

Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ holding last services before merger

Radio City Rockettes Kick Start at Bellevue Y!

The community is invited to the Bellevue Family YMCA and J. L. Turner Lifelong Learning Center (8101 Highway 100, Nashville) at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 17, where two of the world famous Radio City Rockettes will conduct an all-ages dance workout for the community! This 30-45 minute is offered completely free of charge.

All participants will receive a Rockettes t-shirt and an opportunity to win 2 tickets to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Grand Ole Opry House. The Rockettes will be available for photos and autographs after the class. For more information, call the Bellevue Y at 646-9622.

The Bellevue Family YMCA & J.L. Turner Lifelong Learning Center is part of the **YMCA of Middle Tennessee**, a not-for-profit,

worldwide charitable fellowship united by a common loyalty to Jesus Christ for the purpose of helping persons grow in spirit, mind and body. With 29 centers and 326 program locations, the YMCA reaches 200,739 lives—1 of every 8 people in the 12-county area it serves—through membership, program participation, volunteerism and philanthropy. The YMCA builds strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

For 48 years, **Senior Citizens, Inc.** has been Middle Tennessee's premier agency serving persons 55 years of age and older. The organization provides group and individual activities and services to support an independent lifestyle and foster dignity and self worth. SCI is committed to keeping seniors independent in their own homes as long as possible.



Light floods the sanctuary of the Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ. The building has been sold and will be demolished when the church merges with West Nashville Heights Church of Christ.
Photo by Gary Sadler

Beginning Sunday, December 2nd, 2007, the Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ and the West Nashville Heights Church of Christ will consolidate and unify as they become the Charlotte Heights Church of Christ. The final worship service, to be held in the Charlotte Avenue building, at the corner of 46th and Charlotte Avenues will be Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 10AM. For the evening worship service the membership will move to the building of West Nashville Heights at 5807 Charlotte Avenue. For the next 12 to 13 months, they will continue in that same building, until a new place of worship and Bible study can be constructed at Old Charlotte Road and Templeton Road, near the 1-40 West exit number 201.

The elders of both congregations have prayerfully guided this union to be the consolidating of a legacy of the past carried forth into new opportunities for the future. The consolidation is set for December 2nd, 2007.

The Charlotte Avenue congregation has a long history in West Nashville of more than 115 years, well established by 1890, in the area known as New Town. Through the years, the Charlotte Avenue congregation has been responsible for establishing several congregations, including the West Nashville

Heights Church of Christ.

The late David Lipscomb, founder of the university, was one of the earliest pulpits ministers for the Charlotte Avenue congregation. Others who served as ministers were Athens Clay Pullias, Willard Collins, Mack Wayne Craig, John Holland, Howard Horton, Robert Kerce, Leonard Owens and now, Darrell Blankenship.

Many others, both evangelists and ministers have graced the pulpit of both congregations, as well as Associate Ministers and Personal Worker Leaders.

At the West Nashville Heights Church, some past ministers have included Jimmy Dorris, Clifford Dobbs, Jerrie Barber, Randall Jones and currently, James Morgan. Both present ministers Darrell Blankenship and James Morgan, will continue to preach on a rotating basis.

Elders of West Nashville Heights have been Hal Bishop, Oscar Carver, Larry Hime, Wendell Talley and Don Wood. The last two elders of Charlotte Avenue have been Frank Mayo and Melvin Ryan. To date, at least 65 men have been counted to have served through the years as deacons for Charlotte Avenue and 36 or more elders, some of whom had previously served as deacons. All will serve as elders in the new congregation.

The Charlotte Avenue congregation has been active in mission work including East Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, Germany, Scotland, Japan, South Korea, Nigeria and Papua, New Guinea. Locally they have efforts in Juvenile Court, Bordeaux Hospital, Lakeshore Home, Disaster Relief and World Christian Broadcasting.

The greatest effort ever made was the dedication, called the Auditorium Meeting, sponsored by a cooperation of 90+ congregations, on October 7, 1962. The five million dollar Municipal auditorium had just been completed and this eight day meeting was filled to capacity with thousands more having to be turned away.

The Ladies Bible Class has been instrumental in behind the scenes work as well as visiting the sick and ministering to the bereaved. Several men of the congregation have been active in Prison Mission, touching the lives of many who were incarcerated.

Through the years the Charlotte Avenue congregation has been responsible for remarkable growth in the West Nashville community. With this union, may the legacy of the past be carried forward, uniting both the old and new... into the present, providing a bright future to expand His Word.



Metro Police and friends were in Bellevue Saturday collecting for their Christmas charities.

Westview Calendar

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.

(FLIP is an intergenerational volunteer program of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsored by Senior Citizens, Inc.)

New AA group in Bellevue

A new 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.

Donkey Basketball Game at Harpeth High

Donkey Basketball Game to be held Monday, November 19th at Harpeth High School at 7:30 pm. Local HHS Coaches will verse the South Cheatham Fire and Police Departments to benefit the Harpeth Wrestling Building Fund. Advance Tickets \$7 available from Harpeth High School, Community Bank and Trust, and Heritage Bank. Gate

Tickets \$8. For more information, please contact Leslie Liles 351-3838

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.

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..

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Staying Healthy During the Holidays.

With the holidays approaching, it is especially important to stay healthy and well so you can enjoy all they have to offer. The Healthcare Center at West Meade Place thought reminding you of some ways to prevent falls and take care of your back might be helpful.

Common Ways to Prevent Falls

- Keep extension and telephone cords out of pathways.
- Keep newspapers and magazines off the floor.
- Watch out for small pets, which tend to get under your feet.
- Remove throw rugs.
- Avoid changing positions quickly. When getting out of bed or a chair, stand for a moment to make sure you're not dizzy.
- Avoid chairs without arms. It is easier to rise from a chair that has arm handles.
- Use stair railings when possible.
- Avoid concrete, linoleum and tile, which are extremely slippery when wet.
- Avoid slippers without covered toes, which tend to get caught on the floor and cause falls.
- Use a bath mat with a rubberized, non-slip backing.

Happy Holidays from The Healthcare Center at West Meade Place. For more information please call 615-352-3430. www.westmeadeplace.com

Tips on Good Back Care

- Lift with knees bent and hips straight.
- Avoid twisting while you are lifting.
- Squat when you lift and keep your trunk in a vertical position.
- Push rather than pull objects.
- Maintain good posture while driving - knees bent, back and neck well supported both hands on the wheel and elbows slightly bent and relaxed.
- Stand with your knees slightly bent and with one foot diagonally ahead of the other.
- Avoid sleeping on a sagging mattress or with your neck propped up too high.
- Sit with your back firmly supported against the back of your chair.
- Take frequent mini-breaks to change your position from sitting.
- Avoid carrying objects off to one side.



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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 nashvillecribclub@yahoo.com.

MOMS Club

The MOMS Club of Bellevue-North meets at 10:00 a.m. first Thursday of the Month at the Bellevue YMCA 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 266-1442.

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>

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. Each week - a special guest speaker joins the club for a lively discussion of a timely development, an upcoming event or an issue of wide community interest. Come join us for breakfast and see how fulfilling service to yourself and your community can be. For more information contact club President Larry Musick at 615-210-2981 or email Larry at [kljmusick@bellsouth.net](mailto:kjmusick@bellsouth.net)

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.

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.

Poor Boys Classic Chevy Club

Poor Boys Classic Chevy Club holds monthly meetings at 7:00 p.m. and held in the McEwen Elementary School Cafeteria (220 Swift Street East, McEwen). Remember, you do not have to own a Chevy to join--just your interest and enthusiasm gets you in the door.

Enthusiastists of all makes and models of cars welcome! For information, call 931 + 582-3038.

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.

Humphreys Co. Historical Society

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

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 Genealogy and History Club

The Bellevue Genealogy and History Club meets every Friday from 9-10:30 am at the J. L. Turner Lifelong Learning Center near the intersection of Hwy 100 and Old Harding Road. You do NOT have to be a member of the YMCA or the Senior Center to attend. On the first Friday of the month, genealogy experts help with online advice using ancestry.com, Rootsweb, and/or LDS access. Contact Bob Allen at 218-4580 or Benjamin Surmi at 646-9622 for more information.

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.

Pegram UMC Fall Bazaar

Pegram UMC will hold its Annual Fall Bazaar from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, November 17. The church is located at 479 Thompson Rd.

For your holiday needs, there will be delicious baked goods, gifts and gift baskets for sale. A good old fashion country lunch consisting of country ham, white beans, turnip greens, hot water cornbread and desserts will be served from 11am-1 pm. Adult plate \$7, child plate \$4 with an optional child meal of hot dog or chili

for \$3.

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 begin November 20 at Brook Hollow Baptist Church, 678 Brook Hollow Rd at the corner of Brook Hollow and Davidson Road in Nashville. Contact jaybygrace@comcast.net for more information.

St. David's Holiday Bazaar

St. David's Episcopal Church is having a bazaar Saturday, December 1, from 1-4 p.m. There will be items from Central and South America, and Mexico (nativities, crosses, basketry, jewelry). In addition, items crafted by the homeless population in Nashville will be featured.. Also, the Child Mothers of Uganda have embroidered napkins and tea towels. These are young girls who were kidnapped by the rebel army during the civil war, which has more or less abated. They live in camps and need to support their children (most of whom are products of rape by the soldiers). All of the proceeds from will benefit these mission and outreach projects.

There will be a book and media fair, plus hand-crafted items made by the congregation, yard art, and lots of food which can be frozen for the holidays.

St. David's is located at 6501 Pennywell Dr., in West Meade.

Crye-Leike Bellevue collects for Toys for Tots

The Bellevue Crye-Leike Office is working with the United States Marine Corps Reserve as a collection site for the Toys for Tots for the 7th year. They will be collecting toys through December 15 at their office on Old Hickory Boulevard in Bellevue.

Toys need to be new, unwrapped toys of at least \$5 value.

Send Community Calendar
Items to:
www.westview78@aol.com



The Daughter's View

by Paula Underwood Winters

Lately I have come across several great places to make charitable donations.

Last week I talked about Forensics University in St. Louis, but I didn't tell you about one of the things the Sisters In Crime of St. Louis was raising money. It is for the Crime Lab Project. What is the Crime Lab Project? It is a non-profit organization started by writers and producers, but now including many members of the general public, that works to increase awareness of the problems facing public forensic science agencies. They seek greater support and resources for crime labs, coroner and medical examiners' offices, and other public agencies using forensic science. They also seek support for forensic science education and research. Many people think it's like CSI, but in reality, it's not. Crimes can't be solved in an hour and many of the things you see on television don't really exist. And many crime labs are underfunded, outdated, and backed up. Forensics University raised more than \$4,000 for the Crime Lab Project. Find out more at www.crimelabproject.com

The next is one I saw on television the other night. It's called The National Center for Missing Adults (NCMA). This is an agency that following Katrina, helped find and reunited many separated and missing adults. They used more money than they had been allocated and are now broke. They have had to let go most of their employees, move from offices into smaller spaces and are in danger of going under completely. This would be a travesty. Go to their website at www.theyaremissd.org to find out more information.

The third is Annabelle's Wish, a local charity that raises money to take everyday necessities to orphans in China. These are children who need the basic things we take for granted. Jeannie Butler started Annabelle's Wish after adopting a daughter from China. Haley is now almost 13 and Jeannie adopted Helina last year.

I will be running a more in depth story on Annabelle's Wish in coming weeks.

This is the time to start thinking about that last minute charity (tax deductible) gift. It's almost the end of the year and that deadline to get the last deduction in is approaching fast!

VFW To Match Wall Donations

Our nations most visited memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., recently observed its 25th anniversary. Vet's View is proud to have been there that Monday, November 13, 1982.

Now, a quarter century later, the wall's Foundation is planning an educational center on the property, which will serve to illustrate our nations longest war. Just over two million Americans served "in country" during that era (1961-1975), and the memorial wall contains the names of over 58,000 who paid the Supreme Sacrifice there (including 1,393 Tennesseans).

All of the various veterans organizations are supporting this worthwhile project. One of them, the VFW, has challenged its almost two million members (most of them Vietnam Veterans) to help raise \$50,000 by November 26, 2007 and they, (the national organization) will match it! That will go toward the VFW's goal to raise \$1million, for the center, over the next three years.

Will you help with a donation today? One need not be a VFW member to donate, and help with this short matching deadline of November 26, 2007.

Please send any and all tax-deductible donations (checks payable to: VFW) to Veterans of Foreign Wars of

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



the United States Processing Center: P.O. Box 8952, Topeka, Kansas 66608-8952. And we all thank-you very much for your individual or group efforts.

You have responded before when this ol' Vet has asked you to consider a worthwhile cause, and this is truly

one of those. Youngsters, particularly, in the thousands of high school tours to Washington, will thus learn even more about that convulsive era in our nations history. The Memorial Foundation director, Mr. Jan Scruggs, makes it clear that the center's aim is not to glorify war, or rewrite history, but to educate all those that visit the wall about the service and sacrifice of those who served during the Vietnam War".

November 26, 2007, is merely a few days away, so this is, indeed, a short deadline. But with a wide variety of Westview readers pitching in to help, our corner of Middle Tennessee can be well represented in this effort. Most Vietnam Veterans are either pushing age 60 or already there. Most will tell you it seems like only yesterday—and now they have grandchildren!

Will you help? Thank-you too, for your service in this important way. At least, that's this Vet's View. What's yours?

Safety On Our Greenways...A matter of thought...and then some!

It was a just Friday morning, a pleasant November day, ideal for a brisk walk on our beautiful new Greenways. Lianne Bryant, local Bellevue resident wanted to take her two-year-old son for a stroll. She got out her stroller and for some reason, this morning, she didn't take her cell phone or her purse. She usually did. Her purse was left, out of sight, on the floorboard of her Van. Ten minutes into her walk she realized; she didn't take her cell phone and turned to go back. But...it was too late! She found her Van passenger window broken, glass was everywhere. She immediately ran to Old Harding Road and flagged down a car and called the Police. They came about 20 minutes later. From the fresh footprints in the mud, that the Police found, they said the thief had probably watched her, while hiding in the brush area between the parking area and the river, waiting for the opportunity to strike. They also noted similar problems in the Percy Warner Parks areas.

Now that is a thought, imagine, someone waiting for walkers to set out on their stroll. In Lianne's case, what if she had come back even sooner, catching a thief in action wouldn't be a fun event, especially with your children present.

Lianne also contacted the authorities and they agreed to cut down the brush this week. She did share that one of the most helpful things she did do, for such circumstances, is photocopy all of her credit cards, account numbers and contact numbers that she carries in her wallet. And yes, a wallet is one of the most personal objects we possess. This sped up the huge job of notification and replacement, but the feelings of being victimized and vio-

lated will likely remain for a long time.

Knowing that we are being watched is a good prerequisite to walking, shopping or any outing we may make. There will always be the possibility of crime, even in the best of neighborhoods. We can't let petty thief's deprive us of the pleasure of using our facilities. We can go prepared! We can keep our eyes open for others and inform Police of suspicious activity. We can avoid isolated locations. We can remember, even though a parking lot may appear deserted, it might not be....

Lock your valuables inside your trunk or take them with you. Buy mace and keep your cell phone as close as your hand. Always let someone know your plans. Be prepared for the unexpected and enjoy your life; you owe it to yourself and loved ones.



Speaking of Sports

By Dick Green

Student Athlete of the Week

Kelsey Bozarth
Senior at Nashville
Christian School
Runs track and has a
GPA of 4.0.
Her parents are Nancy and
Randall Bozarth.



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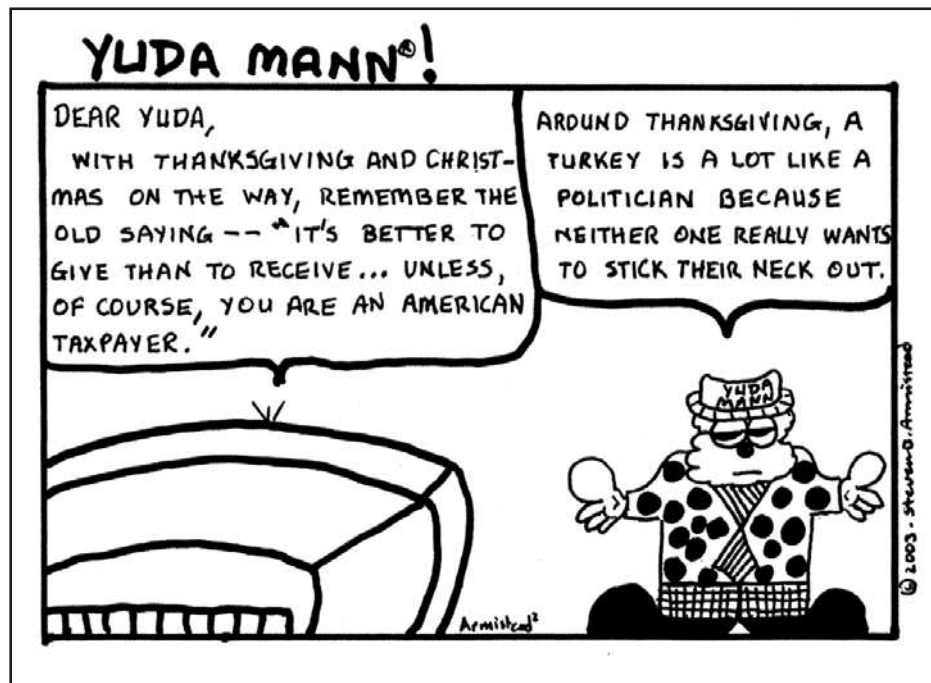
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Politically Speaking

I would like to encourage all residents in the Bellevue area to continue to support the shop owners within Bellevue Mall. We need for these businesses to remain successful and to relocate to a new location within our community after the mall redevelopment begins. Many of these businesses have been around for years in our community and we need to give them the encouragement and financial viability to remain. One example is Say Cheese. I have recently attended two birthday parties with my wife and children for friend's kids at this restaurant. While there I saw several local youth sports teams having season ending gatherings as well as local church youth groups. We need local places that cater to specific needs. I hope you will all consider some of the remaining shops in the Bellevue and our other neighborhood businesses as you begin to plan your upcoming Holiday shopping.

Council Comments

by Bo Mitchell
Councilman, 35th District



Metro Public Works began brush collection in our area on November 10 and they should be completed within ten days. This is a great service that Public Works provides, so take advantage of this opportunity if you have the need.

I continue to inform the residents that I have established a new community list-serve at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/35thcouncildistrict/>. This

is a website with the purpose of informing residents of community events, a forum to ask questions, express opinions and concerns or simply connect with other members of our community. I have also set up a new e-mail address to address council business. To join this forum or if you have questions or concerns that I may assist you with please e-mail me at boMitchell35thdistrict@comcast.net or give me a call at 662-7733.

More Calendar Items

Christmas Bazaar, Pancake Breakfast and Bake Shop - at Kingston Springs United Methodist Church

Everyone is invited to get in the Christmas spirit on Saturday, Nov. 17th at this annual event, hosted by the Kingston Springs United Methodist Women. The delicious all you can eat pancake breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and is reasonably priced at \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 4-12 years old. Children 3 and under eat free. Breakfast will be served until 10:00 a.m. Shop for homemade baked goods or unique, one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts from 8:00 until 2:00 p.m. For more information or directions call 952-2481. The KSUMC is located at 368 N. Main Street in historic downtown Kingston Springs.

Audition for Lend Me A Tenor at Towne Centre Theatre

Lend Me a Tenor by Ken Ludwig auditions will be held December 3rd and 4th at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Towne Centre Theatre, 136 Frierson Street, Brentwood, TN.

The open auditions are for 4 men and 4 women ages 22 to 65. No appointments necessary. Cold readings from the script.

Productions dates are February 8th thru March 1st, 2008. For any question please Email the Director, R.P. Foster at Rpfostertcp@yahoo.com

This night in September of 1934 is the biggest in the history of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company world famous tenor Tito Morelli is to perform Otello, his greatest role, at the gala season opener. Saunders, the General Manager, hopes this will put Cleveland on the operatic map. Morelli is late; when he finally sweeps in it is too late to rehearse with the company. Through a hilarious series of mishaps, Il Stupendo is given a double dose of tranquilizers which mix with the booze he has consumed and he passes out. His pulse is so low that Saunders and his assistant Max believe he is dead. What to do? Max is an aspiring singer and Saunders persuades him to get into Morelli's Otello costume and try to fool the audience into thinking he's Il Stupendo. Max succeeds admirably, but Morelli comes to and gets into his other costume. Now two Otellos are running around in costume and two women are running around in lingerie, each thinking she is with Il Stupendo!

River Jordan at Evening with the Author Series

Come Enjoy the Sixth Event in the Evening with an Author Series featuring River Jordan, Thursday, November 15th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at TAG Art Gallery in downtown Nashville (237 5th Avenue North).

River Jordan is the author of *The Messenger of Magnolia Street*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Special thanks to Weiss Liquors in East Nashville for its generous support. To RSVP in the affirmative for the November 15th event, please click here or send an email to eveningwithanauthor@yahoo.com

Nashville Children's Theatre Open House

Nashville Children's Theatre will hold an open house on Sunday, December 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event is free to the public.

The open house will feature a variety of performances by local professional groups, including a portion of NCT's Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business. This is the community's chance to tour the renovated facility and enjoy an afternoon filled with fun activities for the whole family.

Groups performing at the event include the Actor's Bridge Ensemble, Amun Ra Theatre, Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre, Chinese Arts Alliance Dance Ensemble, Green Room Projects, Nashville Shakespeare Festival, People's Branch Theatre, Tennessee Repertory Theatre and Wishing Chair Puppets.

For more information about the open house, please visit www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org or call (615) 254-9103.

Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business

Nashville Children's Theatre will present Monday, Dec. 3, through Friday, Feb. 1, 2008.

Tickets are \$11 per child (ages 2 to 17), \$15 per adult and free for children under 2 years old. Group discounts are also available.

This is a musical adapted by Joan Cushing from the book by Barbara Park, at its newly renovated theater. This new musical follows the popular children's book character, Junie B., through her adventures in kindergarten.

Weekend performances are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, 15, 16, 22, 29 and 30, and on Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 26. School performances run Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Special performances will be held at 2:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve and during winter break on Wednesday, Jan. 2. A sign-interpreted performance is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information about tickets or how to become a season subscriber, please visit www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org or call (615) 254-9103.

First Church Holiday Flea Market...

Mark your calendars for this coming Friday, Nov. 16th and Saturday, Nov. 17th for First Church's annual Holiday Flea Market. Scrumptious breakfast and lunch served both days! Homemade baked goods & candies, Crafts, good as new clothing, trash and treasures, games, toys, household items and more. 7512 Charlotte Pike, 37209 (just past Sawyer Brown Rd.) Call for info. 615-297-1450

Bellevue United Methodist Men's Fellowship Banquet

Bellevue United Methodist Church Men's Fellowship invite everyone to their annual Founder's Day Banquet. The guest speaker and honored guest

will be Charles Strobel, founder of the Nashville area "Room in the Inn" and "Campus for Human Development" programs. These programs have helped thousands of homeless men and women get off the street and rebuild their lives. Come hear how and why Father Strobel was led to start and maintain these life changing programs. Tickets are \$14.00 for dinner with all proceeds going to the "Room in the Inn" program. Monday, 6:30 p.m. November 26th. 7501 Old Harding Pike. For more info call the church 646-4146, Claude Steele 646-9247, or Jere Bradshaw 646-6009.

Hope for the Holidays Helps with the Mourning Process

Hope For The Holiday's, certified staff and facilitators offer understanding and hope when dealing with the mourning process. Your community resource, offered free of charge at First Church Cafe, 7512 Charlotte Pk. (just pass Sawyer Brown Rd), November 15th at 7PM. For more info call 615-460-HOPE.

Winfield Dunn to Sign Books

Governor Dunn Signs His Book at BookMan/BookWoman! Join Winfield Dunn, former Governor of Tennessee, as he signs his new book, *From A Standing Start, My Political Odyssey*. Governor Dunn signs his book on Saturday, November 17, at 12:30 p.m. at BookMan/BookWoman. Not only will this be a great book to read, a signed copy of the book will make a terrific Christmas gift!

College Funding Workshops

Tuesday, December 11th @7:00 pm at the Williamson County Recreation Center, Corner of Hillsboro Rd & Mack Hatcher (Admission Is Free But You Must Call 370-8015 to reserve your seat. Or reserve your seat online at www.genesisgrouptn.com!)

Here's What You Will Learn:

- * The best kept secrets of the college financial aid system. (Parents and grandparents YOU MUST know these!)

- * How to double or even triple your eligibility for financial aid.

- * How to fill out the complicated aid forms accurately and on time (Over 90% fail to fill them out right!)

- * How to lower your "out-of-pocket" costs, and get the maximum amount of money from each school.

Also, Find Out Why...

- You may still get a great financial aid award, even if you don't qualify for financial aid!

- Many upper income families and business owners pay close to nothing for their children's college education!!

-The things you are doing right now to save for college may actually be hurting you from a financial aid perspective.

-Choosing the right schools may help you lower your college costs!

- At this workshop you'll learn the ins and outs of the financial aid system as well as how to save thousands of dollars on your child's college education!

- You can't afford to miss it. Call 370-8015 for reservations.

Nashville Nostalgia

By E.D. Thompson
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What Is the Smith House?

Were you ever in the Smith House? Did you ever see the Savage House? Have you ever examined one of the old nineteenth century townhouses in Nashville? I guess that is a trick question because all of those are the same.

Back in the 1800s in Nashville, there were no skyscrapers, but there were many, many townhouses throughout what today we call downtown Nashville. The last remaining grand townhouse still standing from that era is located at 127 Eighth Avenue North. It has a rich history and continues to play a part of life in downtown Nashville.

Recently, my wife and I were invited by The Wednesday Study Club to the Smith House for a beautiful luncheon and a tour of the renovated old townhouse. It was a pleasure to stand there on this hallowed Nashville property.

According to the original plan for Nashville laid out by the early surveyors, this was lot number 163 and it was granted to John Overton back in the late 1700s. In 1803, George Deaderick, Nashville's first banker, took ownership of the property. Still later, the lot was owned by Jacob McGavock.

All of the boys in the McGavock family had an interest in building beautiful homes. David McGavock, along with his wife Willie Harding, built the fine "Two Rivers Mansion" which still sits on McGavock Pike in Donelson. Randall McGavock built his fine home in Franklin. He named it "Carnton" after his family home in Ireland. Lysander McGavock built his home and named it "Midway" since it is located half way between Franklin and Nashville. Possibly you have visited there as it presently serves as the Brentwood Country Club.

Jacob McGavock moved on into downtown and built his home on Cherry Street (today's Fourth Avenue North) near where the Maxwell House Hotel would later be located.

Around 1840, Mary Claiborne built what is today's Smith House. Mary ran a respectable boarding house serving many prominent citizens as its residents.

In 1881, Julian Sax bought the house as a residence, and in 1883 he leased the home to the Concordia Society Club which renamed itself The Standard Club.

The Standard Club flour-

ished and in 1895 the club's group built the large ballroom at the rear of the building. Underneath the ballroom they installed what is probably Nashville's first bowling alley. The bowling alley's ornate tin ceiling is still in place today. Later, The Standard Club moved to a new location on Woodmont Boulevard and renamed it the Woodmont Country Club.

Dr. Giles Savage purchased the home in 1898 and his family owned this "Savage House" until 1980. Dr. Savage, a Vanderbilt professor of ophthalmology, used the home in his private practice. His daughter, Dr. Kate Savage Zerfoss, practiced there until 1975. During the 1930s and 40s, some of the rooms in the Savage House was used as music studios by local teachers.

John W. Hunt and David Nelson purchased this property in 1980. They opened a multi-function operation including the Savage House Bed & Breakfast upstairs, the Towne House Tea Room on the main floor, and the Gas Light Lounge in the rear ballroom. The Gas Light Lounge hosted live music, theatre productions, and art shows for some 20 years.

On October 3, 2005, the townhouse was bought by the Smith family. The family invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in a labor of love restoring this beautiful building in all its Victorian-era glory.

The brochure at the Smith House reveals that the original doors of the Savage House still remain. On the side, leading to the ballroom is a New Orleans-style boardwalk. In the front foyer a unique cantilevered walnut staircase leads up to the third floor. Several of the mirrors and lamps are from the old Maxwell House Hotel. There is a quaint brick courtyard in the middle of the building just outside the ballroom. Throughout the building remain the old gas light fixtures.

Nashville should honor owner Joshua Smith and the Smith family for the preservation and restoration of Nashville's last remaining nineteenth century townhouse. You should plan to visit The Standard at the Smith House. You can consider The Standard for fine dining, catering, weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, business lunches, meetings, brunches, birthdays, and all other happy events. You will not be sorry.

Order one or more of E.D. Thompson's books by calling 615-646-6131 or going to www.westviewpublishing.com

Sycamore Leaf on Steroids?



George McGill was surprised to find that one of the leaves on his sycamore tree looked like it had been taking steroids. All of the other leaves on the tree were of normal size, but this one measured 2' x 18".



Safeguard Your Home This Season

While home safety is a year-round concern, it's especially critical during the holidays. Focusing on home protection, both inside and out, is an important part of preparing for a happy and healthy holiday season.

"Home safety should be top-of-mind for all homeowners," said Johnny Guthrie, Owner of Richland Ace Hardware. "We take great pride in helping our customers make their homes as safe as possible for their families."

A proper security system is the first step toward maintaining a safe home during the holidays since many people are traveling this time of year. Indoor and outdoor lighting can be set up with timers that turn lights on and off to create the appearance of an occupied home. Additionally, the following tips will help protect the people inside your home during the holidays:

Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires will injure approximately 2,600 people during the holiday season, and cause close to \$930 million in damage. These two inexpensive devices save lives, especially with the risks associated with

festive lights and candles lit for long periods of time.

"Every floor of your home should be equipped with one smoke detector and one carbon monoxide detector, or a combo unit," says [Guthrie]. "This is especially important near bedrooms, and well within earshot." The rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks, twice per year. The average cost is between \$25-\$50 - a small price to pay for peace of mind.

Safeguard your fireplace

Your fireplace is the perfect centerpiece where you can entertain guests and keep warm. Without proper maintenance and cleaning, however, fireplaces turn into safety hazards. Call a professional to inspect and clean your chimney once a year. You can also keep birds and other small animals out of the chimney by installing a chimney cap.

Additional safety fixes

Ensure your area rugs have anti-skid tape or padding to keep them sure-footed, and always have a strong step stool on hand to reach items or seasonal decorations that are too high to reach in closets, cabinets or storage units.

"One quick safety fix for wobbly chairs and tables is sim-

ply a couple of wood screws and some carpenter's glue," advises Guthrie. "Your guests should be able to practice 'safe seating.'"

By following these easy safety tips this holiday season, you can rest assured you'll have a safe and pleasant holiday. For more information on home safety, take a trip to your local Ace Hardware store or visit www.acehardware.com.

Throughout its 83-year history, Ace Hardware has been known as the helpful hardware store by both customers and communities. In 2007, Ace Hardware was ranked the "Highest in Customer Satisfaction among Major Home Improvement Retail Stores" by J.D. Power and Associates in its inaugural study of the retail home improvement industry. With 4,600 hardware, home center and building materials stores, Ace is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the industry. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace currently operates 14 distribution centers in the U.S. and a warehouse in Shanghai, China, and its retailers' stores are located in all 50 states and 60 countries.

Donna Hudson joins Crye-Leike

Crye-Leike, Realtors is proud to announce that Donna Hudson has joined the company's Fairview office in the Middle Tennessee Region located at 2239 Fairview Blvd., Suite 200, as a new Sales Associate.

Hudson is a licensed associate in Tennessee serving the real estate needs of buyers and sellers in and around Dickson and Williamson counties. She specializes in residential real estate transactions.

"I enjoy serving people and finding them just the right home to fit their needs," said

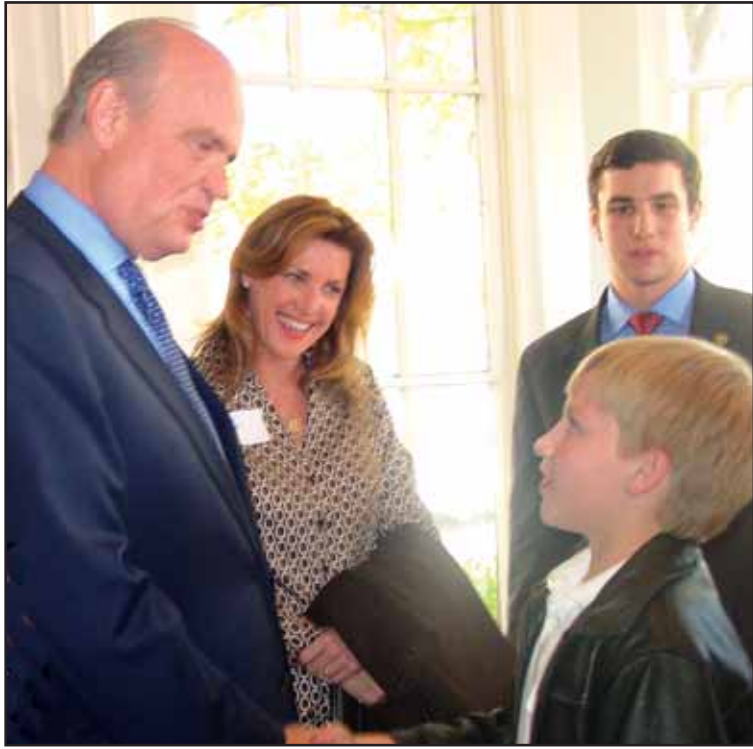
Hudson. "My favorite part about working with buyers and sellers is making their dreams come true."

Prior to joining Crye-Leike, Realtors, for 20 years Hudson handled sales for the Steel Service Center.

Hudson and her husband Steve live in Dickson and enjoy spending some of their free time with their three children and four grandchildren. She also enjoys all kinds of water sports, including; skiing, tubing and riding jet skiing. Hudson is a member of the Dickson First Assembly Church in Dickson.



Jeri & Fred Thompson Support Each Other in Individual Endeavors



Presidential candidate Fred Thompson surprised his wife and everyone else at a recent meet and greet in honor of Jeri Thompon last week. The event was organized by Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (who couldn't be there due to a vote on the Congress floor). She was represented by LaRawn Scaife-Rhea.

The event was organized to start the grass roots organization for the campaign in their home state and to promote Jeri in her international platform on women's issues and to give people a chance to meet Jeri and sign up to help in Fred's campaign.



On the flip side of life

By Diane W. Repasky drepasky@bellsouth.net

I hate colds. And they hate me. Usually, I get one — just one — every year, and (obviously, since I'm writing about it) this is my 2007 dose.

About the only thing good about having a cold is that it gives me the perfect excuse to go around complaining about it to everyone in sight. —And I do!, you can be certain. My colds knock me out pretty good, so when you see or talk to me, it's obvious that something's wrong with me. I look miserable; I talk miserable (if anything beyond a squeak comes out at all); and I sound miserable. I shuffle around with slumped shoulders, and in a fogged-up, zombie-like state, at a turtle's pace. —Not at all like my typical, overly-hyperactive nervous, impulsive self. And so, naturally, this miserable state of existence prompts people to say, "Gee, you sound sick," or "Are you sick today?," or something else related of the sort. And that's when I can start lamenting to them. Which I do.

Make no bones about it: I let people know I'm sick. None of this nonsensical martyrdom or persecution garbage or polite-society denial from *me*. —No, when *I'm* sick, I tell the story like it is. And frankly, because I feel so miserable, I honestly don't care whether *they* feel miserable having to listen to my woes as I mumble out the greatest details I can about my miserable state of being (which is generally *a lot* [under the miserable circumstances]). Frankly, I don't even care if they're listening. I could be complaining to a piece of upholstered furniture for that matter, and it would all be the same to me. In fact, if there's no one around *to* complain to, I do complain to my furniture, and — in my 10-day state of misery and woe-dom — I go around the house moaning-&-groaning into the silent air. — But that's okay if nothing or nobody listens. *If I can complain, I'm happy.* (And afterall, being so miserable, I have to find something to be happy about.)

Poor Larry when I get a cold. That man has double the patience of Job. Just yesterday, I asked him (yes, in my state of "cold" misery-dom) why he

loves me so much, and he answered, "Because you need someone to take care of you." (Luckily, he actually enjoys the role of Resident Doctor, so us opposites really *do* blend.) Anyway, Poor Larry surely has his hands full when I get a cold. I constantly have him running like a headless chicken, getting me Hall's Cough Drops, and Sudafed, and homemade Hot Toddies (man, does he make those things good: Just the right amount of JD to knock me out for the night [prob'ly to his mercy]). And speaking of "chicken" (I think I did above), he's great about zooming off to the store on demand, to get me enough to make myself a nice batch of soup (since, despite all my complaining, nobody *else* makes it for me, so I might as well just make the darned stuff myself).

Best of all, he babies me when I'm sick. And...ohhhh...that's so soothing. Just what I need. He listens when I complain. And answers me with little "coo's" of sympathy and well-wishes. And then tucks me into bed. And then runs off to get me some more Tylenol on demand. And water. And more cough drops. And a hand-towel to put on the pillow, so that my draining nose (and drooling mouth) don't drip all over the pillowcase. —And then...gently kisses me on the forehead and quietly closes the door (no doubt, breathing a VERY heavy sigh of relief on the other side.) (At least, I know *I* do when *he's* the one being tucked in sick — but then on the other hand, he'd never hear *me* say "Because you need someone to take care of you" when he asks me why I love him.) (Oh well; a difference in personalities, I guess....) Anyway, I FEEL LOUSY! My nose is dripping. My throat is sore. My voice is hoarse. My head is stuffy & all fogged up. My eyes are watery. I can't even taste the soup I made. And I have a headache behind my eyes.

And I just thought you'd like to know.

(WOW! This is the most people I've ever had the chance to complain to at one time in *my whole! entire! life!* —I just LOVE writing this column!)

Bellevue Middle School holds Scholastic Book Fair

Bellevue Middle School is holding a "Fall Into Reading" Scholastic Book Fair November 26-30 at the school located on Colice Jeanne Road off of Highway

70 South in Bellevue. The Preview Breakfast for Community and Teachers is November 15 from 8 - 11 a.m. The student preview is

November 16 from 8:30 am. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fair hours November 26-29 are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, November 30, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November Birthdays

NOVEMBER 14	Landy Campbell	Leanne Grasso	Thomas King
Jeremy Gaddes	Muff Young	Rebecca Little	Keith Nichols
Ed Alley	NOVEMBER 16	Blake Simpson	NOVEMBER 21
Brian Arceeneaux	Hunter Caldwell	Millie Sweeney	Brooks Cummings
Lindsey Cummings	Carter Coffee	NOVEMBER 19	
Buddy Hannah	Melanie Hendricks	Karen Hagblom	<i>Send Birthdays to</i>
Layne Huckaby	Rachel Pippin	Connie Glass	P.O. Box 210183
Morgan Smith	Bob Young	Cade Jenkins	Nashville, 37221
NOVEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 17	Sheila McKinney	E-mail:
Jennifer Merritt	Christopher Peck	Jenny Morris	westview78@aol.com
Vickie Welty	Margaret Cornell	Mackenzie Sadler	Birthdays are pulled
Don Guidry	Sharon Hedgcoxe	Mike Travis	from various church
Michael Johnson	Wyatt Worstall	NOVEMBER 20	bulletins and mail ins
William Longworth	NOVEMBER 18	Marc Lyon	submissions.
Christian Armstrong	Ann Carney	Christin Chasserneau	
Gina Bland	Jerry Coleman	Samantha Cotten	

"I Didn't Know That"

Why We Say The Things We Say by Karlen Evins



Sunday is bath day around our house.

Actually, everyday is bath day for me, but for the pups, Sundays mark our weekly wrestle fest of soapy suds, flea shampoos and shower nozzles.

The picture is not always pretty. It usually involves some form of hot dog enticement to get Ike out from under the bed. But between my smarts and their carnivorous cravings for red meat (artificial or otherwise), the three of us undergo a good amount of bonding before the weekly ritual is through.

While my pups do not leap at the thought of water pounding their little heads, I have noticed they do love the drying process. First one, then the other, they fight for lap time the second the hair dryer starts to whirl. The rest is a delicate balance of the doggy fairness doctrine.

Yet no matter how much time I dedicate to toweling and drying, I have yet to release one pup that is not still, in some small way...just a little *wet behind the ears*.

Why behind the ears places are so hard to dry, I'll never know. But I do know the expression didn't start with Ike and Minka.

To the contrary.

Wet behind the ears traces back to innocent newborns (namely calves, colts and sheep) wherein (post birth) the last pace to dry is that small place behind each ear.

For certain species, biologists credit a small indentation. For others, (imagine ears pinned back as the result of the birthing process), it stands to reason why these tender spots are the last to dry.

As for my pups, being *wet behind the ears* has precious little to do with anything akin to naive. To the contrary, their resulting damp ears have far more to do with attention deficit disorders than anything resembling innocence.

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

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KAOS Arsenal '94 Division I State Champions



KAOS Arsenal '94 finished their inaugural season as Division I State Champions in the tournament held November 10-11, 2007, at Rotary Park in Smyrna, TN. As Champions, Kaos Arsenal will move on to represent the state of Tennessee in regional play starting in June 2008.

The U-14 Kaos Arsenal soccer players, parents and coaches would like to express their gratitude to Johnny Reed and the White Bluff Community Center for the use of their baseball field during the Fall season.

Kaos Arsenal is a U-14 boys soccer team, with members from Nashville, Ashland City, Bellevue, Clarksville, Franklin, Hendersonville, Kingston Springs and Palmyra, Tennessee.

Back row, left to right: Coach Jeff Jordan, Hayden Jordan, Trainer Adam Cohen, Caleb Hackett, Fletcher Bowler, Ben Fly, Caleb Earp, Connor Mitchell, Jacob LeJeune, Shane Powell, David Todd, and P.A. Bowler

Front row, left to right: Water Boy Satchel Jordan, Blake Eslinger, Peter Greene, Andre Aponte, JP Robertson, Nathan Hansen, Michael Scott, Michael Cook, and Clayton Martin

Center front: Alex Renner

Photos by Christine Robertson

About Metro Schools

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Update on the Student Assignment Plan

The Board of Education continues to move forward with providing information and seeking input concerning the proposed Student Assignment Plan. Before we vote on the plan on December 11, we will have held Fifteen community meetings and work sessions to discuss the proposed plan. We will also have a public participation night where people can express their thoughts to the entire Board. The public participation night will be at East Literature Magnet School on December 4, 2007. Look for announcements about meetings by phone announcements, newspapers, and on the Metro Schools website at: <http://www.mnps.org/site3.aspx>. The schedule appears on the home page of the site. Links are provided to be able to read the Student Assignment Plan in detail.

Parent and community comments help each Board member. We want to know what you think. We want to keep your thoughts and your desires in mind when reaching a decision about the proposed Student Assignment Plan. Most of all, we want to make the schools the best they can be for the most important people in the school district, the students.

The focus of the Student Assignment Plan is to improve student achievement. The idea of the Plan is that neighborhood schools will foster a sense of pride in "their" school for the students and that easier access will promote increased parental involvement in our schools. A number of studies have made a direct link between increased parental involvement in schools and student performance at those schools.

As always, we want to be good stewards of your tax dollars and the proposed Student Assignment Plan does just that. For every under-enrolled middle school that can be collapsed and combined with another school, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is freed up for use in the classroom. For every under-enrolled elementary school that can be collapsed and combined with another school Six Hundred Thousand to Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00 - \$700,000.00) is saved. Savings like this can be used to have smaller classes, more pre-k classes, more tutors, and much more. All the money we can save by having fewer schools to teach more students can be used to improve education and enable our schools to improve student academic achievement.

Attend a meeting. Read the proposed Student Assignment Plan. Let us hear your voice.



Left: Ben Fly of Kaos Arsenal goes in hard for a tackle against KFC Revolution (Knoxville Football Club) in opening game of Tennessee State Tournament.

Right: Connor Mitchell of Kaos Arsenal flicks the ball onward to a teammate in final game of State Championship against TNFC.



Below: Kaos Arsenal goalie Alex Renner springs to action in final against TNFC, as teammate JP Robertson looks on.



Bellevue Steelers in defeat Trojans to advance to semis



"The Bellevue Steelers defeated the Goodlettsville Trojans 31-18 Saturday, November 3 to advance to the semifinals in 'B' playoff action"

Photographs by Michael Ingram, Bellevue Photography

Bellevue Scout Group Goes Scouting For Food

Cub Scout Pack 40 of Bellevue is collecting food donations to help needy families in our local community. Fliers are being distributed in many neighborhoods announcing a non-perishable food pick up on Saturday, November 17th at from 8:00am to 12:00 noon.

All food donations will be given to the local Bellevue Community Food Bank located at Bellevue United Methodist Church (BUMC), which will be distributed to those families in need. The public can also drop off food donations directly to

BUMC, located at 7501 Old Harding Road, Nashville, TN 37221, on Saturday, November 17th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm only. Scouts will be on hand to help unload cars.

Some suggested non-perishable items include items like paper products (e.g. paper towels, toilet tissue), personal hygiene products (e.g. bar soap, shampoo, hand soap), canned food items, canned and jarred pasta sauces, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables and fruit, dried beans, rice, bagged pastas, canned and freeze-dried

soups, peanut butter, jelly/jams, Jello, drink mixes, juice box, canned juices, baking items, flour, sugar, etc.

This good deed project is part of the national *Scouting for Food* program and the Middle Tennessee Council division of Boy Scouts of America's annual *Good Turn for America* initiative.

For more information about Cub Scout Pack 40, visit www.cubscoutspack40.org or the Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts website at www.mtcb-sa.org.

Bellevue Exchange Club Student of the Month



Jenny Holzmer was presented with the Bellevue Exchange Club Youth of the Month.

The Bellevue Exchange Club honored Jenny Holzmer of Father Ryan High School with its Youth of the Month Award at the weekly breakfast meeting held on November 6. Jim Langdon, a teacher at Father Ryan for the last 24 years, spoke of Jenny's accomplishments. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Latin Honor Society. She is extremely active in music, participating in the

school chorus and having been selected by the Mid State Chorus and the All State Chorus. She is active in Girl Scouts, receiving the bronze, silver and gold medals. She is also very active in civic endeavors, including running the sack lunch program for homeless individuals through the Room in the Inn program at St. Henry's Church.

Bellevue Exchange Club honors students who live in the Bellevue area with a

monthly award. At the end of the school year, the monthly award recipients compete for the Student of the Year Award by writing an essay on a topic selected by the National Exchange Club. The recipient of the Youth of the Year Award also receives a \$500 savings bond. Bellevue Exchange Club meets every Tuesday morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Shoney's on Highway 70 South.



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"The Last Aggravation"

Today's Halloween! There's school because, it's Wednesday. I just woke up. I feel so happy today and tonight, I get to put my princess costume back on and go out Trick or Treating. I can't wait!

I guess some days were meant to be life changing, like Saturday; someone special called me beautiful. I'll always remember how happy that made me feel. But what happened next, I could never have guessed in a million years. I didn't go to school today because... I was walking out of my room, heading downstairs when Robbie came flying upstairs and ran right past me, nearly knocking me down the staircase.

For some reason, I just flew into a rage. I started chasing him down the hall and he ran into Jana's room. He's always so fast, since he's littler than me, but this wasn't going to stop me today. He jumped on top of Jana's already made-up bed, messing up the covers and throwing pillows back at me. I knew I was going to get blamed for this mess. He called me a sissy and big baby. He just laughed at my attempts to reach for him.

"Can't catch me, you big baby!" He chirped. Then he jumped at me, hitting me with his doubled-up fists, in my chest. It hurt like the dickens!

"Ouch!" I screamed. Then he grabbed me by my hair and was trying to drag me upon the bed.

"You big sissy!" he yelled. "You may have found your stupid ring I buried, but you'll never find your precious dolls! Their gone for good! Ha Ha!" Then he just laughed and jumped on her bed like it was a trampoline. No respect, Nona would say he had no respect for other peoples things.

I stood there watching him in silence. The memory of my dolls buried under the steps, did it. I looked for the first thing I could get my hands on, which just happened to be Jana's broom stick. I took the broom by the handle and tried swatting him a few times, but that just made him laugh more.

"Can't catch me, you baby!" He spewed." Na- Nah-Nah-Nah-Nah!" He hissed.

Then, as if by some magic force, I turned the broom around, holding onto the straw end, I swung at him with all my might. Splat! The hook on the end of the broom caught him, on his left jaw and blood flew everywhere. He grabbed his jaw and was screaming bloody murder!

Everyone rushed into the room. As I looked around, there was Nona, Mommy, Jana, Holly and then Daddy. I stood there with the weapon in my hand, certain I looked as guilty as I felt.

"What happened?" Mommy yelled. "Lauren, what did you do to your little brother?" she screamed.

By this time, they were by his side, trying to calm him down and get him to stop screaming and crying. "She did it, she did it, was all he was saying!"

Nona, pulled me back from the crowd and said, let your father handle this. She leaned down and whispered, "It's about time he stopped picking on you and I think, this time, Missy, you may have got the message over to him, loud and clear!"

I could hear Mommy saying, "Look, Tim, I think we need to rush him to the hospital, I think he'll need stitches!" I heard Daddy agree. Then Robbie started crying louder, "NO, NO, NO stitches!" But it was too late, the decision had been made and Daddy picked him up and was headed out the door.

"Lauren, I can't believe you would hurt your little brother!" was all Mommy said, as she walked behind Daddy, heading out the door. Of course, the look she gave me, made me feel about two inches tall and want to crawl under the bed.

"Mommy, I don't know what caused me to do it, but I guess—I just had enough." I quietly stammered.

"Well, we'll settle this with you later, GO to your room!" Mommy shouted.

"Daddy turned around and said, "Calm down, Beth, I don't think that will be necessary,

I'm sure Lauren didn't mean to hurt him. Maybe—just maybe, he aggravated her—one too many times...I remember looking at my Daddy and appreciating him understanding. It's a good feeling...appreciation, it sort of takes away fear.

I'll write more later...

Hillwood Financial Aid Night is November 15th

Hillwood High School Financial Aid Night for Junior and Senior Parents is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th, 2007 at Hillwood. A light snack will be provided at 5:00-6:15p.m. in the Topper cafeteria. The informational meeting will begin at 6:30p.m. in the Hillwood Topper Library located in the Central building.

Representatives from Tennessee State Department of Education (HOPE Scholarship) will be there along with the director of Financial Aid from Cumberland University and Tennessee State University. An excellent PowerPoint presentation will be shown by Cumberland University on the how to's of college. This is

priceless information for students who are applying to two and four year post secondary educational choices. All ninth through twelfth grade parents are welcome to attend this informational meeting. It should be mentioned that the Hillwood Class of 2007 was offered as of June 2007 a total of \$2,541,740 in scholarship money to further their education.

Military recruiters will be available to answer questions between 5:30-6:30pm for students who are looking at all options for financial aid. The Army Reserve, Air Force and Navy will be represented.

You must RSVP, for the Mrs. Winner's Snack Pac provided for juniors, seniors and parents from 5:30-6:15pm in

the Hillwood Topper Cafeteria. (RSVP is required for food only). Please contact

Kym.Dukes@mnps.org or call Kym at 353-2025 ext.2040 with your number

for dinner or if you have additional questions.

Harpeth Band Spotlights Levi Kolopajlo

Levi Kolopajlo, senior, has been an active member of the Harpeth Band of Blue for four years. During his time with the marching band, he has played both the saxophone and tuba. Levi says college and career plans are both undecided at the time, but he definitely plans to continue his education after high school. Levi has some good advice for incoming freshmen, "Don't give up!"

The Harpeth Band of Blue practices several nights a week and on weekends travels to competitions at area mid state schools. The band program demands long hours of practice from all participants.

In his spare time, Levi enjoys reading about World War II history.

Levi is the son of Marty and Jennifer Kolopajlo of Kingston Springs, TN.



Bellevue Homeschool News

Special Friends By Tori Hammett



I did go to camp with Young Life. I saw a man dressed up and he did science. He smelled fire. He didn't want to get burned. I ate breakfast with my friends. I played basketball. I swam. I fell in the water and it was cold. I had a fun on the bus. I listened to my ipod.

I wrote really good today. I copied the board. My teacher talked about rocks. In dance, I have no partner. I think Ben will be my partner.

I went to the judge. Johnathan is adopted. He is my cousin. I am so happy for him.

I'm going to have some friends over to hang out, watch movies and have fun.



Preschool News by Seth Almon

There was one horsie, two horsies and there were two more horsies. There was three the same and one was black. The black one was in the bushes still. I saw a puppy dog. The helicopter I saw was blue with two people in it. They opened it to show us inside. They have to fix it if it has leaks. I saw a white thing under it. Mommy, did you see the helicopter? TJ's mom read about a soft rabbit (Velveteen Rabbit). The boy slept with the rabbit when he couldn't find his doggy. The rabbit got put in the trash can when the boy got sick. Now the rabbit was real after a fairy helped him. The boy wasn't sick anymore.



Kindergarten News by Jada Elise Perry

Hello from Princess Jada. Well, I wasn't here like two times because I was on my vacation and I loved it. I swam with dophins and got to dance with them too. Today, I showed a picture of it to my class for show and tell. If you flip the picture over it was a Lua. Today, a helicopter came and it was so cool,

we saw it leave. Me and my friends, Lydia, Kerris and Emma got to saw it too. We went outside and played on the playground. In Science we learned about magnets. Bye from Princess Jada.



1st Grade News by Jenna Snipes

Well....today we did our weekly words. We did our math. We had snack. We read the Little House on the Prarie book. Everyone most enjoyed the part where Laura's dad pulled a guy out of the well! We went outside to play. There was something weird about today's Monday. We didn't do phonics at all. Oh! We seen the News Channel 5 helicopter! It was pretty cool. Especially when it took off. I wish I could ride on it. Somebody asked if we were going to be on the news. In science, we learned about what magnets stick to and what they don't stick to. We learned that they're pretty fun, not just boring. We were like little scientists. My favorite thing today was going to see the helicopter. After school we went to the park to play for a little while. That was fun! We didn't have girl scouts today. BOOHOO!



2nd Grade News by Paiton Walker

The first thing that happened at school today was that Sky 5, the News Channel 5 helicopter, came for a visit. It landed right in our parking lot! We learned about the helicopter, its pilot, and the reporter who rides along. Later in Science, we got to draw a picture of the Sky 5 helicopter. I drew all the blades, the camera, the antennae, all the details. We also made paper helicopters using construction paper. In Math we learned how people measured in the old days. People measured in cubits and feet. You know, actual feet, the ones on your body! Then we did a worksheet about measurement, and we played a game using meas-

urements. We also skip counted by twos, fives, and tens. In Art we made paper flowers. I made seven flowers! We didn't get to take them home because next week we're going to make the vases that the flowers go in. After that, our parents came to pick us up. The End.



4th Grade News by Kayla Perry

Hello from Cat Girl Kayla. This Monday in recess, we played tag with a bandana. This is how; the person who is it had the bandana so everyone knew who was it; if they tagged somebody they took the bandana and start tagging other people. We made canvases in Art. This week we are going to cut out pieces of magazines and glue them on top of each other on the canvas next week. The News Channel 5 helicopter was so cool even if I didn't get to ask my question. We took the husk off the corn in Pioneer History. Next week, we are going to make dolls. Chloe, Maranda and I are making triplet dolls. I just came back from Hawaii and I did a bunch of fun things. I will share one with you. My favorite was swimming with the dolphins and a walphine. A walphine is a killer whale and a dolphin mixed. They are beautiful. It was fun kissing, dancing and petting the dolphins. Snorkeling was amazing too. Aloha from Cool Cat Kayla.



6th Grade News by Isaiah Dructor

Our day at BHSE was exciting! The NewsChannel5 Sky Five helicopter came to visit our school!! When we heard the chopper approaching, the entire school rushed outside to see it land. It was like someone had pulled the fire alarm! (They didn't.) Most classes went back inside since we had scheduled times to go out and talk with Phil Jones, the new journalist, and Ray Martin, the pilot. Mr. Martin taught us about how they have to consider the 4 H's before leaving the airport: height (from sea level), heat, humidity, and how heavy the aircraft is.

Apparently it involves a lot of calculations. He said that in August, during the time it was so hot, that even though we are actually a little over 600 feet above sea level, the atmosphere was like we 6,000 ft above sea level. Amazing!!

Mr. Jones told us that the special camera mounted to the front of the helicopter could read a license plate from 1000 feet in the air! Even the police and rescue workers have used them to help "see" the big picture of an accident from the air. Amazing!!

Jessie came over on Friday for a visit. We built a fort in the garden over a 3 ft. deep hole that I had dug. After that, we went on a hike to the top of the ridge behind our house. The view is tremendous from up there -- you can see for miles! Jessie really likes Fred, my ferret. She entertained him for quite a while, and he loved the extra attention.

My brother came to see us, too. This is Jake, the oldest brother. He's getting ready for deer season. I helped him set up a two-seater deer stand on top of the ridge. This time we took the four-wheeler because the deer stand was too heavy to haul through the woods and brush to the ridge. I also helped him sight-in his rifle. He had put a new scope on it. I was the spotter -- I located the shots on the target with binoculars.

Well, that's the excitement for the week! Of course, I had schoolwork, too, but do you really want to hear about that??? See ya next week!



7th Grade News by Haley Butler

Hey everyone!
Today was pretty cool. Pre-Algebra+(me)=me+AGH! So we started another unit, and surprise surprise! We're solving for X, AGAIN! Its not that bad this time,because when there's an equation like 3 X(12), common sense tells you X=4.It seems pretty easy, but its DEFINATELY not like riding a bike. LOL! For the first half of Language Arts we got to talk to the guys who control the Channel 5 helicopter! It was so cool, first the Channel 5 guy told us about what makes up the helicopter. Did you know that the blades on the top of helicopters are made out of honeycomb? Yup! Its covered with glue and aluminum foil. Later in Earth Science we about finished up the rock lab. There's one rock that we tested that smells like rotten eggs. and its yellow! And lastly, in Dance class we learned how to do the Charleston! Think roaring 20's. It's a lot of fun, we kind of look silly but that's the fun part of it! See you later!

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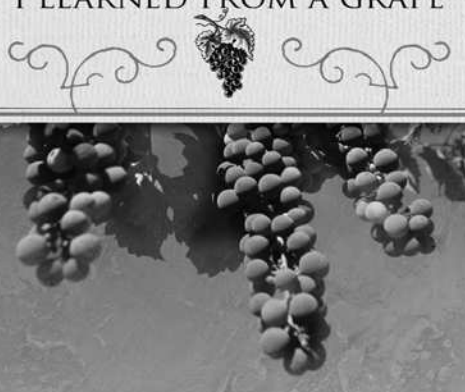
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A Thanksgiving Forecast

By Josh Barnett
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The weather is a topic of most daily conversations. When it comes to special holidays, most want the ideal forecast. Whether it will be raining or shining on Thanksgiving, I know not. However, I can predict another type of forecast.

On thanksgiving morning, turkeys will thaw in the morning, then warm in the oven to an afternoon high near 190F. The kitchen will turn hot and humid, and if you

bother the cook, be ready for a severe squall or cold shoulder. During the late afternoon and evening, the cold front of a knife will slice through the turkey, causing an accumulation of one to two inches on plates. Mashed potatoes will drift across one side while cranberry sauce creates slippery spots on the other. Please pass the gravy. A weight watch and indigestion warning have been issued for the entire area, with increased stuffiness around the beltway. During the evening, the turkey will diminish and taper off to leftovers, dropping to a low of 34F in the refrigerator.

Looking ahead to Friday and Saturday, high pressure to eat sandwiches will be established. Flurries of leftovers can be expected both days with a 50 percent chance of scattered soup late in the day. We expect a warming trend where soup develops. By early next week, eating pressure will be low as the only wish left will be the bone. (material copied from www.gmpiv.com) Because of God, we have much to be thankful for.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 118.1).

Waffle Shop 2007: Men join the fight!

After 80 years of Old-South traditions founded and maintained by a woman's touch, the Downtown Presbyterian Church's 81st annual waffle shop will be led by men for the first time in its 81-year history this December. It will also feature the church's ever-growing artists' community.

The holiday meal and bazaar, to be held Thursday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., has previously always been a women's ministry, with proceeds supporting the church's building restoration fund and its long-time homeless ministry. Yet, some traditions stay the same, with this year's event set to provide funds to replace flooring in the historic building's fellowship hall and menu plans set in stone.

The tradition is this: For \$6, diners may enjoy a large, hand-pressed waffle, grits, coffee or spiced tea and their choice of sausage or a helping of the famous turkey hash (an

81-year-old recipe). Diners may also enjoy guided tours of the historic Egyptian Revival sanctuary led by James Hoobler, the unofficial church historian and senior curator at The Tennessee State Museum. The event was originally conceived in 1926 as a fundraising event for the Presbyterian Women (PW) organization who catered to Christmas shoppers who frequented the nearby department stores each December.

The event still brings crowds, and this year church volunteers will serve and supply visual, as well as culinary arts for sale. The event will also correspond with the church's annual art-luck, a pot-luck for art that is held the first Saturday of each month in conjunction with the downtown art gallery openings. This month's art-luck will exhibit "Art from home," as members of the church will be display their most prized works to create a welcoming

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Nashville State Community College breaks ground on new Center

Nashville State Community College officially broke ground on a two-story, 60,000-square-foot Student Services Center on Friday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m. The ceremony took place at the main campus located at 120 White Bridge Road.

The Center, due for completion in January 2009, will house student service offices such as financial aid, testing center, admissions, career employment, records, and the campus book store. The new addition will also include a dining area with space for food vendors, small gathering spots for students, study

group rooms, a conference room, and five classrooms.

For more information, please call Evelyn Hadley at 353-3233 or visit www.nsc.edu.



From left to right: Dr. Ellen Weed, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Nashville State Community College; Senator Douglas Henry; Dr. George Van Allen, President, Nashville State Community College; Nancy Eisenbrandt, Senior Vice President of Business Services, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce; Randy Rayburn, Foundation Board Member and Owner of Cabana and Sunset Grill; and Carol Martin-Osorio, Dean for Student Services, Nashville State Community College break ground on the new Student Services Center.

Scottish Society Fund Raiser

The Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion, appreciation and enjoyment of Scottish heritage, traditions and culture. Through our Toby Parrish Scholarship Program, we raise money to help in the education of Scottish arts and culture.

We are holding our Annual Fund Raiser on Saturday, January 26th 2008 at the Brentwood Country Club from 6.30pm onwards.

Tickets are available from our Burns Committee Chair, Pamela Perks on 615 301 8669. Ticket prices are \$50 per person for members of the Society and

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It seems that so many people lately have been telling me they have been diagnosed with celiac disease. This used to be a disorder that very few people were recognized as having but with our American diet it almost has become a trend.

Celiac disease is a digestion problem which is caused by an intolerance to gluten, a component of wheat, barley, and oats. Gluten contains a protein called alpha-gliadin and with this disease this protein causes a reaction in the mucous lining of the intestine and damages it. Because of this damage the

intestine is not able to absorb its nutrients and the results can then move into malnutrition. Diarrhea can compound the problem. Because the disease impairs digestion, food allergies can spring up.

This disease can happen at any age with our over abundance of simple carbohydrates, but it can start as young as when a child is introduced to cereals. Symptoms are, diarrhea, weight loss, anemia, abdominal bloating, depression, fatigue, muscle cramps, and joint and bone pain. In the past this condition was most times

misdiagnosed as irritable bowel syndrome but now doctors are connecting the dots to celiac - gluten intolerance.

If you feel you have symptoms of celiac disease ask your doctor to check. If left undiagnosed it can become quite dangerous and can lead to bone disease, malnutrition, infertility, miscarriages, female problems, pancreatic problems etc. There is much to be studied yet on this problem but in the mean time, if you have celiac disease it is Essential that you stay on a gluten free diet and include fruits, vegetables, legumes, and nuts so that the intestines can heal itself. Avoid gluten products like the plague along with sugar, dairy, processed foods, and chocolate.

Most health food stores have a list of the gluten free foods they have in stock. Just check at customer service. Also the people in the nutrition

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At an estimated \$11 billion, massage therapy is one of the fastest-growing industries in the nation, a fact that's not surprising given Americans' increasingly hectic lifestyles. During the past year alone, an astounding 47 million adults in the United States received a massage for everything from stress reduction to pain relief and overall relaxation.

Massage Envy has grown with the industry – from one clinic in 2002 to 670 planned clinics in 44 states today.

The new clinic in Bellevue will bring that total to 671 and counting.

"We have a unique business model – one that benefits the company and its customers," Ms. Kennedy said.

Massage Envy® Limited, LLC, is a bold concept in therapeutic massage. The Scottsdale, Arizona-based company was created in 2002 upon the premise that massages should be relaxing, but also affordable and convenient. Massage Envy makes this possible through a monthly membership plan that enables customers to enjoy massages on a regular basis. The company has more than 275 operating clinics and 671 franchises sold in 44 states. For more information, visit www.massageenvy.com.

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Westview Entertainment

Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre presents Sorry Wrong Chimney for the Holidays

One of the most popular holiday shows in Chaffin's 40 year history is BACK! The lighthearted Christmas tale, *Sorry Wrong Chimney*, is full of mistaken identities, zany foul-ups and a pinch of slapstick. Newlywed, David Tuttle, is moonlighting as a department store Santa so that he can buy his wife, Samantha an expensive gift for their first Christmas. He tells her he's working late at the office, but she finds out he *isn't* at the office and immediately expects the worst. A suspected other woman, hypnotism, the notorious Santa-burglar, his gun-toting fiancée, and a confused policeman add up to a rollicking tale that is side-splitting

holiday entertainment.

This hilarious comedy is directed by Barn favorite, Martha Wilkinson. The cast of Barn favorites includes: Daron Bruce (last seen as Burl in *Smoke on the Mountain*), Nate Eppler (last seen in *Saving Grace*), R. Alex Murray (last seen in *Mixed Emotions*), Dietz Osborne (last seen in *Run for Your Wife*), Joy Tilley Perryman (last seen in *Ghost Story*), Keri Pisapia (last seen as June in *Smoke on the Mountain*) and Jennifer Richmond (last seen as "Grace" in *Saving Grace*).

Sorry Wrong Chimney runs November 23 through December 31 on the Main Stage - Tuesday thru Saturday evenings. Buffet is served from

6:00-7:30 p.m., show at 8:00 p.m. There will be two Thursday Senior Matinees, November 29 & December 6 house opens at 11:00, show at 12 p.m. The Senior Matinees are \$19, Bring Your Own Lunch, beverages provided or order Chaffin's Boxed Lunch when you make your reservation for an additional \$8.50. There will also be two Sunday Matinees, November 25 & December 9 - buffet served from 12:00- 1:30, show at 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Price for All Evening Shows and Sunday Matinee is \$45 per adult, \$25 for children 12 and under (both prices include dinner, show and tax) Show only \$33 adults, \$25 for children 12 and under. The

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Irving Berlin's holiday spectacular 'White Christmas' at TPAC

Audiences at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center will celebrate the holiday season with *Irving Berlin's White Christmas*, playing November 27-December 2 in Andrew Jackson Hall, presented by Bank of America. Adapted from the classic American film—which was inspired by the song—the new musical is an offering in the series of national tours stopping in Nashville for the annual season of "HCA/TriStar Broadway at TPAC."

The movie and the stage musical tell the story of two successful showmen who come to the rescue of the general they served during World War II. Working with a duo of singing sisters, they stage a Broadway revue at their general's Vermont lodge as business suffers from lack of snow. In addition to the title song, the best-selling holiday single in history, the score features "Blue Skies," "Sisters," "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep," "I Love a Piano" and other Berlin favorites.

InsideOut, one of four TPAC Education programs, will offer a pre-show Arts Appetizer on Wednesday, November 28 at 6:15 pm in James K. Polk Lobby. This event, which is open to the pub-

lic, will feature the story behind Irving Berlin's famous song.

The 1954 Paramount film *White Christmas* starred Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera Allen.

The stage version, under the direction of Jeff Calhoun who just directed the national tour of *Disney's High School Musical*, features a cast of artists with impressive Broadway, film, and national theatre credits.

White Christmas features music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, with the book by David Ives and Paul Blake. This brand new production of *White Christmas* is produced by Atlanta's Theater of the Stars,

with previews at the Savannah Civic Center before opening at the Fabulous Fox Theatre in Atlanta and touring to another seven cities across the United States.

Tickets for *WHITE CHRISTMAS* range from \$20-66, depending on performance time and seat location. For tickets, visit www.tpac.org/whitechristmas, the TPAC Box Office (Downtown or at Davis-Kidd Booksellers in The Mall at Green Hills), or any Ticketmaster outlet. Tickets may also be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 615/255-ARTS (2787). Group discounts for 20 or more are available by calling 615/782-4060.

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Loving ties, a 'Cowboy Church,' and Olympic gold have shaped family's life

By Richard Edmondson

"We Are the Champions", the old song by the rock group Queen, is playing on the laptop computer as a progression of images from Shanghai, China flashes across the screen.

"Really nice selection of music," I comment to Don Smith, as he, his wife, Teresa, their daughter, Morgan, and I gather around the computer to watch. "Did you put all this together?"

"Yes I did," Don replies quietly. He flashes me a modest smile, but there's an unmistakable note of pride in his voice, for his daughter—Morgan—is indeed a champion. "It's got her races in it, too. You'll see the relay," he adds, and sure enough, a moment later we are watching video footage of Morgan sprinting along a track. The camera follows the running



Above: Teresa and Don Smith with their daughter, Morgan, wearing her Olympic medals.

Left: Morgan in China with her medals.

young woman, relegating to a blur the faces of an endless stream of stadium spectators as she speeds past them. Last month Morgan was one of more than 7,500 athletes

from all over the world to compete at the Special Olympics in Shanghai, China. And she did

herself—and the city of Fairview—proud.

Morgan returned home from China with a gold medal, which she won in the 4 x 100 relay; a bronze, taken in the 100 meter dash; and also a ribbon for a 5th place showing in the 200 meter dash.

With interviews on both radio and TV, plus a proclamation passed by the Tennessee Legislature, Morgan has, in a very real sense, become Fairview's "favorite daughter"—and as I watch Don's video montage of the Games, the thought occurs to me that just about everyone who lives hereabouts would enjoy viewing this presentation.

Achievement and fame have come to Morgan at a young age. She's only 18 (although next week—on Tuesday to be precise—she turns 19), and she's quick to acknowledge that going to China and competing at the Games is an experience she'll remember and carry with her forever.

"It was awesome; it was definitely something I'll never forget. Along with our medals we each got a panda bear, and

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Fairview's Percy Hughes finally gets the medals he deserves

Mr. Percy Hughes and his family sought to have his WWII medals replaced by the military after the original ones had been lost in his parents' house fire in 1946. Upon arrival of the medals, an exceptional surprise was learned that PFC Percy Hughes had been one of 3,274 servicemen in the infantry to have received the 'Bronze Star' for heroism and bravery in combat fighting. However, Mr. Hughes had never been notified after discharge from the Army of such recognition, and it was

sixty-one years later to finally receive this medal.

Mr. Hughes was drafted into Company E, 320th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division. Enlistment dates, (April 1, 1944, separation--April 24, 1946.) Battles fought, Northern France, (Battle of the Bulge immediately), proceeding through the Ardennes Mountains, to the (Battle of Bastogne), Belgium, Luxembourg, Rhineland, Germany, and Central Europe. By wars' end, his company had been replaced four times, as all the troops had been injured or killed, and the infantry documented 400% casualties. He served under General George Patton's command.

Upon arrival in Europe, he landed first in France and traveled by foot to the above five

countries, which was approximately 1600 miles. He spent a total of nine months on foreign soil from December 8, 1944, to September 10, 1945.

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He was enlisted into Camp Shelby, Mississippi for boot camp, and then went to Ft. McClellan, (Continued on page 19)



Mr. Hughes with his medals.

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Cowboy Church

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when we all went up there together (to receive their medals) Coach Sherry was crying because she was so proud," she says.

Morgan is an engaging young woman with an openness about her that you don't see in a lot of young people her age, lending to the impression that she is indeed "special." But at some point in the course of preparing this story—I'm not sure exactly when—I decided to make it a story not just on Morgan alone, but on her mom and dad as well, for taken all together they are a rather interesting family.

The Smiths are proprietors of something called the "Crossroads Cowboy Church", although I should clarify, as well as qualify, my use of the word "proprietors." Don is not the pastor of the church. Neither do he or Teresa "own" it or make rules that the other members of the congregation must follow. But the church *does* meet on their property—in an expansive open-air pavilion that sits high atop a rise behind their Fairview home, not, perhaps, unlike the imagined city on the hill in the Bible.

"So what is this 'Cowboy Church' all about?" I asked at one point during our conversation, for I'd heard of the thing, with its peculiar name, mentioned around town a time or two, and there now is, of course, a "Cowboy Church" sign on Highway 100 at the King Road intersection. "What's the significance of the world 'cowboy'?"

The church, Don and Teresa tell me, was started a little over a year ago, the group of worshippers initially meeting in a horse barn (which lies also on their property), until the pavilion was built.

"The whole concept of Cowboy Church is—it's not about being a cowboy. It's basically come as you are. It doesn't matter where you are in life. It doesn't matter what you wear. You don't have to wear a suit. You don't have to put on your Sunday morning church face. It's just come and hear the word," Don says.

The church is affiliated with the Baptist Convention, and there are other Cowboy Churches elsewhere in the country. In fact the one in Fairview was started after members of the gospel group Second Chance, which is affiliated with the Fairview First Baptist Church, visited a Cowboy Church in Louisiana.

"They went down there and did a program for them, and they saw how that church operated, and we saw a ministry opportunity here in Fairview," said Don.

"It's just simple—come as you are," Teresa explains.

"We started on a Thursday night so we wouldn't take away from any other traditional churches," Don adds. "We have it on Thursday night at 7

o'clock. But then it started growing so much, and more and more people started coming, they asked, 'why can't we have this on Sunday morning also?'"

So the church now offers two services a week, but what's a little bit out of the ordinary about it, in addition to the come-as-you-are maxim, is there's a different minister in the pulpit each week. The church has no regular pastor of its own.

"We have guest pastors come in, and we already have pastors booked up through December. So you have a different message, which means you get a different perspective each week," said Don. "And while we're having church the horses are running loose in the arena behind the pavilion. So you're sitting their listening to the pastor, and you hear horses outside in the arena."

There's wooden furniture and the cowboy motif is evident throughout, and while the pavilion *does* have electricity, otherwise it's pretty rustic. Church members plan to keep out the chill this winter by enclosing the facility with tarps which they'll roll down during the more inclement weather.

"It'll stay nice and warm in the winter, but last winter when we were in the barn we baptized people when it was 17 degrees outside," Don says.

"You'll have to put this on your calendar," Teresa tells me. "On Christmas Eve—you see, Donnie and I started a tradition—Every Christmas Eve we meet in the barn at nine o'clock. We turn out all the lights. We have flashlights. All the horses are in the barn with their little Santa hats. And we sing Christmas carols and we pray and tell the Christmas story, and we pray and have coffee and hot chocolate. It's pretty cool."

Morgan is Don's and Teresa's only child, and it doesn't take long in the family's presence before you begin to get a glimmer of how deep runs their love for her. It isn't just providing their daughter with a home, a stable full of horses, enrolling her in Special Olympics, and accompanying her all the way to Shanghai, China—considerable as these things are. The lengths that they have gone to try to enrich her life—the distances that they have traveled—are evident in smaller ways as well.

A special needs student at Fairview High School, Morgan suffers from an extremely rare chromosomal disorder called Trisomy 15—a condition which imposes challenges on her which the rest of us would probably have a hard time imagining.

"It's a real rare chromosome duplication, and what it is, she has the same number of chromosomes as we all do, except on Chromosome 15 there's an extra piece. It's an extra piece on that chromo-

some," Don explains.

"When we moved back to Tennessee we were told that it was so rare that she may possibly be the only one in the world that has that exact duplication. And so, they're learning from Morgan. Vanderbilt took her on in a research program, when we first moved here, and tried to learn as much as they possibly could—because they had no idea of what this would effect." Then he adds, addressing his daughter: "Tell him how they explained it to you, Morgan—about swimming."

Morgan, however, has difficulty remembering. "About your disability," he coaxes. But again she is unable to vocalize the words, at least not quite in the way the doctor at Vanderbilt had spoken them to her: "Something about a swimmer," she says now, falteringly, "and one swimmer swam to the other side, and a doctor asked who made it, and I said probably the one that drowned. She said, 'no the one with a rock tied to his leg.'"

"Let me tell it, Morgan," Don interjects gently. Then to me: "He was explaining to her how she would be able to do things in life, but things might be harder for her. And he said that if you had two people swimming across a pool and one had a rock tied to the leg, who would be a better swimmer if they both made it to the other side of the pool? And Morgan said, 'well the one with the rock would probably drown.' And they said, 'No, the one with the rock, if they swam hard enough, they'd make it to the other side.' And they said, 'That's the way with you, Morgan. Things are going to be harder for you in life, but if you push yourself, you can do it, but it's going to be more difficult—but when you do it, you really accomplish something.'"

Whereas other students Morgan's age are offered activities like sports and cheerleading in which to apply themselves, and maybe excel in, for those with disabilities the choices are more limited—and that, says Don, is why the Special Olympics is so important.

Founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1962, the Special Olympics was recognized by the International Olympic Committee in 1988, and it is today the only sports organization authorized to use

the word *Olympics* in its name. The Special Olympics World Games, like the regular Olympics, are held every four years.

The Smiths say Morgan's selection to be a part of Team USA, and to travel to China this year was, quite literally, the answer to a prayer.

"One thing that Theresa was praying for before this happened was that there'd be something come up in Morgan's life that would set her apart from everyone else, and would give her the opportunity that other kids have on a daily basis," Don said.

Perhaps another answer to a prayer was the support Morgan has received from the faculty and staff at Fairview High School, for whom the Smiths have nothing but words of praise and appreciation.

"We were trying to find somebody that could work with Morgan throughout the year in track, and so Theresa called the track coach at Fairview High School, and said, 'Coach Reimer, our daughter's Morgan Smith and she has special needs and she's been selected to represent the United States at the world games in Shanghai China. Would it be possible for her to come out and practice with your team. And he said, 'no.'"

"And Teresa was just dead shocked. But then he said, 'if she's good enough to represent the United States at the Special Olympic Games, and she comes out and practices, she's not going to be just *practicing*, she's going to be *on* my team. She's going to be a *part* of this team.'"

"And he made her a part of that team. And they practiced together. She went to all the track meets this past season. All the girls surrounded her and just accepted her, and it was wonderful. And Coach Reimer said, 'You know, these girls will learn from Morgan. She may not be the fastest. But with Morgan it doesn't matter. With Morgan, all that she does is the best that she can do, and it doesn't matter if she finishes first or if she finishes 10th, as long as she does the best she can do.'"

And it wasn't just Fairview High School either. A wave of support for Morgan has come from the city as a whole. During September and October it was possible to drive up and

down Highway 100 and see signs expressing encouragement for Morgan at businesses along the road.

"That's what we've really been thankful for—is all the support from this community and from the high school. When we got back there was a police escort at the city limits, and so we had a police escort all the way through Fairview and back to our house here. The Fire Department was out and they turned their sirens and lights on when we came by, and several of the local businesses put up on their signs 'congratulations Morgan.'"

As for the Games themselves, the Smiths say there was much of the spectacle that one normally associates with the Olympics, including an opening ceremony produced at a cost of \$21 million.

"Where they had the track and field was in the Shanghai Stadium, and for opening ceremonies there were 80,000 people present, and they had every one of the countries come out. So there were countries represented from all over the world, just like at the regular Olympics...It was on ABC Family here in the states, and carried live all over Asia and a lot of the European countries," said Don.

"They did this just like the regular Olympics. Team USA consisted of about 450 athletes, but by the time you added the doctors, the nurses, the coaches, there were over 550 that went from the United States of America. The Department of Defense chartered two planes and flew Team USA over there from L.A.," Teresa added.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger was there, Jackie Chan was there—there were just numerous stars that were part of this. Kenney G. was a part of it. The actual president of China was there for the opening ceremonies—I can't remember his name but I was really impressed that he was there. And Shanghai just opened up and was really trying to show the world. They accepted these athletes, and just really treated them like kings and queens."

And how about Morgan—would she like to compete at the Special Olympics again four years from now?

"If they chose me again, yeah, I'd go, because I'll never forget this."

Fairview's Percy Hughes...

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Alabama for specialized rifleman training. He then rode a train to New York City where his company was in a parade before shipping out by sea vessel to France.

Prior to the end of the war while stationed in Germany, he had received orders for Japan, but thankfully the war ended with return to the States and demobilization of the troops.

Upon return to the States after leaving the European theater, he arrived first at Camp

Gordon, Georgia. He next went to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where he stayed six months to complete his tour of service, and was then discharged from Fort McPherson, Georgia.

The Winter in Europe was extremely bitter that year with heavy snow storms and the troops had not been supplied with enough clothing to provide warmth. He said that the rations of food were dropped miles away, could not be obtained immediately, and that

the troops were very hungry. He carried a twenty pound rifle on his back with a large ammunition clip.

When the War ended, (August, 15, 1945,) he said the Army put the troops up in a Castle in Belgium with warm water for baths, new clothing and enough food and drink for a feast. They spent a about three weeks for rest and relaxation prior to their return to the USA on September 10, 1945.



Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Award-winning Children's Theatre presents 'Annie Get Your Gun'

The award-winning Star Bright Players of the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department proudly present Irving Berlin's western-themed musical *Annie Get Your Gun* Friday through Sunday, November 30th to December 2nd at the Freedom Middle School theater. Director Leslie Milstead's talented troupe will impress, inspire and entertain you as you support their efforts with your attendance and applause. The shows on Friday and Saturday begin at 7:00 p.m., with the last performance, a Sunday matinee, to begin at 3:00 p.m. (Doors open thirty minutes prior to show time.) Don't miss this legendary favorite!

The Freedom Middle School theater is located at 750 Highway 96 West in Franklin. Call the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department at 790-5719, ext. 18 for more information. Tickets are \$5.00 per person, with children ages 3 and younger admitted free if sitting with an adult. Tickets go on sale at the Franklin Recreation Complex located at 1120 Hillsboro Road in Franklin beginning Wednesday, November 14th. Remaining tickets will be sold at the doors, if available.

Franklin High Presents "A Christmas Carol"

The classic "A Christmas Carol" is being presented by the Franklin High School Theatre Department December 6-9 at the Franklin High School Auditorium on Hillsboro Road in Franklin. Shirley Sweitzer, long-time FHS drama teacher, said veteran theatre students Blake Dorris, as Ebenezer Scrooge, and Josh Castle, as Jacob Marley, in addition to a wonderful cast of students will be bringing to life this classic Dickens tale just in time for the holidays.

The penny-pinching miser Scrooge is visited Christmas Eve by Marley and ghosts of Christmas past, present and future in hopes of showing

him the error of his ways.

Students from the FHS chorus program will be caroling before the performance and during intermission adding to the festive nature of the event.

"A Christmas Carol" will be presented December 6 - 8 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 at 3 p.m. in the Franklin High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the box office for \$5.00, general admission. Parking is available immediately behind the school off Hillsboro Road and Joel Cheek Blvd. For more information, contact FHS at (615) 472-4450 or visit www.wcs.edu/fhs.

Blake Dorris as Uncle Scrooge in Franklin High School's production of "A Christmas Carol"



All-Day, Double Fun with Breakfast with Santa and Kid's Garage Sale

The Williamson County Parks and Recreation's Franklin Complex hosts a day of double fun and holiday cheer on Saturday, December 8th. Two annual events, "Breakfast with Santa" and the "Kid's Garage Sale" return on the same day for another year of Christmas wishes and shopping!

First, the annual "Breakfast with Santa" event for children ages 10 and younger invites area families to Santa's delicious breakfast at the Franklin Recreation Complex on Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 a.m. There will be lots of photos on Santa's lap and a listening ear for that lengthy Christmas list! The breakfast is just \$5.00 per child, with no charge for attending parents.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for you and your child to spend time together with Santa Clause. Contact the Franklin Recreation Complex at 790-5719, ext. 10 to register, or visit the Complex at 1120 Hillsboro Road in Franklin. Advanced registration is required.

Then, the "8th Annual Kid's Garage Sale" is a great idea for families in need of a clutter-free start to 2008! The Complex's gymnasium will be filled with booths of entrepreneurial youths ages 8-12 selling kid-friendly, gently used toys, books, clothes and accessories the same day from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Admission is free!

Even the booth costs are child-sized—just \$10.00 each. (includes table and 2 chairs).

Only 60 booths are available, so reserve your spot early! Kids, don't miss a chance to launch your business enterprise in a kid friendly environment! (Parents can help, but the kids are the "bosses"!)

Contact the Franklin Recreation Complex for booth rental and more information at 790-5719, ext. 44 or visit the Franklin Recreation Complex at 1120 Hillsboro Rd. in Franklin.

Do You Have a Child or Student with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder?

Do you want to learn more about AD/HD? CHADD of Franklin invites you to join CHADD Thursday, November 29, 2007, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Williamson County Public Library, 1314 Columbia Pike.

Dr. C.A. Stilwell, Jr. will return to discuss the diagnosis of AD/HD, best practices regarding treatment, including the benefits and risks of AD/HD medications, as well as current research on AD/HD.

Dr. Stilwell will be available to answer questions at the end of the presentation.

Snacks are provided, but child care is not.

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Visit our website for updates.

Meetings are free and open to the community.

For more information, call 615-516-802. Email: help4adhd@gmail.com. www.chaddoffranklin.com, www.chadd.org

Carnton Plantation Makes Daffodil History

Historic Carnton Plantation in Franklin offers area gardeners an opportunity to plant history making daffodils with the historic site's current bulb sale. Bulbs are currently available for purchase, in limited quantities.

"Carnton Plantation's 1847 garden has just been named to the American Daffodil Society's prestigious Display Garden list. Very few gardens earn this

distinction," says Angela Calhoun, Carnton's executive director, "and we owe a great deal of thanks to Carnton volunteer Anne Owen and our garden manager, Justin Stelter for their relentless efforts to research, find, and plant not just daffodils but roses and other ornamental plants and bulbs that are appropriate to our period of interpretation, 1840-1866."

Carnton has the largest pre-1867 daffodil display anywhere in the Southeast, according to Calhoun. "Daffodils are a quintessential part of the southern spring landscape and they are especially pretty massed in the Carnton garden."

"The peak time to come enjoy this spectacular show will be from mid-February until early March here at

Carnton. But we're making it easy for gardeners to have their own historic showing at home with the purchase of bulbs here," she said.

All proceeds from the bulb sale will benefit Carnton's 1847 Garden.

For additional information on the bulb sale or to make purchases, call (615) 794-0903 or visit www.Carnton.org/garden.

Fairview News Briefs

Dinner, parade, and tree lighting

The Fairview Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting three special events this holiday season, with the public being invited to join the celebration!

On Monday, Nov. 26, at the Rec Center, the Chamber will host its annual Fairview Holiday Dinner. The event starts out with a mixer at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and entertainment. Cost is \$17 per person, or \$32 per couple, with payment due by Monday, Nov. 19. RSVP to 799-9290.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 1, the Chamber will host the Annual Fairview Christmas Parade, followed by the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree later that day.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. from the parking lot of France Manufacturing. Line up will take place 7-9 a.m. The tree lighting will take place on the front lawn of city hall beginning at 4:30 p.m. There will be music and caroling by the Fairview High School Band.

For additional information call 799-9290.

Senior theatre trip

Area seniors have until Nov. 26 to register for an excursion to the Dickson Renaissance Center where they will view part 2 of last year's sold out production of "Smoke on the Mountain."

The show, which will be performed in the center's Gaslight Theatre on Nov. 30, features the continued saga of the "Sanders family." It's Christmas Eve, 1941 at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where there's a rousing sing-along of more than two dozen Christmas carols and vintage hymns, hilarious yuletide stories, and tearful moments as attending soldiers are sent off to World War II. The production promises a day of holiday warmth and sweet nostalgia.

Cost is \$26 per person and includes transportation, lunch, and the show. Gratuity is not included. Check-in time begins at 10:45 a.m. with an estimated return of 4:30 p.m. The motor coach will embark from and return to the Franklin Recreation Complex. Call 790-5719 ex. 10.

Board of Commissioners

Annexation and zoning measures top the agenda of this week's meeting of the city Board of Commissioners.

Annexation of 8.76 acres belonging to B.B. Doubleday on Brush Creek Rd. will be considered by commissioners, as will the rezoning from RS-40 to RS-20 of a parcel on Highway 96.

Not on this week's agenda—but which came up at the last board meeting and could arise again—is a funding request from the Fairview Historical Preservation Commission.

Neil Rice, chairman of the commission, has requested

\$20,000 from the city, even though the commission has received its federal non-profit tax-exempt designation, and, as such, is no longer an official city board.

A somewhat pointed discussion on the matter took place at the Nov. 5 board meeting, with Commissioners Stuart Johnson and Wayne Hall supporting Rice's request for tax dollars, and Darrell Mangrum, Eddie Arney, and Mayor Ken Brison opposed. Though the measure was defeated, commissioners indicated the matter could be brought up again.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Holidaze Extravaganza

The Rec Center has also come up with a solution to help parents utilize the post-Thanksgiving shopping days for exactly what they were intended—getting a head start on Santa's list—without the hassle of having the kids along.

It's called "Holidaze Extravaganza", and it's to be

held Sat., Nov. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., for kids ages 6-12.

Simply drop the little ones off for an exciting day of arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, yummy snacks, and a field trip to Thoroughbred Cinemas for a matinee movie. Cost is \$20 per child. In order to plan food and transportation, registration and payment are required by Nov. 20. Call 799-9331.

Nature Center photo show

Photos by Fairview resident Bettye Hyche will be on display at the Bowie Park Nature Center throughout this fall and on up until the first of the year.

The exhibit includes pictures of Tennessee native birds, waterfowl, and wildflowers, as well as fall scenes. Hyche is the owner and operator of Nature and Memories Photography.

Call the nature center at 799-5544 for additional info.

WAVES wall calendars

WAVES, Inc. is selling a 2008 wall calendar showcasing artwork created by 13 Middle Tennessee artists with develop-

mental disabilities. Proceeds will go to WAVES' recreation therapy program, specifically to purchase supplies and materials for Art and Music Therapy classes.

Available for \$15, the calendars can be purchased through WAVES' web site at

www.wavesinc.com, or by calling 794-7955. WAVES offers a multifaceted approach to helping individuals with developmental disabilities, serving about 120 individuals through its adult day activity programs in Fairview and Franklin.

Benefit Yard Sale for Floyde Anderson

Huge Fairview Benefit / Saturday November 17th from 4-8 p.m. for Floyde Anderson who had 5 bypass open heart surgery. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the Fish Dinner, Silent Auction, A Ham to be raffled off and Live Music. Come to the benefit at Old New Hope Baptist Church, 7143 New Hope Road, Fairview TN.37062

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News from White Bluff

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Police warn of traffic problems on Old Charlotte Road, vow enforcement

By Richard Edmondson

If you lived on a two-lane street rather off the beaten path you wouldn't normally expect a steady flow of commuters, some exceeding the speed limited by 15 or more mph, passing endlessly in front of your house.

But that in a sense is what the residents on Old Charlotte Road are currently putting up with, says Detective Mike Holman of the White Bluff Police Department.

"It's a 25 mile an hour street. We've got people going 40-plus. That's an enforcement problem for us that we'll address as a police department in the near future," said Holman in remarks to White Bluff City Council members last week.

But Holman says speeding isn't the only problem in the area. Also posing a danger, he says, is the sheer volume of traffic, this on a street with less than 30 homes, many of whose

residents are elderly.

He said a traffic study done last month, using a piece of equipment borrowed from the Dover Police Department, showed the road being traversed each day by an astonishing number of motorists, many of whom seem to be using Old Charlotte as a cut-through route in order to avoid the traffic light at Highways 47 and 70.

"One of the roads that we had concerns with, not only with speeds but with traffic flow, was Old Charlotte Road, so we got the speed trailer and borrowed it," said Holman, adding that a measurement of traffic flow, using the device on loan, was conducted last month from Oct. 11-15.

"The speeds didn't surprise me any. If you look at it (the study's results) it breaks it down by hour. And this is just one example—I have run it a second time, and it runs pretty true to this example. But what got me was the top of the last column, the total number of

cars—3,708. And that was only cars inbound—from 47 to 70 Highway, one direction. That's a thousand cars a day for that little bitty road," Holman said.

"You know why they're doing it don't you?" asked

Councilman Oscar Martin.

"Well I stopped a couple of people and asked them—why do you cut through? The red light, the red light. Well last

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Growth Committee seeks to formulate visions and goals

The city's Strategic Growth Planning Committee, a group recently appointed by the city council to conceptualize a long-range vision for the future, has produced a draft document outlining a mission and goals for the community.

"We'll be able to use this document in a lot of different ways," said Vice Mayor Jeff Martin, who serves on the committee. "We'll use it as a community, and I don't mean as a government, I mean as a community. We can use this document to see the direction that the citizens are asking us to go, things that are felt that are needed in the community.

"We can also use it in the future as we are figuring all this up. To apply for grants these days, you've got to show these agencies that your community has a vision, it has a direction where it wants to go, and what it wants to be. And so they're going to be looking at documents similar to this if we get into a position to apply for grants," he added.

Martin gave a report on the committee's deliberations at last week's city council meeting.

One portion of the draft document, he said, is a "mission statement" which refers to the town as a "history rich community featuring quality, safe neighborhoods that exist in concert with the natural environment." Also touted are a "diverse and growing population committed to community involvement and volunteerism"; schools which are "second to none"; and a community spirit that "believes all things are possible."

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Six-year-old Alex Jackson of White Bluff spends a fun afternoon at the Field of Dreams Playground last Saturday.

Firefighters contain blaze at muffler shop; vehicle destroyed

A car being serviced at Randy's Muffler Shop on Friday afternoon caught fire, resulting in extensive damage

to the building and an emergency response from the White Bluff Fire Department.

"They were putting a muf-

fler on a car and I don't know what took place, but it caught the thing afire and we had a pretty good fire," said Fire Chief Bernice Potts.

While the shop was cordoned off with tape over the weekend, the business will be allowed to reopen, although major repairs on the building, located at Highway 70 and Taylortown Road, are likely to be needed, the fire chief said.

"They're going to have to do some work on the roof before they can reopen, I think. It burned a couple of holes in the roof and we also knocked a couple of holes in the roof so that we could know for sure that we had the fire out," he

said.

Two fire engines and twelve firefighters responded to the call and managed to contain the blaze for the most part to one end of the building. The car being serviced at the time, however, was completely gutted, inside and out, Potts said.

"There were no injuries, nobody got hurt. The guy that was doing the welding—he got out," Potts said. "The car that was in there—he had it up on a rack, and he was putting a muffler on it. It caught afire and burned pretty extensively. Of course you've got rubber tires there, and upholstery on the inside. The whole car—it's gone."



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week...I called and talked to the gentleman that services the red lights for us, and he says, 'Oh, if you've got a problem with heavy flow in the morning I'll just change it.'

Holman says the light at 47 and 70 has since been adjusted, now allowing for as many as 16 cars to get through the intersection per cycle, and that the police department is preparing to engage in "selective enforcement" in an effort to crack down on the speeders on Old Charlotte Road.

Yet Holman feels that even more may be needed, and he suggested to council members they might want to examine other methods to "get some of this traffic off of that road."

"It's just too little of a street. It's a disaster waiting to happen. Most of the people who live on that road are elderly, not all of them, but there are some small driveways where a lot of people have no other choice to get out of their driveway than to back out. You know, they don't have any way to turn around.

"So the combination of backing out, along with some of our seniors that live on that road—in my opinion it's not 'if', it's just 'when' there's a problem. So I just bring it to your all's attention, there may be something we can do...to alleviate some of that traffic," Holman said.

He added, however, that until council comes up with a plan of action, motorists who persist in using Old Charlotte as a detour off the main traffic arteries can count on a police policy of strict enforcement of speed laws.

"Maybe the press can help us. We will be addressing the speed problem on that road. The chief and I have both talked about it—getting more aggressive with the enforcement on that street as far as the speed and the stop sign behind the post office. Maybe the press

can let them know, you know, that we had the trailer out there; everybody saw it; we've got a secondary piece of equipment out there they didn't see; and that we will be out there," Holman said.

Another local thoroughfare causing city officials concerns is Taylortown Road, which has been used much of late by tractor trailer rigs traveling to and from a metal recycling facility, Bordeaux Metals, on Arnold Road.

Trent Smith, with Southern Consultants, told council members that while wear and tear on the road, caused by the excessive weight of the trucks, could begin to give the city headaches at some point in the future, the larger concern is that of safety.

A relatively inexpensive improvement to make on Taylortown would be to paint a centerline—it currently has none. But according to Police Chief Dean Hester Taylortown's width is "pushing 20 feet"—and Smith says that's not nearly wide enough to safely accommodate the large truck which have been using it.

"If it was 24—maybe; 26 with shoulders—you'd be beginning to approach some reasonable width, but at 20 it's not even a good residential road," Smith said.

"What we had originally had asked for was to see what the weight limit was that the road would hold," said Mayor Linda Hayes. "And I thought that would be difficult because this road—it's probably 80 years old, I mean not the paving part. But this road has just been here. And it started out, like you said, as a gravel road, and it was mostly a county road. Just the past couple of years actually we annexed, and parts of it have turned into a city road. So as far as us—city-wise—we didn't know what kind of road we were inheriting."

"Probably the biggest thing is just the soils underneath the

road," Smith replied. But just hearing that it was a gravel road for many years—that's good. I mean that really made that road bed very stable—probably. I qualify almost everything I'm going to say, but that's very good probably. But I would almost say that that's a lesser issue than the 20-foot width and the tractor trailers and others being on the road," Smith said.

Hayes asked what would be a "minimum width" required to make the road safe; Smith replied, "I would say 26 and at least 4-foot shoulders to six-foot shoulders." Twenty four feet would be adequate if the road were used as a residential road only, he added.

Vice Mayor Jeff Martin said a group of Arnold Road residents have formed a neighborhood association and have petitioned county commissioners to set a 15-ton weight limit on trucks using Arnold Road and the portions of Taylortown Road which lie in the county.

"I think we need to do a little more research on this issue ourselves, and I would like to see what the county commissioners do with this petition that they've been given," he said.

Martin made a motion to table further discussion on the issue "until we see the actions that the county commission takes." The Dickson County Commission is expected to take up the issue at its next meeting, November 19, he said.

In other action, the council voted to appropriate \$2,000 to pave a portion of Graham St. linking Highway 70 into the

parking lot of the new city hall, and passed on first reading an ordinance to amend this year's budget to allow \$17,000 for the hiring of a new administrative assistant.

The vote on the new employee, who is to make

\$2,400 per month, was a 2-2 tie, with Oscar Martin abstaining, and Hayes casting the tie-breaking vote in favor. Jeff Martin and Connie Reid also voted in favor, while Eric Tidwell and Dale Whitfield opposed.

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Growth Committee...

(Continued from White Bluff page)

"Our high quality of life is supported by our willing workforce and commercial vitality. Our mission is to retain these four values for future generations," the statement reads.

Martin said the group has also come up with a "vision statement" holding the city as "a vibrant progressive community" which seeks to encourage "a wide range of recreational, cultural, and shopping opportunities", and that the panel additionally has enumerated "seven broad goals" in the areas of: a) planning and development, b) infrastructure, c) new and existing business and industry, d) environment, e) quality of life, and, f) tourism.

Of strategic importance under the "planning and development" heading, for instance, would be development of a downtown revitalization plan, as well as a set of design criteria that would be applied to commercial developers and would set aesthetic standards for new-building construction, Martin said.

"Keep in mind this is a draft, and there may be some tweaking here and there," he said.

Martin commended all those who have volunteered their time to serve on the committee, saying, "we've got business owners and business leaders; we've got civic leaders; we've got educators; we've got homemakers; we've got artists; we've got individuals from the legal profession."

He described it as "a good cross section of White Bluff" and said each committee member has offered invaluable input in the two meetings which have been held so far.

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Wednesday, November 14, 2007

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Directions to the Auction: Take I-40 to Exit 172. Take a Right onto Highway 46 North, drive 5 miles. Take a Left on Highway 70 (College Street). Drive 1/2 mile (3 lights) to Main Street. War Memorial Building is the large historical building on your left.

Dickson Parade Celebrates Veterans



Dickson held its annual Veterans Day Parade on Main Street on Sunday, November 11. The Dickson Senior High School and Creek Wood High School bands both participated in the parade as well as many veterans organizations.



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