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City Council Approves Charter Change

By GLENDA DYER

Emotions ran high at times during a nearly two hour city council meeting last who also lives in the Eagleville voting Thursday during which time Eagleville councilmen voted unanimously to send a proposed revised city charter to the state legislature for consideration before the current session ends.

The council's action comes after two workshops and two council meetings during which a group of citizens pleaded for the council to wait until after a state investigation into the city's operations is over before rewriting the city charter.

Four of the six council seats are up for election in November and some of the citizens also requested that the charter rewrite be delayed until after the next council is in place.

"Based on the TBI (Tennessee Bureau to swallow it," he said. of Investigation), this is a bad time to totally rewrite the charter in my opinion," said Bridget Fitzgerald, who lives in the city's voting precinct but whose house is outside the city limits. A portion of the Fitzgeralds' farm, however, is in the city limits.

"The upcoming city election will be open for four seats on the council, possibly causing our city decisions to drastically change," Fitzgerald said. "Everybody agrees that an update on the charter is needed, but there is no compelling reason to do a complete rewrite of the char-

ter in haste."

Eagleville business owner Sam Tune, precinct but outside the city limits, also suggested the council give the rewrite process a while longer.

"So many people feel like it is just not right at the present time," Tune said. "The charter does need to be changed but does it need to be changed right now?"

Tune told councilmen to vote their conscience but suggested that if they "give people more time to absorb it" that citizens might be more receptive.

"I believe it will be perceived better and the council will be perceived better, and it will probably be good for the relationship of the community if you give it a little more time to digest before they have

City resident Donna Jensen also asked that the charter revisions be postponed until after the state probe and the election

By then, "there won't be this big cloud hanging over the city," she said.

Jensen said that the state investigation is "reviewing this administration ... that is currently handled by the mayor" and contended that the proposed charter gives more power to the mayor.

City resident David Turner, who read Continue on page 3.....CHARTER

TBI Investigation Expands

The state comptroller's office joined conjunction with the TBI. the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) in the probe into the city of Eagleville's operation last week.

Roxanna Pierce, communications officer for the comptroller's office, confirmed that the comptroller's municipal audit division is currently conducting an investigative audit.

"But as is the normal procedure, the auditors are refraining from discussing any aspects of the audit until it is completed and released," she said.

Pierce did confirm that the comptroller's office started its work last Wednesday, and that the audit is being done in

A source, who asked not to be named, said the forensic audit could possibly look at records as far back as five years.

It is unknown the scope of the investigation, but the city has denied the Eagleville Times' request for copies of former city recorder Michelle Bennett's paychecks for the past fiscal year and has indicated the investigators have taken the records.

The investigation of the city of Eagleville began when Rutherford County District Attorney Bill Whitesell contacted the TBI on Jan. 28 and requested that Continue on page 8....INVESTIGATES



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off a list of newspaper headlines related to the city, said he does not "feel comfortable for this city council to proceed with a new city charter for Eagleville at this time."

Resident Janice Morgan went even further by saying, "I don't think this particular governing body should be voting on anything else for this city, not at all."

Councilman Matthew Smitty said he resented the fact that residents would ask the council to not vote on anything else or to stop conducting the business of the city.

"We are here to represent all 500 people," he said. "This is a big issue this city charter, and we have been going over it almost the whole time I have been on the city council. I apologize that it has not been well known."

Smitty said that only about nine people spoke during the citizens input session about the charter out of 500 plus Eagleville residents. He estimated that about half of the 500 would be adults.

He suggested that if about 40 or 50 people spoke out that it might have influenced his decision on the charter.

"While I value the comments of those people, you cannot make a swaying decision on nine peoples' words," he said.

Councilman David Rigsby supported Smitty's position.

"We have been looking at (the charter) for about two years and have had lawyers and people who do this on a regular basis that set this up and now we just have a few people who don't like it," Rigsby said. "We were elected as officers and in a few months if you don't like it, you can unelect us."

Mayor Nolan Barham also talked about how much the council has discussed revising the charter, but the minutes on the Internet that cover the past four years do not show any-in depth discussion of totally rewriting the charter.

The current charter discussions began at a workshop session on Feb. 19 when Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) consultant Don Darden reviewed with councilmen the proposed charter draft.

Barham said his discussions on rewriting the city charter began about five or six years ago with MTAS consultant Margaret Norris. "She sat down with me for two hours and we went through it and she showed me all the things that are wrong with our charter," Barham said.

Darden became the MTAS consultant for Eagleville after Norris went to Knoxville. He said he started working on the charter revisions last summer and has done most of the work on the new charter proposal.

Vice Mayor Ronnie Hill suggested the issue behind the opposition to the charter change is the "mistrust of some people in town of us."

"There is a cloud over this town right now with the investigations and all," he said.

Hill said his reservations were not so much with the proposed document but with "this much opposition."

"No one here tonight has spoken up and said they wanted us to pass it," Hill said. "Granted the ones here tonight are the ones that are always here, but they care."

Vincion said that the "mistrust the citizens have for the council is something that really bothers me to no end."

"There is never a good word said to any of us about what we do or what we try to do, and people, it ain't for the money, but for the love of the city ... that we have dedicated many years of our lives to coming down here and trying to do what is right," he said.

One major sticking point for those who want the council to wait on rewriting the charter is the residency requirement for city council candidates. Under the current charter, those who live in the city limits are eligible to run as well as those who live outside the city limits but in the Eagleville voting precinct who own property in the city.

The new charter would require all candidates to live in the city limits but would still allow those who live in the voting precinct to vote if they own property in the city limits.

Resident Phil Williams hinted that there might be a political motive in changing the residency rules at this time.

"The timing seems a little strange in that suddenly we change the charter so that the qualifications for running for office will change this particular year," he said.

Tune also remarked about the residency requirements, noting that under

the proposed charter rewrite someone could live in a rented apartment in the city of Eagleville and work and do all his shopping elsewhere but could run for a council seat.

"The other part of this is the gentlemen who do own property in the city that live in the voting precinct of Eagleville (but) cannot run for office," he said.

"I can argue it either way," he said. "If you live somewhere else and have business here (and are on the city council), you are telling the people of Eagleville how to run their business.

"But the gentleman, hypothetically, who could live in an apartment, he is telling a man who has millions invested here and employing people, paying taxes and insurance and contributing to society and toward the well-being and economic value of our country, ... what to do."

Jensen questioned Barham's current eligibility to serve as mayor, because he has been living mostly outside the city limits since his and his wife's home burned.

"Since we are questioning the residency and if you are in the precinct or out of the precinct or own property, but I understand (the mayor) has no property in the city limits and hasn't lived inside the city limits since his house fire which was about last June," she said.

"He has been out of the city limits for about 10 months, and according to the requirements for election he has to live in the city limits," Jensen said.

"That is just another question about what is going on and why so fast," Jensen said.

Barham said that the law governing his residency since his home burned has to do with intent.

"The intent of our residency is to move back, tear down our house and get back, rebuild it and live here," Barham said. "And unless you are blind and have been watching around here, there haven't been too many days since July that we haven't been here."

City attorney Adam Dodd said Barham's comments were the opinion of a Municipal Technical Advisory (MTAS) attorney, which is the state group the city relies on.

Dodd said he has not independently researched the issue but it "makes sense in the light of the circumstances of a house fire."

Councilman made one basic correction to the last draft of the proposed revised charter Thursday night, which was to include a public hearing during the second and last reading of an ordinance.

After the revision is finalized, the document is being sent to the state legislature as a private act for approval. When 60 days have passed after the city gets the document back from the legislature, the city council can vote on it. The resolution accepting the private act must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the council.



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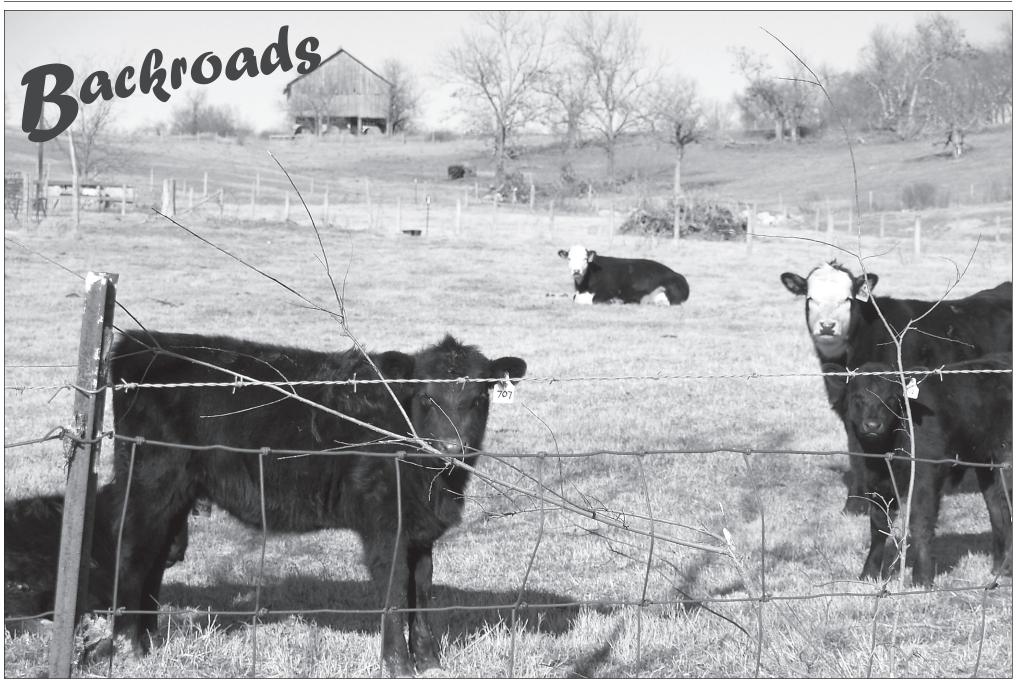
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Correction: This "Backroads" photo appearing in the March 1st issue: the location of the cabin is on Fruit Valley Road in Rover.



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City Considers New Public Record Policy

BY GLENDA DYER

Eagleville city councilmen voted at last Thursday's council meeting to have new city attorney Adam Dodd develop a proposed policy for handling public records requests.

If the proposal follows what Dodd addresses in a memorandum on the subject, citizens should have greater and faster access to the records than they have had in the past.

The Tennessee Public Records Act requires that all state, county and city records be open for public inspection during normal business hours unless the records are confidential.

The city's current policy states that the city has up to five days to comply with a public records request, and the city seldom if ever has produced a record in less than five days for the Eagleville Times.

When the newspaper has made a request to view a public record instead of having the city make a copy, the request was never granted but copies were made even though the law says that the records should be open for public inspection during normal business hours.

Dodd's proposal is aimed at reducing the time it is taking the city recorder to answer public records requests by making the records available for public inspection instead of having the recorder research what is requested.

"Folks have a right to get the record unless they are otherwise exempted from disclosure," Dodd said. "So if they want them, they have a right to come up here and inspect the records as opposed to having us find what it is they are looking for."

Once citizens have found a document they would want copied, they have a right to ask for copies, Dodd said. Currently the city charges 25 cents a copy but Councilman Matthew Smitty

said he thought 20 cents might be more appropriate.

One procedure Dodd suggested in his memorandum goes against the Tennessee Public Records Act, however.

He says all people making a request for information shall provide such information as name, address, business telephone number, home telephone number, driver's license number or other appropriate identification prior to inspecting the records.

The city cannot require this information unless the person is asking to inspect law enforcement personnel records. In fact, some courts have found identification requirements for non law enforcement record requests to be improper impedances to public records.

In other business at the council meeting, Vice Mayor Ronnie Hill reported the park board wants to start charging a \$25 nonrefundable fee to reserve the pavilion at the park.

Councilmen suggested the issue was up to the park board to decide. Park director Jeff Mooneyham would be in charge of collecting the fee.

Hill also noted that the walking trail at the park needs to be completed this summer because the grant period will be up on Oct. 1. The proposed 2,000 foot paved trail would cost about \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Also, the council declared the city's 1974 yellow fire truck as surplus property and agreed to put it up for public bid. The city will be accepting closed bids until close of business on April 23 and the bids will be opened at the April 24 council meeting. The money for the truck is to go to the fire department.

The city declined resident David Turner's offer to trade a 1989 Ford tanker truck with a 2,000 gallon capacity for the old yellow fire truck. Turner

Birth Announcement



Grant Thomas Cooper

Brian and Jennifer Cooper would like to announce the birth of their son, Grant Thomas Cooper. Grant was born March 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Williamson Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Don and Ginger Lamb of Eagleville, and Joe and Susan Cooper of Pulaski. Great grandparents are Donald and Nancy McClaran of Eagleville, Gordon and Mary Alice Lamb of Eagleville, Hugh and Dot Cooper of Pulaski, and Marjorie Tatum of Pulaski.

said his truck was recently removed from service in Chapel Hill, after that department received a new 3,000 gallon truck.

Smitty questioned the legally of trading the city truck. Also, Fire Chief David Martin said Turner's truck is gravity fed and would not help Eagleville's ISO rating. Martin also listed other objections to accepting the truck.

"Needless to say, this would be just adding more surplus to our fire department and we don't have housing for it right now," Martin said.

Lastly, the council agreed to give the family of former police Chief Everett Stone his police uniform at the family's request.

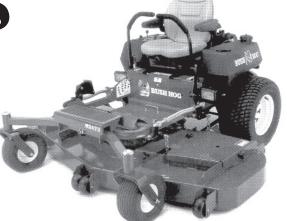
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Citizens Oppose Trucking Company On Cheatham Springs Road

BY GLENDA DYER

Local residents expressed their concerns at Thursday's city council meeting about a trucking company possibly locating on a 3.6-acre lot on Cheatham Springs Road west of Clark Street.

Bent Tree Trucking Co. representatives said at the March 5 planning commission meeting that the company's desire is to build a bridge across Cheatham Branch in order to have access to the proposed business site from Cheatham Springs Road.

Carolyn Sapelak, who lives outside the city but on Cheatham Springs Road, said the company locating at the proposed site would present an environmental issue because part of the property is a flood zone area. Also, the property sits on Cheatham Branch, which is a tributary to the Harpeth River.

The trucking business would also present a safety issue with "our children driving down that road," she said.

Furthermore, she said, the road, which is maintained by the city, would not support the truck traffic.

"I think for the betterment of our community, that something like that is not proper development for that piece of property," she said. "I would just like to express my concern about that even before it becomes an issue. We need to stop it before it becomes an issue."

Alan Ball, who lives in the nearby historic Chesley Williams house, said he too is opposed to the trucking company locating on the site.

"I am opposed to something that would be a detriment to our community and a lot of big trucks running down through here," he said. "The road is narrow, and a lot of us own property around, and we just don't want an eyesore."

Bridget Fitzgerald, who lives on U.S. 41-A south of the city, said she has concerns too about the company.

"As you know I was opposed to the concrete plant, and I don't think this is any better for our community," she said. "I don't think it is pretty, I don't think it is safe, and I don't think it is good."

Nell Lynch, who is a member of the Eagleville Church of Christ which sits to the north of the proposed site, expressed concerns about noise that might disrupt church services.

Daniel Franks, who lives on Swamp Road, suggested that the site where the concrete plant wanted to locate would be a better location.

"Something that hasn't been mentioned about the situation on Cheatham Springs Road is what if one of the trucks breaks down and you have a fire on the road," he said. "I think that is a valid concern as far as fire safety and safety of the individuals are concerned."

Jimmy Peach of Spring Hill, whose family owns the Bent Tree Transport Inc. in Brentwood, spoke at the planning commission's March 5 meeting about the company's plans.

The item could come up again at the April 7 planning commission meeting. but the city had not released the agenda before the Eagleville Time's deadline. The planning commission meets at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

Surveyors have been seen at the site on Cheatham Springs Road since the last planning commission meeting and numerous red flags have been placed around

Peach said earlier that surveyors were to do an up-to-date survey of the Eagleville property and percolation tests for a septic tank have been done already but he was waiting for the results.

The lot is owned by Cecil Lynch and his wife and Derrick Lynch and his wife and is zoned C-2 commercial. The Lynches bought the property from Eagleville Planning Commission vice president Bobby Turner in October 2006, ac- of the road drops off steeply to the creek cording to the deed.

City planner Bo Logan said the proin the C-2 zoning category of "wholesale sales of consumer goods."

Peach said the company plans to build about a 60 by 80-foot shop with an office attached to it. About a third of the property along the creek is in the flood zone.

Numerous trailers and between three and four trucks would be kept parked on the site, and most of the equipment would leave out on Monday and would come back in on Friday, he said.

The Eagleville site would be a drop off and pickup area for shipments on occasion but not on a regular basis, he said.

The new bridge would be wider than the existing Clark Street bridge in order to accommodate the turning radius of the trucks with trailers onto Cheatham Springs Road, he said.

At the location of the proposed bridge, Cheatham Springs Road is about 18 feet wide and on the south side has about 9 feet of grassy area between the pavement and a farm fence. The north side with little to no shoulder.

Bent Tree Transport has been locatposed trucking use of the site would fit ed on Granny White Pike in Brentwood since before Brentwood became a city in 1969, said Jeff Dobson, senior planner for the city.

> The trucking company's use of the Brentwood property is considered a nonconforming use but the company has been able to continue operating there because the site was grandfathered in, Dob-

> The Bent Tree Transport site in Brentwood is shielded from the road by trees and bushes but contains a gravel entrance road and a rutted gravel parking area, a shop-storage building, several truck tractors and trailers, old truck tires and rims, hydraulic crane, various large timbers and steel I-beams, overflowing trash trailer and an old pop-up camper.

> "The place here versus the place (in Eagleville) will be totally different because we are strapped for room (in Brentwood)," he said. "In moving up there we are going to get rid of the extra junk that we don't use along with junk accumulated over 30 years."

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the agency initiate an investigation into the alleged changing of the city's personnel policy ordinance concerning accrued sick leave pay.

The issue about what the personnel policy says about sick leave pay arose after Bennett was issued a \$1,945.17 check for what appeared to be unused sick pay when she left her job on Oct. 31.

The official personnel policy manual adopted in December 2006 says the city "shall not" pay for unused sick leave when an employee leaves the job.

A copy of the suspected altered page of the manual, which said any unused sick leave "shall" be cashed in for compensation, surfaced publicly Jan. 14 when the mayor sent a copy of it in response to a Dec. 7 open records request from the Eagleville Times about the payment.

A subsequent search of the city computer's activity indicated the sick pay page was last modified Dec. 17 at 8:06

p.m. In the modified file, the word "not" was missing.

At the February council meeting, the city's outside auditor, John Poole, reported that some "unusual financial recording" had been found. Poole presented his findings as part of a preliminary report on the 2007 fiscal year audit.

Poole told Eagleville city councilmen that the financial report they had received each month during fiscal year 2007 did not show the true amount that Bennett was paid that year.

The "unusual financial reporting," as Poole described it, involved recording certain payroll checks in the revenue (income) amounts instead of showing them as payroll expenses, he said.

As a result, the payroll expenses on the financial reports were not what they should have been because they were reduced "by kind of hiding" those expenses in the revenue section, he alleged. The auditor said that the "unusual financial reporting" centered on how the paychecks were coded, noting that when checks are paid in a computer system a code is required in order to categorize the expenses.

"What she was doing as opposed to coding (the check) to wages which would increase the wage amount, she took it into the revenue which decreased the revenues at that time," he alleged.

The revenue that was decreased was

property tax revenue which comes in over several months, Poole said.

Bennett said in an earlier telephone interview that she does not know how the miscoding occurred.

"I don't even know how to answer that one," she said. "As soon as we found it we corrected it and that was that. As for me hiding it, 'No.' Nothing intentional was ever done."

Eagleville Fire Fighter Justin Smith

Recovery Account - Regions Bank

A fund has been set up by the Eagleville Fire Department on behalf of firefighter Justin Smith, who was injured during a structure fire recently. The fire was in the Rockvale Fire Department district, and Eagleville firefighters had responded for mutual aid.

Eagleville Fire Chief David Martin said Smith was injured when he partially fell through a window, while attacking the fire from the outside of the house. Martin said he is in the process of recovering from his injuries but is expected to be off from work for at least four weeks.

The fund is set up as the Justin Smith Recovery Account at Regions Bank.



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Thomas "Tom" H. Webb, age 52, of Murfreesboro died Friday, March 28, 2008 at home. He was a native of Rockvale. He is survived by a son and daughterin-law, Jonathan and Crystal Webb of Murfreesboro; mother, Wanda M. Steagall of Rockvale; sisters, Gail Webb, Anna Webb, Susan Webb, and Laura Webb Ralston, all of Rockvale; nieces Teri Lynn Potts, Andrea Minton and Rachel Ralston; nephews, Jack Wright PFC stationed in Korea, Elliott Ralston and Caleb Ralston; great-nephew, Charlie Potts; aunt Pam Corum; and cousins. was preceded in death by his father, Thomas H. Webb, Steagall. and step-father, Jack He was a 1973 graduate of Riverdale High School and had worked Bridgestone for 20 years. Woodfin Memorial Chapel

Dorothy Rose Reid Crockett, age 91, died peacefully at her home on March 17, 2008 surrounded by a loving family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Thompson Overton Crockett Jr.; sons Thompson Overton Crockett III and John Reid Crockett; grand-

child Lisa Pinckney Crockett; and parents John Murray and Lula Small Reid. She is survived by son, Lloyd Pierce (Elizabeth) Crockett; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was active for many years in various civic and community organizations, serving as President and former member of the Franklin High School PTA, Tennessee Parent Teachers Association, Four Seasons Garden Club, Rockvale Home Demonstration Club and the Carter House Association. In addition she was a longtime member of the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ in Franklin and later, the Rockvale Church of Christ in Rockvale. Nanny was special to us in so many ways. She will be long remembered as a kind and gentle lady, filled with love and caring for her family and friends alike. We have all been blessed by her presence in our lives. May God grant her eternal peace in His heavenly home. A special thanks to the staff at Morningside of Franklin, Mary Louise Murphy and Sally Nance for their constant, loving support. Memorials may be made to the Rockvale Church of Christ, 8750 Hwy. 99, Rockvale, TN 37153 or to the charity of your choice. Williamson Memorial Funeral Home



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A Step Back in Time

By Bobbie Sue Shelton-Lonas

The following is "News From the Past" of the Eagleville Community that appeared in a publication on January 12, 1957. It written by the late Mrs. Hatcher Redmon, an Eagleville news correspondent for several years.

Rev. R. B. Armstrong of Rutledge, Tennessee preached at the Baptist Church Sunday January 6th

Miss Jane Tucker of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Tucker at Allisona. They visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones Floyd and Paula and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Floyd were dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Floyd and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smithson and Julia's guest Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smithson, and Bill Smithson of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smithson and son, Donnie of Flat Creek and Mr. Jesse Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Winters and children of Nashville and Miss Irene Comstock of Lascassas were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Comstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tucker, and daughters were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wiley and family in Nashville.

So many homes in our community have been made sad by the death of loved ones during the holidays. Mr. Sneathon Bellenfant died in a Nashville hospital. His funeral and burial was Sunday before Christmas. Mrs. Bob Reid died in the hospital at Shelbyville Christmas Day. She was the mother of Mrs. Roy Allen. Mr. W. E. Luther died in Dickson. He was the brother of Mrs. Urban Elmore. Mrs.

Herman Tucker died in the hospital in Shelbyville. She was the daughter of Mrs. Crockett Ralston. Mrs. Manor Bell went to Shelbyville to attend the funeral and burial of her sister in law, Mrs. Julia Carroll. Fred Smithson had a cousin, a Giles boy, killed in a car wreck at Franklin. We wish to extend the deepest sympathy to the loved ones of these families.

Frankie Crosslin from U. T. in Knoxville spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crosslin and sisters Martha and Esther and visited other relatives and friends.

Enjoyed reading the letter to Santa Clause in the Courier from little Bob and Dan Woodward from Dreux, France. They are nephews of Mrs. Eris Elmore and with their mother went to France not too long ago to be with their daddy, who is in the Armed Forces.

Mrs. Jack Deroven and son, Tim of Weeks Island, Louisiana have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Frost and Johnny and they along with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Holton went to Smyrna Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mac Toombs and children. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frost and Linda of Una spent Saturday night with the Roscoe Frost family.

Miss Linda Vaughan and Miss Barbara Jane Eldon of Columbus Ohio are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ralston and family and will visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Holton, Mr. and Mrs. Claris Redmon and Linda and Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Redmon were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Redmon in Shelbyville.

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NEWS FROM THE PAST

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Junior Redmon and Grady Segraves made a business trip to Gainsville Georgia on the weekend.

Shirley Pope entertained a group of friends Friday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Pope on the Shelbyville Hwy. Games and contests were enjoyed. Party sandwiches, cup cakes and punch were served. Those present were, Martha Crosslin, Leslie Hall, Bobbie Sue Redmon, Billy Snell, Cathy Taylor, Carolyn Hay, George Kelley, James Reid, Linda Redmon, Kay Pope, Mary Emma Floyd and a friend from Unionville.

Judy Dailey of Columbus, Ohio has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frost and family this week. Other guests Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White, Leland and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stahl and children of Nolensville and Charles Naron of Smyrna.

Guests in the homes of the Will and Jordan Redmon over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Trolinger, of Sheffield, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lynch and Jackie of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Redmon, Mrs. Betty Alsup, Helen Jean, Marilyn and Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. George Trolinger, Nadine and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stoutt of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davidson and son of Shelbyville and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jones and children of Donelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kelley and baby of Nashville and Mrs. Lorene Caplonor of Lebanon were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Redmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Segraves have moved in the house with Mrs. W. J. Shelton.

Mrs. Mary Hays guest during the holidays were her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lowe from Knoxville, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lillard from Franklin, her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Gillespie of Duplex.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Osborn and children from Mexico were some of the guests to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wade and Ann during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bennett and children of Columbus, Ohio spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. D. J. Bennett and visited other relatives Monday. They along with his mother went to Decherd to visit Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Bennett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ralston entertained the family Thursday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. James Ralston and sons Jimmy, Larry and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ralston of Murfreesboro and Mrs. O. T. Ralston.

We want to send sympathy to Mr. Charlie Little and the rest of the family in the death

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crosslin during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Zack Dismukes of Meridian, Mississippi, Mr. and Mrs. Lytle Thompson of Murfreesboro, Mr. and Mrs. James Hickerson of Nashville and Powell Taliaferro and son, John of Smyrna.

Mrs. Jordan Redmon and J.J., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redmon and children were super guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jones and children at Donelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claris Redmon and Linda entertained the family Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Redmon of Shelbyville, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ralston of Murfreesboro and Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Redmon.

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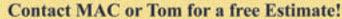
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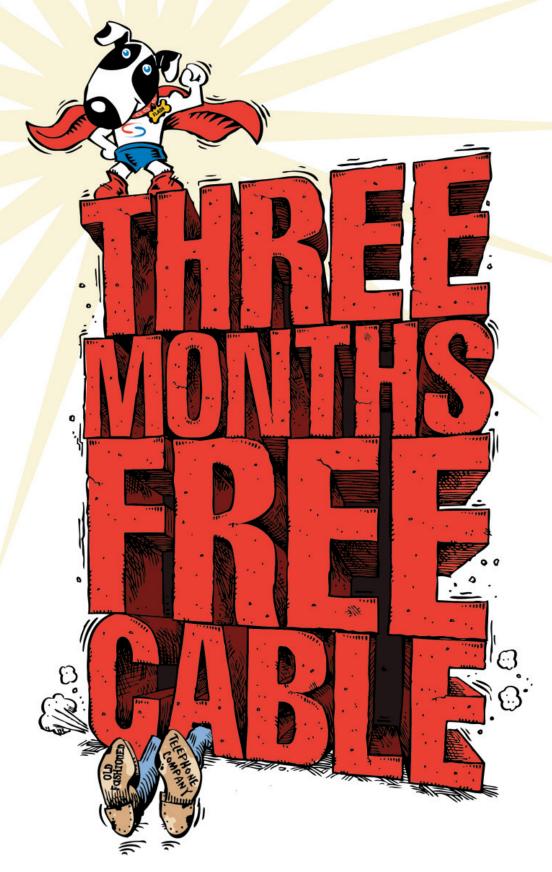
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Mrs. Maye Taylor Room 165 B NHC 420 N. University St. Murfreesboro, Tn. 37130



Tune Town Show Chorus Take Top Honors at Regional Competition

By Michael Loyd March 29, 2008

Chattanooga TN: The TuneTown Show Chorus of Nashville put on the show of shows for the judges at their Regional Competition. TuneTown is an A Cappella chorus which sings barbershop style music. In an earlier article this year, I wrote about the Singing Valentines who brought cheer to people across Middle Tennessee on Valentines Day. As the Chorus entered

the stage behind closed curtains there was a chant that could be heard through-out the audience, TuneTown, TuneTown, TuneTown! After a few minutes of waiting and anticipation, the curtains lifted and the bright lights hit the orange sequined costumes that lit up the stage. The audience was spell-bound and sighed in awe. The costumes were not the only thing that took them by surprise, during one part of the first song the chorus sang, they received a standing ovation when they made their

voices do a complete slide of the music scale. A sound that keeps you on the edge of your seat just waiting as all four parts finally hit their destination chord. In the chorus competition they sing two songs, one is an up tempo song, and the second is a ballad. The first song they sung was Bye Bye Blackbird, the second was Once Upon a Time. There were 13 other choruses competing in the competition from Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee. As a result of their performance, the TuneTown Show Chorus won first place which makes them eligible to compete

in the 2009 International Competition in Nashville Tennessee, during which competition there will literally be choruses from all over the world. Tune-Town recently competed in their first International competition, in Calgary Alberta Canada and finished 13th in the world. Tune-Town is currently based at the Belleview Mall and welcomes all visitors or anyone interested in singing every Monday night at 6:45 pm. For more information or to listen to the chorus, go to www.tunetownshowchorus. org or call 615-646-8690.



ment Trophy. Not pictured Vicky Shelton. They all attended the SEC Men's Basketball Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia on March 13-14, 2008. The tournament was shortened by a tornado damaging the Georgia Dome during a game on Friday night. They were all present during the game but fortunately no one was injured. This was Kevin & Janets first tournament trip and a memorable trip/tournament for all.

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SPORTS NEWS

By Michael Loyd Photographs by Michael Loyd

Anderson Paces Eagles in Win Over Franklin Classic

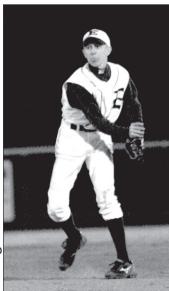
March 26, 2008

The Eagles were cruising to a 5 to nothing lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning when the Franklin Classic Team struck fire



Anderson making the winning hit against Franklin Classic

with seven unanswered runs in the fifth and sixth innings. But in the bottom of the sixth the Eagle's bats became hot again and loaded up the bases for Jacob Anderson who hit a double to deep left center field, clearing the bases send-



Anderson throws out

ing three runs across the plate and giving the Eagles the lead back 8-7. In the top of the seventh the Eagles brought in left hander Tyler Davenport, who shut down the Classics, not allowing a single base runner. The Eagles won with a final score of 8-7.

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SPORTS NEWS

By Michael Loyd Photographs by Michael Loyd

Middle School Eaglettes and Eagles Hold Awards Banquet

March 20, 2008

The Eagleville Middle School held their annual awards basketball tonight. The awards banquet is the final function where the Middle School Eaglettes, the Middle School Eagles, and the Middle School Cheerleaders come together for one final time to bring a successful season to a close. The coaches for all three squads reflect back about the years achievements, as well as memorable events, and the crazy things that Middle Schoolers do. During each coach's speech they say good bye to the eight graders and give them one last piece of advice, as they advance on to the High School ranks, and place the challenge for the role of the seventh graders moving into the leadership role of the eighth grade.

The Cheerleaders receiving awards this year were: Taylor Goodson, Tori Browning, Kayla Carlton, Kelsey Vanatta, Haley Taylor, Charitey Merritt, Alysha Gower, Rebecca Browning, Taylor Belew, Cody Tracy Co-Captian, Emily Filburn Co-Captian.

Middle School Eaglelettes: Shelby Anderson, Cassidy Crawford, Courtney Marlin, Elizabeth Wilson, Anna Harrell, Cassidy Shockey, Brooklyn Snell, Taylor Bennett, Briley Fulgum, Chelsea Phelps, Emilee Wilson, Lauren Gibbs, Brittney Parker, Elizabeth Van Meter, Kellie Pugh.

There were some additional awards given to the following individuals:

All County
Offensive Player of the Year
Highest Free Throw Percentage Lauren Gibbs
Highest Academic Award
Elizabeth Wilson
Team Leader
Emilee Wilson

Middle School Eagles: Chris Hale, Austin Driver, Daniel Stiles, Dylan Baker, Dylan Beatey, Andrew Jernigan, Bo Tollett, Ben Kelly, Patrick Tousignant, Ryan Ghee, William Akins, Nathan Jernigan, Matt Bingham

Additional awards

All County Ryan Ghee and Will Akins

Offensive Player of the Year Ryan Ghee Most Athletic Will Akins

Defensive Player of the Year Nathan Jernigan Box Out Award Nathan Jernigan



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Emilee Wilson, Britany Parker, Coach Jackson, Elizabeth Van Meter, Lauren Gibbs, Kellie Pugh



Coach Snell with his Eighth Grade Eagles - Patrick Tousignant, Will Akins, Coach Snell, Coach Snell, Matt Bingham, Ryan Ghee, Nathan Jernigan

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That is crawling in your bones. And the birds are singing melodies, In softer sweeter tones.

When the evening skies are rosy, A crimson hue

And the starry skies at evening, Of a deeper azure blue.

When the mother birds is cooing, O'er her mate and new built nest. And the soul of earth is waking, From a somber sleeping rest. When you smell the newborn fragrance,

Of the lilacs bathed in dew.

And find God's sweetest flowers. Bearing forth a message too. Then you know tis springtime, In vales and on the hills. They are decked with daffodils, The rosebuds border every woods. Fresh leaves beginning to bud a little, Returning birds in brotherhood, Presents a mystery. And my soul is glad and free, New rapture now I sing. As I recall each bird and tree, And flower and lovely thing. But now it won't be long, Until it is springtime. With colors rich and bold, Each night is decked with silver stars, Each day with purest gold. I like the lovely flowers of spring, They are beauties of God. I love the happy birds that sing, But oh! Those golden rods. "That's springtime for me"

Love, Maye Taylor



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Citizens Need To Go To The Eagleville Council Meetings To See What's Going On

I have been going to city council meetings on and off for quite a while. It seems to me that most of the council and the mayor just don't listen, aren't interested or just don't care about the citizens input or their concerns.

Last fall at a meeting I officially addressed the council for the record. I questioned why the city recorder was getting such a high salary? What was her qualifications? What was she bringing to our city that was so valuable? The mayor adamantly defended her. He stated that she was an experienced, trained, registered city recorder. The mayor's wife sitting next to me said how would you like to sit down there in that pressure cooker or hot box all day long?

Later I found out that we taxpayers paid for her training, paid for her experience as she worked for the outgoing city recorder and we paid for her schooling to become a city recorder. So basically we set her up for the requirements to get an \$18 hourly salary plus overtime and a lot of perks. In response to the mayor's wife remark, I think a lot of us taxpayers have had worse jobs for less money.

Then several complaints started about City Hall being closed a lot, and such complaints as My Space pictures circulating from the city's computer of city employees playing around at City Hall.

I myself complained about the number of friends and family coming and going or just hanging out behind the window. Once she had a family party with several adults and a couple of children eating and watching cartoons during business hours. We paid \$18 per hour for this?

Complaining did nothing. We were called trouble makers, jealous and it was all sour grapes. So she quit. Now there are a lot of questions. Questions about a \$1,900 check. Questions about who changed city documents. Questions about "questionable accounting practices." A lot of questions about this current administration, but no answers.

No one can say anything because there is a TBI investigation going on. Eagleville city government is being investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Can you believe it? Our current administration is under investigation by the TBI.

Who is responsible to run our city, hire, fire employees, and oversee the city's daily goings on? I think it is the mayor. It is like the \$50,000 yearly salary for the city's part-time, uncertified, police chief. The mayor arrogantly does what he wants even though the taxpayers complained about these city employees. He doesn't want to listen to anyone who questions his decisions.

Now amid all the city's problems, the council voted unanimously to change the city's charter at the March city council meeting. In spite of the fact that nine voters, myself included, pleaded to the council to wait. We all agree the charter needs changing, but why the hurry? We need to wait until after the TBI investigation and the November election is over.

This is very fair and reasonable. We have been under the old charter since 1977. Waiting six more months won't make any difference. Plus the new charter gives the mayor and the council more power and takes away the citizens right for such recourse as initiative and referendum. Very sad. Come see for yourself. Ask questions. Get involved before it is too late.

Donna Jensen, Eagleville

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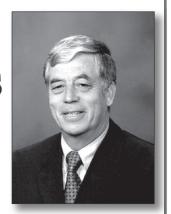
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Little Stories About You & Me

By Nancy Allen

Poetry: What a Joy

By S.R. Lee

You can do almost anything with a poem. Write about love, a popular topic. Write

about sunshine, snakes, saboteurs. Many people find poetry a good place to put their sorrows, write to God or about God.

Lord Byron wrote short stories about pirates in verse. Coleridge recorded his dreams. Alexander Pope wrote political satire and philosophical commentary. John Donne wrote prayers. Carl Sandberg wrote about fog and Chicago. Ogden Nash wrote funny poems. So whatever is on your mind, it might well make a poem!

It doesn't have to rhyme, but it can if you want it to. You can have long or short lines or mix them up. You can write really haiku or really long ones such as an epic. I knew a college student who composed a practice epic for a mythology class and found that without even planning he had the average number of pages of one of Homer's "Books," i.e., chapters. The poem itself will help you.

What about a jingle? Advertisers use them all the time. You could make up one Our instincts reject about the dog tracking in mud and maybe you won't be quite so frustrated with the

A poem can tell a story, describe a scene, reveal a character, express an emotion or uncover hidden aspects of a situation.

Be careful, though. When you are writing a poem, you will find unexpected ideas. Writing once on my father, I found myself writing about the dear stream that sweetly ripples over stones through your field, you might also find lines coming about the bare mud of droughts and the spreading muddy waters of floods. Probably that unexpected material sweeping through your brain was until one day it is normal, what the ancient poets were trying to describe when they talked about the inspiration of the Muse.

The first line of a poem might come to you anywhere—driving through traffic, in a sleepless moment, or washing a greasy pot. If you can write it down at the time, the rest of the poem will follow when you have more time to think.

There was a Nashville poet, back in the days when men wore long sleeved shirts with stiff cuffs fastened by cuff links, who used the starched cuff at the end of his arm as a notebook when he was driving. He kept a pen handy and could write that first line while the hand beyond the cuff was guiding the steering wheel. His wife used a lot of Clorox to keep those shirts presentable.

Write and read poems for fun. If you don't understand one, don't worry. You'll meet another poet whom you can enjoy.

A poet can tell you in a few lines the short poems such as the seventeen syllable same ideas that may take a prose writer several pages. The trick is for the reader to slow down, read each word, savor it all.

> Published author, S. R. Lee wrote the following poem:

Expansion

When the strange enters, it might not be welcome.

color, taste, shape, sound.

We close the box, turn our backs.

But if for reasons of love, we need to grapple with the thing, not simply pitch it to the Goodwill truck, slowly we expand acceptance,

take in this strange taste, sound, sight: brown gummy cheese, nasal Kabuki music twisted pottery sculpture.

Absorbed into daily life, the strange becomes familiar our worlds larger.

QUOTE

Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none. - Benjamin Franklin



Laura On Life

By Laura Snyder

A Day To Relax

Today, I'm going to relax. No matter what. I'm not going to answer the

phone; that's what answering machines are for. I'm going to turn off my cell phone, too.

I suppose if I don't want to be lured to my computer every time I hear the enchanting chimes of the e-mail program, I'll have to turn it off as well.

If anyone knocks on the door, I'm not going to answer it. If it's a package, they'll leave it. If it's someone who lives here, they know how to get in. If it's a neighbor complaining about my cat harassing the birds in their yard, they can keep knocking. If it's the police...I'll answer it; but he'd better have a good reason!

I'm going to put on a pair of pants with an elastic waistband and the oldest sweatshirt I can find. I had thought about staying in my bathrobe and slippers, but Murphy's Law says that as soon as I did that, George Clooney or someone I knew twenty years ago would somehow materialize in my foyer.

So, I decided against the bathrobe, but a pair of fuzzy socks and my slippers are a must today. I'm not going to do anything but relax.

"Mommy, I don't feel good."

Okay...a minor change in plans. I can still do this. Sick kids don't get into much trouble. I'll just run and get a thermometer and some acetaminophen – the cherry flavored kind – and tuck the little patient into bed. I can still relax today...

A fever of 102? That spells a doctor visit. Relaxing may have to wait until after the doctor visit.

"Mom, I need poster board for a school project."

"When is it due?"

"Tomorrow."

Phooey! He gets the procrastination gene from his dad. It's okay, though, I'm already going to the doctor. I can pick up some poster board while I'm out.

An hour later, I had to turn the phone back on to call the doctor's office. Immediately after I hung up, the phone rang.

There is some reflex in normal healthy adults that just wants to make that ringing sound go away, even if it means picking up the receiver. So against every rule I'd set for my "Relaxing Day", I answered it.

"Mom, I left my lunch bag at home, can you bring it?"

"Can't you buy a lunch today?"

"Aw, mom, they're having peanut butter and jelly sandwiches today."

"But you like peanut butter and jelly."

"Yeah, but they don't use jelly. They use honey and think we don't know."

Gross. I guess I have to take the lunch in. It's the only humane thing to do.

Let's see. The doctor's appointment is this afternoon and I need to take the lunch in before noon, but I can't get the poster board until after the doctor because that store is closer to the doctor and nowhere near the school.

Well, I have exactly 1 hour, three minutes, and twenty-six seconds to relax. No wait, if I'm going to see people, that means I have to shower and change into something that doesn't resemble Rocky Balboa in training.

After that, I have exactly nine minutes and thirteen seconds to relax...Ready, set, GO!

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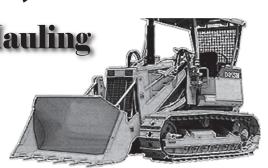
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Hobbies & Collectibles

by Angela Woodall

Weather, Gardens and Canning

We are arriving upon the time when many people are getting ready to plant their gardens. This is, of course, based on our current weather, which can fluctuate from near freezing to flip flop weather. It's time to start thinking about what we would like to plant and how much we want or need. Many people freeze or can their extra fruits and vegetables. I've done both in the past. I know a vast amount of our readers have many more years and experience than I do and could successfully write this article. I really enjoy all our canned vegetables in the wintertime. I remember back to the spring and summer and appreciate all the work that went into the garden.

I do know that preparation is a key to successful canning. You must not only have ample time to can but you must make sure you have all the canning supplies such as lids, seals, jars, etc. These particular items are generally out in the stores during a specific time during the year. Some items such as the seals need not be used again. Other items such as canners can be used for many generations. All the talk about the garden started me to reflect and ponder about can-

ning in "the olden days." I decided I would

share a little bit of canning history I found

while researching for this article.

Mason Jars - From what we know, until 1858, canning jars consisted of a glass jar, a flat lid and sealing wax. The wax didn't always seal properly and the contents of the jar were ruined. In 1858, an inventor and tinsmith by the name of John L. Mason invented a machine that could cut threads into lids so that the jar had a reusable, screw-on lid. The lids were made of zinc with a rubber ring. The rubber ring, along with the lid, created a seal on the jar. The new Mason jar had been invented and Mr. Mason put his patent on each jar, which read "Mason's Patent Nov. 30th.1858.

Lightning Jars - Henry William Putnam invented the Lightning jar in 1882. The jars were a fruit jar that used a glass lid and a metal clamp to hold the lid in place. These jars were popular because no metal products made contact with the food. This prevented

any metal pieces from rusting or possible contaminating the food. People found that the lids were easy and fast to remove hence the name "Lightning". Another version of this jar was the Atlas jar. This jar had a raised lip to held keep the jar from cracking. Apparently this was a common problem. The Atlas jar was similar to a Mason jar.

Kerr Jars - Alexander H. Kerr was responsible for inventing the Kerr jars. He was the founder of the Hermetic Fruit Jar Company in 1903. He produced the first wide mouth jars and this made them easier to fill. Mr. Kerr was responsible for designing (with a

> little help from another inventor by the name of Landsberger) a lid with an attached gasket. In 1915, Mr. Kerr invented a smaller gasket type lid. The lid sealed on the top of a mason jar; a threaded metal ring held the lid down during the hot water process of canning. This allowed people to reuse old canning jars with easy to use

disposable lids that were relatively inexpen-

Ball Jars - A man named William Charles Ball and his five brothers invented the Ball jar. The group of Ball brothers made tin cans, with wood jacket tops, that held lard, oil and paints. In 1883, the charges were changed from tin to glass. The ball brothers were located in Buffalo, New York but had to move their jar business to Muncie, Indiana after a fire at their NY factory. They built in Indiana because the state was offering free land and a natural supply of gas was present. The Ball brothers started mass-producing the jars and distributing them across the country.

Some information that I was not aware was that in 1993, the Ball Company sold off their home canning section of products and a new company by the name of Alltrista started producing jars for the Ball, Kerr, Golden Harvest, and Bernardin companies. This, however, did not change the shape or look of the home canning products.

I urge you to start shopping and gather up those canning essentials while they are available. I'll try to do the same. I look forward to the upcoming planting season and harvest. Happy Canning!



This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market, This little piggy stayed home, This little piggy had roast beef, This little piggy had none, And this little piggy cried, Wee, wee, wee, all the way home.

Pigs in a Blanket

2 (8 ounce) cans refrigerated Crescent Dinner Rolls

48 fully cooked cocktail smoked sausage links

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Sepa-

and animals * Pigs are also called hogs or

that are used for walking

* Pigs have four toes on each leg

with the two middle large ones

* Pigs are omnivores, which means

that they consume both plants

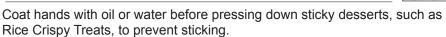
- * Pigs have a full set of 44 teeth
- * Pigs have a excellent sense of smell
- * Pigs typically have between 6 and 12 piglets in a litter

rate dough into 8 triangles. Cut each triangle lengthwise into thirds. Place sausage on shortest side and roll to opposite points. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet until golden brown. Makes 48



Margaret's Helpful Hints

To stop the meringue from shrinking away from the sides of your pies, be sure that when you put the meringue on top, it touches the pastry all around the edge.



Add a pinch of baking soda to your frosting and the frosting will stay moist and prevent cracking.



Layered Fiesta Casserole

- 1 lb. extra lean ground beef
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 red pepper, chopped
- 1 jar (16 oz.) thick 'n chunky salsa
- 1 can (14-1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen corn, thawed
- 12 corn tortillas (6 inch)
- 1-1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 375°F. Brown meat with peppers in large skillet; drain. Return to skillet. Stir in salsa, tomatoes and corn; bring to boil. Spoon 1 cup of the meat mixture into 13x9-inch baking dish; top with 6 tortillas, overlapping as necessary. Cover with half each of the remaining meat mixture and cheese; top with remaining tortillas and meat mixture. Cover with foil. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Let stand 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

NOTE: You can prepare this one day early and then bake - Assemble as directed; cover with foil. Refrigerate up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, bake, covered, at 375°F for 40 to 45 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Let stand 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.



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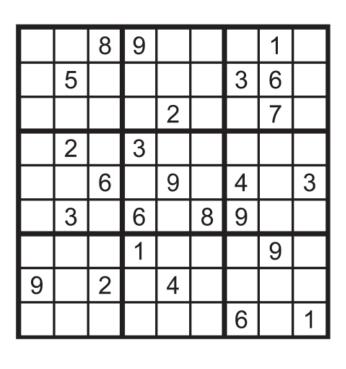
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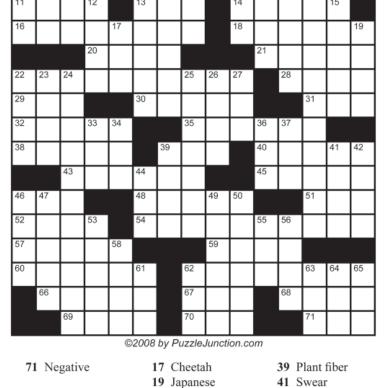
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Eagleville Lions Club (Comm Ctr).....1st & 3rd Mon of each month 7 pm
Eagleville Planning (City Hall).......1st Mon each of month 7 pm
Horton Hwy Utility District Board.......2nd Thurs of each month 3 pm
Rutherford County Farm Serv Agency..1st Wed of each month

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April 2008

Birthdays



Wedding Anniversaries



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
		1	2	3	4	5		
		Debbie Reynolds (1932)	Marian Hartley Hans Christian Anderson (1805)	Jerry Rigsby Marlon Brando (1924) Doris Day (1924)	Craig T. Nelson (1946)	Gregory Peck (1916) Bette Davis (1908)		
				Mike & Trish Hayes	Paul & Crissy Houser	William & Bithie Sue King Clayburn & Betty Rigsby		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Uncle Sonny Parrish Rodney Burns Merle Haggard (1937) Butch Cassidy (1866)	Russell Crowe (1964) Billie Holiday (1915)	Andrea Edwards Austin Driver Mary Pickford (1893)	Nicholas Williams David Rigsby, Jr. Dennis Quaid (1954)	Brandon Lamb Janice Snell Chuch Conners (1921) Harry Morgan (1915)		Vince Gill (1957) David Letterman (1947)		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
Pauline Brown Gene Covington Jeremy Davis Rick Carlton Al Green (1946)	Loretta Lynn (1935)	Emma Thompson (1959) Leonardo da Vinci (1452)	Jim Reeves Charlie Chaplin (1889) Wilbur Wright (1867)	Harry Reasoner (1923)	Brenda Anderson Amanda Johnson Conan O'Brien (1963) Hayley Mills (1946)	Alline McCall Judi Davis Willie Sue Mears		
Don Adams (1926)						Stephen & Kristy Stingley		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Lauren Faurie Joey Lawrence (1976) Ryan O'Neal (1941)	Jeannie Hendrix Tony Danza (1951)	Melonie Williams Jack Nicholson (1937) Glen Campbell (1936)	Valerie Bertinelli (1960) Shirley Temple (1928) William Shakespeare (1564)	Olivia Stelter Barbara Streisand (1942) Shirley MacClain (1934)	Renee Zellweger (1969) Al Pacino (1940) Ella Fitzgerald (1918)	Bobby Rydell (1942) Carol Burnett (1933)		
		Stan & Judy Harris				Jesse & Jean Tate		
27	28	29	30		•	•		
Alberta Hedge Casey Kasem (1932)	Sue Speakman Jay Leno (1950) Ann Margret (1941)	Uma Thurman (1970) Michelle Pfeiffer (1957) Jerry Seinfeld (1954)	April Bunn Brittany Patterson Willie Nelson (1933)	If you would like for your birthday or anniversary to appear on the calendar, send names and dates in by the 20th of the prior month to: news@eaglevilletimes.com or call (615) 274-2749.				
Don & Ginger Lamb	Joe & Cindy Carlton							

This Month In History

- Apr 1, 1946 Weight Watchers forms
- Apr 2, 1819 1st successful agricultural journal ("The American Farmer") begins
- Apr 3, 1948 1st US figure skating championships held
- Apr 4, 1905 Earthquake in Kangra India, kills 370,000
- Apr 5, 2348 -BC- Noah's ark grounded, Mount Ararat (calculated date)
- Apr 6, 1930 Hostess Twinkies invented by bakery executive James Dewar
- Apr 7, 1827 English chemist John Walker invents wooden matches
- Apr 8, 1766 1st fire escape patented, wicker basket on a pulley & chain
- Apr 9, 1962 JFK throws out 1st ball at Washington DC's new Stadium
- Apr 10, 1825 1st hotel in Hawaii opens
- Apr 11, 1900 US Navy's 1st submarine made its debut
- Apr 12, 1877 Catcher's mask 1st used in a baseball game
- Apr 13, 1902 JC Penney opens his 1st store in Kemmerer WY
- Apr 14, 1863 William Bullock patents continuous-roll printing press
- Apr 15, 1878 Harley Procter introduces Ivory Soap

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