some places. I went to girl scouts and got a bag of candy and I watched a video. It was Crook and Chase. BYE Bye. Butterfly Jada.



1st Grade News by Jenna Snipes

I had a good day. We wrote our weekly words. We finished our "All About Me" book! There's a picture of me and a picture of my class in it! In math we did adding and subtracting. We had to do 2 pages of it. We went outside to play. It was kinda warm and cool. In history we cut up some paper for the front of our history pockets. In girl scouts, we watched a TV show that we were on last week. We ate cookies and cheetos. We got prizes for how many cookies we sold. Then I had my first soccer practice. I had the same coach, Ms.Renea. There was a new girl on my team named RayAnn. My team was the same as last time besides her. We ran a lot and had fun, but it was cold! We got wet and muddy too. I had to take off some of my clothes and wrap up in a blanket to get in Mom's van! Dad built a fire in the fireplace at home!



2nd Grade News by Payton Walker

In class today we made our very own "Flat Stanleys." I made mine into a martian. Flat Stanley is the character in a book called, "Flat Stanley." In the book, a boy named Stanley, gets flattened by a cork board over his bed while he's sleeping. Then it goes on to tell about all of his adventures while he's flat like being a kite, sliding under doors, and never getting fat. During our Spring Break, our "Flat Stanleys" have to go with us wherever we go. Then, when we come back from Spring Break, we get to tell, or show the class through pictures, what we did during Spring Break

with our own Flat Stanley. In Art, we decouped. We put wet starch on paper with paintbrushes, then we stuck tissue paper down in whatever designs we liked. Then we put more wet starch over top and let it dry. Next week we are going to outline our designs to make them look more realistic, and add pictures with markers. In Math, we learned how to use an almanac, fill out charts, and solve a word problem. We also did a sheet where we had to toss a dice between two teams to figure out what animals to draw and what funny things to add to them. My team had to draw a dinosaur with stripes, a fish with a beak, a seal with a fluffy tail, a worm with sneakers, a clam with sneakers, and a dog with a beak. That's pretty much all...for now anyway. The End.



4th Grade News by Kayla Perry

Hello from Cat Girl Kayla. At BHSE today, we played kick-ball in recess. It's good exercise. We did this really cool project in ART. It was like a collage, thingy. We read this book called the GIVING TREE, in Language Arts. I have this book at my house.! It's about a tree that gives everything that a boy needs to him including apples to sell for money, shade, branches to make a house, truck to make a boat. At last she gives him a place to sit and rest. In Girl Scouts, we got awards for selling cookies, prizes, watched the Crook and Chase show we were on and had a snack. Good bye from Cool Cat Kayla.



5th Grade News by Benjamin Hansen

Hey! In Art we made paper sculptures. Mine didn't turn out so good, lol!!! I made chili for the Social Studies class for extra credit because we were studying the Southwest. It had elk meat in it, which was new for some people. A few people didn't want to try it, but one of the kids in class had four bowls!

On Tuesday the BHSE Girl Scouts went to a live taping of the Crook & Chase show. T. Clark Miller, the show's audi-

ence coordinator got them front and center row seats. There were three artists on the show that day. Miranda Lambert performed "Famous in a Small Town", and Randy Owen (from the band Alabama) sang "Braid Her Hair." Last, but definitely not least, was Bucky Covington from last year's American Idol. He performed "It's Good To Be Us".

My little sister Christine brought daffodils for Bucky Covington, and got to give them to him on TV!!! It was pretty cool. The Girl Scouts also brought Girl Scout cookies to give to Lorianne and Charlie and their guests. After the taping the Girl Scouts got their picture taken with the hosts of the show, Crook & Chase. I had a good time.



7th Grade News by Haley Butler

This Monday was our last day of school before SPRING BREAK! We were all really excited. For my spring break I'm going to a thing called Lad's to Leaders convention. It's where lots of people from different churches of Christ come together and make speeches, lead songs and write articles. Every year we have a theme, and this year's theme is 1st Timothy 4:12 "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe."

I won't be writing next week, because we don't have school, hope you have a great spring break!

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Westview Camp Section

How To Choose A Summer Camp

Summer camp can be an exciting time, and it can give you a chance to meet new people and learn about things you might not normally be exposed. But there are several things to consider when choosing which summer camp is right for you. Talk to your parents about these things before

you decide on the camp you will attend.

Do you really want to go? Are you ready to go? You should be excited and enthusiastic about going to summer camp, and also be ready to be away from home for the duration of the camp.

If you aren't sure

whether you are ready, try a day camp first. Go hiking and camping first, and learn some of the basics of camp life. If you enjoy those experiences, you can start considering an overnight camp.

What is the camp all about? What is the philosophy of the camp? What are they trying to accomplish? What is the daily routine? Which special activities will be planned? Do these goals fit in with you and your child? Perhaps your child has a particular interest (such as dance, theater, music, art or a sport), and the camp focuses on that interest.

What is the staff member-to-camper ratio? The American Camping Association recommendations vary depending on the age and physical capabilities of the children. In general, at resident camps, the ACA recommends the following:

1:6 (that's one staff member for every 6

campers) for ages 7 and 8

1:8 for ages 9 to 14

1:10 for ages 15 to 17

At day camps, recommendations are 1:8 for children 6 to 8, 1:10 for ages 9 to 14, and 1:12 for campers ages 15 to 17.

Take a look for yourself: Have your parents ask for information and brochures. Find out if you can visit before camp begins. Get references. Check out the beds. Walk

through the kitchen and toilet facilities, the playground and all play equipment, the dock, the infirmary. Find out how personal belongings will be stored. Find out what the menus will be and whether healthy snacks and drinks will be served. In other words, see if the camp seems like a good fit for you.

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It is amazing to me that scientists are now saying that the benefits of sun exposure now outweigh the risks when for the last ten years all we have been hearing is to stay out of the sun! How scary it is to put trust in people like doctors and scientists to later be told that they were wrong and that a lack of vitamin D3 is putting people at high risk for all kinds of cancer. May I just say, I knew it all along that they were exaggerating the risks of the sun. I firmly believe everything in balance. We certainly don't want to bake ourselves but I always knew that the sun has healing properties and limited time in it wasn't hurting us but helping us.

Unfortunately, I did not speak loudly because people don't seem to listen much if you don't have a Ph.D or an M.D. behind your name. At any rate the truth is coming out.

Vitamin D is most commonly referred as the "sunlight" vitamin which you obviously can only get from the sun. Vitamin D is found in nearly every cell in the human body and we are being told that most people are terribly deficient. Scientists now say that vitamin D3 could prevent as many as 16 cancers like, prostate, colon, breast, lung, pancreatic and many others. Researchers say that if we would increase time in the sun, which increases D3

levels, we could prevent nearly 1 million people from getting cancer. Other studies claim that raising your D3 levels decreases your risk of cancer by half.

Folks this is amazing news but it also upsets me that we have been misguided for so long! With this information I have found that the chemicals in most sun screens contain toxins that are absorbed through the skin increasing our cancer risks. This is frustrating to me thinking of all the people's deaths we could have prevented.

To get D3 it is recommended that we be in the sun 20 minutes to 2 hours for fair skinned people and 2 - 6 hours for dark skinned people. It is not recommended that you take a supplement but get it from a natural source - the sun. Most studies show that vitamins do more harm than good, so get your nutrients from fruits and vegetables and get your vitamin D3 from the sun - it will surely help you look great inside and out!

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They are starting with Wiggins, Mississippi because Shirlee adopted a Katrina dog from that town and wrote a heartwarming, educational children's book, WIGGINS, A KATRINA LOVE STORY. See website www.dogrescuekatrina.com.

Shirlee is active with fundraising for Nashville Humane Association (member of Top Tails) and the local animal control facility. She is a local author residing in Green Hills.

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Kim Pieratt of Crye-Leike earns PIC Certification

Crye-Leike, REALTORS is proud to announce that Associate Broker Kim Pieratt has earned her certification as a Property Image Consultant (PIC). Pieratt is based out of the company's Dickson Tennessee branch office located at 1904 Highway 46 South in Dickson.

Pieratt is the only licensed Realtor in Dickson County with the PIC designation.

"I went after the PIC designation because I strongly believe that after pricing, preparation and presentation of the home is the most important factor in generating a sale," said Pieratt. "Home Staging approaches the home more like a product and combines elements of feng shui, visual arts and design. It is NOT home decorating."

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"It is a good bit of de-cluttering and good old fashioned cleanup," said Pieratt. "I know that it works because I have seen it work."

Since 1995 Pieratt has been a licensed Affiliate Broker in Tennessee assisting buyers and sellers in and around Dickson, Hickman, Williamson and Cheatham counties. She is a residential real estate specialist with a focus on single family homes as well as land and farms. Pieratt is a Graduate REALTOR Institute (GRI) and prior to joining Crye-Leike, she was an associate with Coldwell Banker Dotson.

Pieratt is a member of the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors (GNAR), currently serving on the Membership Committee. Previously she was the GNAR Dickson County Chapter President and served on the Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Tennessee Association of Realtors (TAR) and the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Pieratt relates one memorable experience to help put her appreciation for property image consulting in perspective.

"A few years ago I went on a listing appointment and decided to pass on it – the house just needed too much work. The homeowner was really surprised when I told him NO, but he wanted to know



what he should change to get me to change my mind," said Pieratt. "I left the appointment thinking I would never hear from him again, and to my sur-

prised him to do. I took another look – and within three days of listing the property for him we had multiple offers and closed on the sale of his house in ten days."

As a Property Image Consultant, Pieratt doesn't charge the fees that "professional stagers" command. She offers a more affordable approach, in which the homeowners do the re-arranging themselves based on her recommendations... ultimately making the home more appealing to prospective buyers.

Creek Wood Band Performs in Chicago St. Patrick's Parade



The CreekWood High School Band has been planning this trip for months, hosting bake sales, car washes and more to raise money for the trip to Chicago to perform in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Dickson County Pets of the Week



1. Susie-She is a 9 year old lab/chow mix who was brought in because their owners are getting a divorce. She needs a forever home to retire in. She is housebroken. She is in a foster home



2. Sophie-What a beauty! Sophie is even more beautiful in person! She is 15 lbs. of cuddly furr. Sophie loves to be brushed and loves attention. Her past family brought her to the shelter because they didn't have time for her. She is very confused and is hoping to find her forever home. She is now in the PetSmart Adoption CatRoom on Charlotte Pike if you would like to go and visit her

3. Jodie-Jodie and her sister, Jorie came into the shelter because they were found in a barn. They were very timid and shy. They are now in foster care and doing great! Both of them

prise six weeks later he called to say he had done everything I



have come out of their shell and love attention and love to play with lots of toys. Contact Jodie's foster home to learn more about her.



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News from White Bluff

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

White Bluff Community Center may undergo some 'spiffing up'

By Richard Edmondson

For those who have been wondering when the city of White Bluff is going to get a new community center, there is some good news, and some bad news.

The bad news is the city won't be able to afford to build a new center for a long time, at least two years. The good news is the presently existing building, which was constructed in 1969, may get a facelift sometime in the near future.

"I don't see any way that we're going to be able to get a new community center—at least not for a couple of years."

Those were the words of Mayor Linda Hayes at the last City Council meeting, on March 4. The city budget just won't allow for construction of

a new building at this time, she explained. But that doesn't mean the presently existing building can't undergo—in the mayor's words—some "spiffing up" in the meantime.

Hayes said she was planning a meeting with City Parks Director Johnny Reed to discuss options that might be available, and last week Reed said improvements in several key areas are now under consideration.

"First off we're looking at some cosmetic work, you know, a little painting, both inside and outside, and do some insulating as well," he said.

But that's only for starters. Also under consideration is replacement of ceiling panels inside the building, and purchase of a central heat and air system, which would replace



The 90 Proof Band, featuring Brad and Kelly Orcutt, performed last Saturday night at Kay's Place in Bon Aqua.

the obsolete system now in place and which Reed says is on its last legs.

"You know the old heaters—they can't get parts for them any more. I got the main man from the gas department up there one night. This was on a Friday night—he came up there on his own time. He worked on it, and worked on it, and finally said, 'Johnny, it's shot,'" Reed said.

He said of the seven heaters in the building, only five presently are in working order, and that the new central heat and air system would also replace the old-timey "window unit"-type air conditioners which proliferate throughout the building and provide relief in summer months.

Hayes plans to work with both Reed and the Park Board to try and implement as many improvements to the building as possible, but at the same time there are other city projects,

including state-mandated improvements to the sewage treatment plant, which will probably receive a higher priority.

"A lot of towns don't even have a community center. What we've got is what we've got," the mayor said. "But we're going to try and see if we can promote some improvements and kind of spiff up the building that we do have."

The White Bluff Community Center, to be sure, does get a lot of use. Reed says there are events held there "pretty much seven days a week."

"There's scouts on Mondays and Tuesdays, senior citizens on Wednesdays, there's the Girl Scouts on Thursdays, and it's usually rented on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. But as far as the scouts and the senior citizens—every bit of that's free," he said. "I'd say

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Ready for the kids of summer—Veterans Park gets new T-Ball field

Just in the nick of time for summer—and with the help of a former town mayor—White Bluff's Veterans Park has a new athletic playing facility—a field especially designed for T-ball.

White Bluff town spokesperson Dixie Kerr said the White Bluff Little League currently has 25 teams, nine of which are T-ball teams—and she says the addition of a field devoted exclusively to T-ball will take an enormous strain off the other two playing fields in the park.

"We've got a lot of T-ballers this year—it's the most we've ever had, and so we definitely needed that field," Kerr said.

T-ball is in large part comprised of 5 & 6 year-olds, although Kerr said the new field was made large enough so that 7 & 8 year-olds could use it as well. In years past, the procedure was for T-ball players to use the same fields the older kids played on, which Kerr says made for a hectic playing schedule and drastically curtailed the amount of time each team was allotted for practice sessions.

"It (the new field) will really take a load off—with nine T-ball teams that ties up your practice time," Kerr said. "I mean we got them all in somehow, but it's hard, and this year, like I said, we've got nine of them. T-ballers are our biggest age group now."

Kerr said the field was

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Johnny Alexander recently danced, sang, and played, along with the band Southland, at the White Bluff Community Center. The Community Center, which has something going pretty much seven days a week, is scheduled to undergo some much needed maintenance.

Easter events this weekend: Egg Hunt, Bingo, Buffet

The annual Field of Dreams Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, starting at 11 a.m. Town spokesperson Dixie Kerr says that as part of the festivities the Liberty Baptist Church youth group will be on hand to serve refreshments.

"They're going to serve hotdogs and Coke to everybody

there for free, and they're also going to have a little art project set up for the kids that they can do there also," she said.

Kerr said flyers announcing the event were sent home with all children attending White Bluff Elementary School, and that she expects turnout to be large, possibly even topping last year's, which

was considerable.

"Last year it was an Easter egg hunt only—that's all it was—and it was over in just no time. We had over a thousand eggs and they were gone in no time because so many people came," she said.

This year, she says, there will be more eggs. Prizes will be awarded to kids in different

age groups.

Also the monthly Friday night Bingo party and buffet dinner will fall this weekend. Brenda McClelland, organizer of the event, says one of the prizes to be given away will be a replica of the Last Supper. The event starts at 6 p.m. Friday at the community center.

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interior design. Since Jessica was a little girl she has always dreamed of being a model, and attended the highly accredited JoSusan Modeling and Etiquette school located in Green Hills. Jessica recently had her chance when, her grandmother, Nashville songwriter, Sara B. Wear, and mother joined her in Hampton Roads, Virginia, to encourage her to try out for the popular

prime time television favorite—America’s next top model on the CW channel. Tyra Bank’s scouts were so pleased with Jessica, that the photographer asked for her autograph, stating, “I’ve seen them all day long”, referring to many of the 1000+ aspiring models who showed up for the cut, and I’d like your autograph now, because you won’t know me when you make it”. Just a friendly line, but it surely broke the ice for Jessica to relax enough to smile, behave naturally, and act as if she had the utmost confidence in herself just as she was also advised by the coaches, to elaborate on her exotic look, her personality, and confidence with the local CW’s Hampton Road contest on the website when she uploaded her pictures. She is currently in the “top ranking” and needs her hometown community’s support to keep her spot. Please vote for Jessica at www.cw27.com!

White Bluff Community Center....

(Cont. from White Bluff page) there’s 20,000 people a year that go through there, and that’s probably a low number, to be

honest with you.” Reed said the city will soon begin accepting bids on all the work to be performed, that the

labor will also likely include repairs to the tin exterior of the building. “It’s going to be a while before we can even think about building a new one, and that place has been there since 1969,” he said.

Veterans Park....

(Cont. from White Bluff page) cleared and carved by former White Bluff Mayor Danny Williams, who used his own earth moving equipment in the project. “Danny Williams went out and cut it in for us. He took his own equipment out there, and right now we’re in the process of taking bids for fencing and lighting,” she said.

“I don’t know exactly how it works, but last year we used crock pots. And they also have a new item on the menu this year—it’s pizza, and it’s a square pizza like (at) school,” she said.

But the league is in need of more sponsors. Kerr says sponsorships are \$350, and that business owners who would like to have a team named after their business should call Johnny Burns at 708-7143. Kerr says there is also some new equipment purchased for the park concession stand—specifically a chili/cheese warmer.

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Local woman markets pet gift baskets



Ruth Cox, owner of pamperedpetgiftbaskets.com, greeted visitors last week to the Fairview Business Expo.

By Richard Edmondson

At the local Business Expo sponsored last week by the Fairview Area Chamber of Commerce, the entrepreneurial spirit was much in evidence. Case in point: a new Internet business called pamperedpetgiftbaskets.com.

Operated by Fairview resident Ruth Cox, pamperedpetgiftbaskets.com is basically an online delicatessen/gift boutique for animal lovers and their pets. As the name implies, custom-tailored gift baskets are optimum amongst the merchandise offered, but there's a whole lot more here as well.

And as I stop by Cox's table at the Rec Center, where the Expo is being held, she is gracious enough to give me a thorough rundown on an assortment of wares that includes everything from "praying cow-girl" light switch covers to

horseshoe-shaped coat hooks you can mount on your wall—although there is a certain versatility to the latter item.

"You can hang your coats on them, or you can use them out in the barn for your horse reins and other equipment," she tells me.

And of course toys galore—for both cats and dogs.

"This is a pull-apart toy," she says at one point, "and it has three different pieces to it. So it takes the dog a long time to get it apart, and then it takes you about 10 minutes to put it back together. But they work on it forever—they love to pull on these loose pieces."

And then there's the "fishey-fund roll and play cat toy", and much, much more—but let's get down to the gift baskets, shall we?

"This one is actually all for dogs," Cox says, picking up one of them. "But we can make

Legal assistance and caller hotline available for tornado victims

By Richard Edmondson

For those impacted by the February 5 tornadoes a toll-free legal aid hotline has been set up making it possible for people to seek help with insurance claims, petitions for FEMA aid, and more.

Area residents facing storm-related legal issues, but who are unable to afford an attorney, may now call 877-396-6248 to seek pro bono legal assistance, or simply answers to questions. Live operators may be reached 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, though messages may be left any time.

Erik Cole, executive director of the non-profit Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (TAL), one of five organizations partnering to make the help available, says that while for most victims, survival and shelter needs have been largely taken care of at this point, the same is not true for storm-spawned legal problems, many of which, he says, are just beginning to manifest themselves.

"We're probably at about the time where we're going to start getting more and more calls. For the first couple of

weeks (after a disaster) it's just, you know, 'do I have shelter?' 'do I have food?'," he said.

Cole says there are seven main areas in which disaster victims typically may need a lawyer's help.

"A lot of folks that we see need just simple assistance with filling out the FEMA claims and applying for FEMA benefits. And then what follows that sometimes are if there are appeals—if they don't have

Town meeting scheduled on park

What could possibly be a solution to the impasse over the proposed sale of Bowie Park property will be the subject of a town meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., at the Fairview High School cafeteria.

The meeting has been called by the Friends of Bowie Park, who say that representatives from SouthStar will be on hand to discuss a proposal under which the company would acquire 5.9 acres of park land for commercial development—a significant reduction from the 15 acres initially sought.

As part of the deal, the Franklin developer would also engage a preeminent land use attorney who would explore ways of placing ironclad protections on the park's remaining acreage—a pledge the city's Board of Commissioners made—and failed to fulfill—more than eight years ago.

It's not clear what kind of protections can be devised given that Fairview's city attorney has already issued an opinion that a conservation easement would be illegal.

Some members of the Friends say that opposition to the sale of park land might be withdrawn if—and only if—protections on the remainder of the park are put into place first. Others hold the view that no sale of any amount of park land can be agreed to.

All members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.

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A Taste of Cool Springs

The 6th annual Taste of Cool Springs, a benefit for United Way of Williamson County and its 35 partner agencies, will take place Sun. April 6, 7-9 p.m. at the Cool Springs Galleria.

The event is a dining extravaganza featuring food from more than 40 of the area's best restaurants, caterers, and hotels—each serving up samplings of their most heavenly creations. Attendees will meet chefs, sip wine, and enjoy musical entertainment as they

visit each station.

Taste of Cool Springs is presented by the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Vanderbilt Williamson. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door. For more info visit www.tasteof-coolsprings.com, or call United Way at 615-771-2312.

Lawn mower races

The Fairview Lions Club will hold a lawn mower race this Saturday at the club's race track. Time trials will begin at 4 p.m., and the regular race starts

at 6.

The annual event features lawn mowers that are "a little souped up," says Virgil Galbraith, past Lions Club president, and are capable of reaching speeds up to 90 miles per hour.

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Easter Bunny breakfast

The Rec Center offers Breakfast with the Easter

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Legal Assistance...

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their materials together for FEMA, we can assist them, and some of that’s just document collection and assembly,” Cole said.

Other needs which can arise are help with: insurance claims, home repair contracts and contractors, replacement of wills and other documents destroyed in the disaster, consumer protection issues, landlord/tenant disputes, and mortgage foreclosure problems.

“As far as insurance goes, sometimes it’s just helping people understand their policies, and sometimes they are having trouble with the insurance company not paying,” Cole said. “We do everything that’s in our

power to try to assist them, certainly if they need information, if they have just questions about their legal rights and responsibilities. We do all of that before we do any sort of what we call intake, which is where we then go and check for income and those sorts of things...

“The other issue that we run into a lot is landlord/tenant issues—if it’s a rental place that’s demolished, oftentimes folks will have disputes with their landlords about cleanup or rent or eviction,” he added.

Whether you’re eligible or not depends on your income, but Cole says the fact that Williamson County has qualified for federal disaster relief makes allowable income levels

higher than they otherwise would have been.

“Legal aid programs in the United States have an eligibility level of 125 percent of the poverty rate. So for a single person, that’s about \$15,000 a year in income. In disasters that changes a little bit, mostly depending on the local organization,” he said.

“The Legal Aid Society that’s in Nashville—and their office in Nashville covers Davidson and Williamson County—they have a really active pro bono program, and they get some additional funding from the Nashville Bar Association. They are able to go over those income limits, and certainly in disaster situations we try to assist as many people as we possibly can,” he added.

In addition to the TAL,

other organizations partnering in the legal hotline are FEMA, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Tennessee Bar Association and its Young Lawyers Division, and Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands. Funding to establish the hotline comes from FEMA and is triggered by a federal disaster declaration.

The Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee serves over 7000 people per year, with a mission of enforcing, advancing, and defending the legal rights of low-income and vulnerable families—and Cole says the intent is to try and help as many people, particularly storm victims, as possible.

“What they would do is put them in their pro bono program, and they’ve got pro bono attor-

neys who have agreed to accept cases in their subject matter area,” he said.

But victims should also be aware that there are some limitations on disaster legal services. For instance, assistance is not available for cases that will produce a fee, i.e. those cases in which attorneys are paid part of the settlement by the court.

“If it’s a fee generating circumstance—and sometimes the insurance claims are, meaning a private attorney could actually recoup some of the settlement—then we will kick that to a private attorney. Legal Aid can’t accept fee-generating cases, and obviously if you can get a private attorney to take you case that’s a better scenario, because we can then use our services for more needy folks,” Cole said.

Pet Gift Baskets...

(Cont. from Fairview page)
them either all for the pet, or partly for the pet and partly for the owner—whichever way you want to order them. This one happens to be our Valentine basket, and it’s got the rawhide strip in it, it’s got the little squirrel-shaped carob dog treat—which is made of carob because dogs can’t have chocolate—and it’s got the little greeney chew toy, and also the little tennis ball with the strap, so when they get it you don’t

have the gooey ball in your hand—you have the little strap you can throw.

“And then the little toy here is just a squeeze toy, and it makes a little noise, and it’s soft. And then we’ve got the rope toy that they like to chew on. And this one over here has got the little bell collar in it. It’s got this little ball, and the ball is good for their teeth—it cleans their teeth as they chew on it,” she adds.

You live and learn. As Cox

and I talk, she informs me of two things I didn’t know: that dogs can’t eat chocolate, because it makes them sick, and that horses love the flavor of peppermint.

On some level, I suppose, this is useful information, even though I don’t own a horse or a dog. But for those who do, check this out: a particular specialty of Cox’s is what she refers to as her “Peppermint Patty Horse Treats”, boxes of which start at \$3.75, having an oat and sweet feed and oat base, sweetened with molasses, with

a special peppermint center.

There are also the Oat and Bran Horse Cookies (oats, bran, corn meal, corn syrup, flour and molasses), as well as treats for dogs and cats—all of which Cox makes herself. In fact one whole page on her web site is entitled the “Pampered Pet Bakery”, featuring a cornucopia of treats in a variety of shapes, including paws, bones, and gingerbread castles.

“These have wheat and flour,” she says, picking up a box of dog treats and showing it to me, “and some of them will

have molasses or syrup, and some of them have the carob. This box happens to be our veggie-lovers treats.”

And these are all just the items Cox has brought to her table at the Business Expo. If you visit her web site, you’ll find a whole lot more, including horse statues, cowboy candle holders, and western-themed doormats. And of course a daunting array of comestibles—for the pampered, four-legged gourmet in your family.

Fairview News Briefs

(Cont. from Fairview page)
Bunny for children ages 10 and under this Saturday, 8-10 a.m. Kids will enjoy a delicious breakfast of pastries, fruit and juice for just \$5 per child.

Parents and caregivers are required to attend. Registration is required. Call 799-9331.

Lifeguard training

Finally decided to become a lifeguard? Williamson County Parks and Rec’s Aquatics Division offers its “last chance” lifeguard certification course coming up starting this Saturday and running through April 19.

Swimmers age 15 and older, upon passing a pre-course swim test, will be educated in the skills necessary to become a certified American Red Cross lifeguard within the 2008 guidelines.

Classes will be at the Indoor Sports Complex in Brentwood and Longwood Elementary School in Spring Hill. Call 370-3471 ex. 22.

Seniors trip

Williamson County’s Parks and Recreation’s Seniors Division will travel to Nashville’s premiere urban park for a tour of the historic Parthenon on March 27.

The proud centerpiece of Centennial Park, the Parthenon, a full-scale replica of the ancient temple in Athens, Greece, was built for the state’s 1897 Centennial Exposition and features a 42-foot statue of Athena.

Cost is \$8 per person. Check-in time the day of the

trip is 1:15 p.m., with an estimated return time of 4 p.m. Transportation is by motor coach from the Franklin Recreation Complex, 1120 Hillsboro Rd. Call 790-5719 ex. 10.

Williamson Walk

The 7-month long ‘Walk Across Williamson’ program sponsored by the Williamson County Health Council will culminate Sat., April 5, with a celebration walk at Franklin’s Pinkerton Park starting at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Susan Cooper of the Tennessee Dept. of Health will be on hand to host the event, as will Peter Jenkins, author of *Walk Across America*. Drawings for prizes will be awarded to participants who have turned in their walking logs during the course of the program. Prizes will include autographed books from Jenkins, an iPod Shuffle from Lifesigns, and more.

Consisting of participants gathering for walks in various public parks on the first Saturday of each month, Walk Across Williamson began last October and has proceeded apace all winter, with walkers keeping registering for prizes and keeping track of miles through use of pedometers and log books.

Art, music, and poetry

The Jagged Edge Studio Salon, located at 1696 Fairview Blvd., will present a Local Art Show showcasing the work of area musicians, poets, and artists.

The event will be Sunday,

April 6, from 12-7 p.m., and will feature Tennessee glass stains by Jackie and Jonna, watercolors by Amanda Jester, and music and poetry by Ages. Call 799-2011.

Rec Center ongoing classes

Ongoing programs for kids and adults will continue through April at the Rec Center, including:

Jazzercise—aerobics, pilates, and kickboxing movements for teens and adults of all fitness levels. Visit www.fairviewjazz.com for complete class schedule or call instructor Jennifer Rocco at 1-800-Fit-is-it (348-3748).

Dance Classique—on Thursdays—teens and adults, 7-8 p.m.; kids 4-6 years 5-6 p.m.; kids 7-10 years, 6-7 p.m. \$48 per month, plus \$30 registration fee. Ballet, tap, and jazz.

Guitar lessons—for kids, teens, and adults, five different classes per week, \$60 per four weeks, half-hour classes for kids available for \$30.

Beginning and Intermediate Ballroom and Latin Dancing—learn the Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Rumba, Hustle, and Salsa from certified instructor Annie Stokes-Tyshkevych. \$40 per person or \$60 per couple. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-8:30 p.m. intermediates.

Stokes-Tyshkevych also offers “Rhythm and Technique”, for women only, and “Boogie Babies”, for moms and babies—both on Tuesdays.

Yoga—Mon & Wed, 6:30-7:30 p.m., stretching, toning, and strengthening, with Indian music;

All classes require registra-

tion. Call 799-9331.

Senior activities for April

County Parks and Recreation announces the following senior activities in April (All activities are at the Franklin Rec Center, unless otherwise noted):

Aquamotion—pain of living getting you down? Enjoy “Aquamotion”, an arthritic/post rehab water class, Mon & Wed, 8:15-9 a.m. Cost is \$1 for ages 55 and up.

Bowling—open bowling program at the Franklin Family Entertainment Center, April 1 & 8 at 10 a.m. Cost is \$1 per game.

Watercolor cards—relaxing class designed for beginners to learn watercolor skills while creating beautiful handmade cards, April 2, 4:30-5:30, \$5 plus \$2 supply fee.

Potluck and Dirty Bingo—potluck lunch Mon April 14, 12-2 p.m., plus ‘Dirty Bingo’ (prizes are wrapped and during the game you can steal a prize that someone else has opened, or chose an unwrapped one) No one goes home without a prize. No charge for this event, but you must register by April 13.

Community Band opener

The Williamson County Community Band will kick off its 2008 season on Sun April 6 at 3 p.m. with an indoor concert at the Franklin Recreation Complex. Musician extraordinaire Ken Krause directs this group of players, who range from high-school-age to senior citizens, as they play the classic sounds of great band music. Refreshments will be served.

Also—do you own an instrument and have been think-

ing of picking it up and playing again? The Community Band always has room for more musicians. They practice Thurs nights, 7-9 p.m. at Franklin High School. Call 370-3462.

Crochet in Leiper’s

A class entitled “Crochet Basics—Beginner” will take place on Thursdays, starting April 10 and running through May 1 at the Hillsboro-Leiper’s Fork Community Center.

Taught by Cecilia Wells, the class will meet 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$20. Call 790-5719 ex. 20 to register.

Noah’s Ark Workshop

Kids ages 3-12 can join instructor Lisa Haynes in the “Stuff-N-Fluff” workshop on April 19, 10-11 a.m. Bring your very own stuffed animal to life by hand-stuffing it, dressing it, and giving it a name.

Each stuffed friend gets a birth certificate! Class stimulates imagination, inspiration, and love by providing a memorable hands-on activity. Cost is \$15 with a sliding supply fee of \$5-15 depending upon materials used. For more info visit www.noahparty.com.

Babysitter training

American Red Cross Babysitter’s Training, for ages 11-15, will be held Sat., April 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants learn skills and confidence they need to become great babysitters.

Class covers care giving, decision making, safety, and first aid. \$45 per person. Bring a sack lunch! Call instructor Cyndea Wendell at 585-9055 or email wendells@bellsouth.net.



Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Franklin High Presents Hilarious 'A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum'

The hilarious "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" is being presented by the Franklin High School Theatre Department April 11-13 in Franklin, Tennessee.

The PG-rated play is based on the works of Roman playwright, Plautus, and the book was written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart. This was the first musical for which Stephen Sondheim crafted both the music and lyrics.

This Tony award-winning production is a sentimental choice for long-time FHS drama teacher Shirley Sweitzer. She originally staged this in Franklin twenty years ago for the Pulltight Players.

"This is a favorite production for me for many reasons and this year's cast does an amazing job of bringing this Broadway classic to life. We have so many wonderful comedic actors and singers in our cast that it will be a

delightful experience for our entire audience," Sweitzer said.

FHS senior Caleb Pritchett is re-creating the role made famous by actor Zero Mostel – the loveable, conniving slave, Pseudolus. The cast also co-stars Josh Castle, Katie De la Torre, Maggie McNulty and Blake Dorris.

Funerals, chases, stupidity, timidity, mistaken identities, tumblers, happy endings and above all, comedy, awaits you at this Franklin High School production Sweitzer said.

"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" will be presented on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee, April 13 at 3 p.m. in the Franklin High School auditorium, 810 Hillsboro Road. General admission tickets are available at the box office - \$8.00 adults/\$6.00 students. Parking is available immediately behind the school off



"A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" at Franklin High April 11-13 co-stars Maggie McNulty, Josh Castle and Blake Dorris.

Hillsboro Road and Joel Cheek Blvd. For more information, contact FHS at (615) 472-4450 or visit www.wcs.edu/fhs.

Pull-Tight Players Present 'You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown'



The Pull-Tight Players presents "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN."

This first musical production of 2008 is based on the classic comic strip characters by the late Charles Schultz. This endearing musical has been produced on Broadway twice.

Join us to see your favorites such as Lucy, Schroeder, and of course, Snoopy. Great for the entire family!

Performance dates are March 28-30, April 3-6, 10-13, 17-19. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday – Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission prices are \$14.00 Adults, \$10.00 Students (High School and under)

Pull-Tight Theatre is located at 112 2nd Ave. S., Franklin, TN

Call 791-5007 beginning March 17 or purchase tickets online at www.pull-tight.com

Big Santa donates \$5,500 in memory of Rita Rose

Big Santa Productions recently presented a \$5,500 gift to Saddle Up! in memory of the late Rita Rose.

Big Santa started several years ago when a group of friends gathered for a Christmas party and decided to also make the event a fundrais-

er that would benefit a nonprofit. Donations are taken at the door for the nonprofit that is chosen each year.

The event grew so large over time that for the 10th anniversary party in 2007, it required The Cannery in Nashville to accommodate all

the guests. The Big Santa group also became a nonprofit organization.

The late Ms. Rose was a friend to many members of the Big Santa group and mother to Tony Rose Jr., one of the party's hosts. After two years of (Cont. on page 21)



Shown presenting the Big Santa Productions "big check" to Saddle Up! in honor of the late Rita Rose are, from left, Tony Rose, Big Santa Productions President Jody White, Clark Rose, Saddle Up! Executive Director Cheryl Scutt, Tony Rose, Jr., Big Santa Board member Brian Bivens, and Big Santa Secretary/Treasurer Chris Hilton.

Jr. Auxiliary of Franklin Fashion Show

Junior Auxiliary of Franklin is a non-profit volunteer organization of women dedicated to improving the health, welfare and education of

needy children in Williamson County. We have projects that provide shoes, coats and other necessities to these children. Last year we provided over 300

pairs of shoes to children who were in great need. It is an unbelievable blessing to provide a child with a pair of brand new shoes. The money raised

by Jeans and Jewels Charity Extravaganza, which is our annual fundraiser, will go to fund our many projects throughout the year. JAF also works closely with the Boys and Girls Club of Williamson County. We visit the children two nights per month. We supply a warm meal and either do a craft or take them on an off-site field trip.

Who: The Junior Auxiliary of Franklin

What: Jeans & Jewels Charity Extravaganza

When: Saturday, April 26, 7:00pm-11pm

Where: Building 8 at the Factory in Franklin

Why: To provide for chil-

dren and families of Williamson County who are in need of clothes, shoes, coats or everyday essential items

How: Just buy a ticket and come enjoy a wonderful evening and you will be helping many children and families in need.

Cost: \$65 per person. For ticket information go to www.jafranklin.org or e-mail aandmsherwood@comcast.net

This third annual event will include live music by Cruel Shoes, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and silent auction. Dressy casual attire. Wine tasting included with ticket purchase.

Saddle Up gets \$5,500....

(Cont. from Williamson Page)

bravely battling cancer, she passed away on July 11, 2007.

Big Santa's Board of Directors approached the Rose family about donating proceeds from the 2007 party in loving memory of Ms. Rose. The Rose family chose Saddle Up! because the program integrates horses and children, two of Ms. Rose's passions in life.

Saddle Up! is the region's oldest and largest recreational therapeutic riding program, and the only one exclusively serving children. The program serves 130 children and youth, ages 4 through 18, with documented disabilities through more than 4,200 lessons annually. Saddle Up! is also one of only three programs in Tennessee to earn Premier Accredited Center status from the North American Riding for

the Handicapped Association (NARHA), the national organization that sets the standards for quality and safety for more than 700 programs. For more information about Saddle Up! please call 615-794-1150 or visit the website, www.saddleupnashville.org.



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William H. Macy to Attend Nashville Film Festival Opening Night

Actor William H. Macy and director Steven Schachter will attend the Nashville Film Festival's opening night screening of Schachter's film THE DEAL, on April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Regal Green Hills Cinemas. Starring Macy, Meg Ryan, LL Cool J, Elliot Gould, Jason Ritter and more, THE DEAL tells the story of a

Hollywood producer (Macy) who sees a way to revive his so-called career by casting an action star in a film about 19th-century British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli. In the process, he outwits his financiers and the studio. The film is based on a novel by screenwriter Peter Lefcourt.

At release time, Macy

joins previously announced Film Festival actor guests Patrica Neal, who will be honored with the Nashville Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award for her film and humanitarian work, Vincent D'Onofrio and Kimberly Williams-Paisley.

For previously released information regarding the 2008 Nashville Film Festival, including a photo of Macy, please refer to the press release at <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/03/prweb751094.htm>.

The Nashville Film Festival takes place April 17-24, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://www.nashvillefilmfestival.org>.

Tickets go on sale online at nashvillefilmfestival.org in early April, including the ALL-FESTIVAL LAMINATE (good for all films, panels, workshops, opening and closing galas and the awards reception), ten-packs, tickets to individual films, NaFF JaMM, workshops and panels. Popular films sell out. To avoid disappointment, we strongly suggest you buy your tickets in advance online at nashvillefilmfestival.org, or at the NaFF Box Office in the lower lobby, onsite at the Regal Green Hills beginning at 1 p.m. on festival days.

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