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Hospitals waiting to set a merger date

Mountain States, Wellmont marriage held up by Federal Trade Commission concerns about monopoly

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With the Federal Trade Commission's 30-day review now complete, the only thing separating Mountain States Health Alliance and Wellmont Health

System from merging is an official closing date.

Hospital officials expect the merger to close sometime before Jan. 31, at which time the Tennessee Department of Health will grant the merged system, to be called Ballad Health, a Certificate of Public Advantage

that protects it from antitrust scrutiny.

Early during the process, hospital executives Alan Levine and Bart Hove said they reached an agreement with FTC officials that, if the merger was approved in Virginia and Tennessee, the deal would not



Levine

close until the FTC cordially conducted a 30-day review.

Tennessee approved its Certificate of Public Advantage in September, followed by Virginia Department of Health Commissioner Marissa Levine approving a Cooperative Agreement on Oct. 30, the day the FTC review commenced.

Thirty days later, on Nov. 29, is when the review concluded, and although FTC officials remain

tight-lipped about their findings, the merger still appears to be on track.

"The investigation is still open, and we are aware that the state of Tennessee has yet to officially issue the COPA certificate. That's about as much as we have to say right now," FTC Senior Public Affairs Specialist Betsy Lordan said in an email to the Johnson City Press.

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East Tennessee State researchers have learned one big thing about our eight-legged friends

Spiders have rhythm

By Brandon Paykamian
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Do spiders dream of arachnid sheep? Two East Tennessee State University researchers don't have that answer, but their groundbreaking work studying orb-weaving spiders' body clocks led to new discoveries related to the cycles governing life.

By looking at spiders' natural habits, Drs. Darrell Moore and Thomas Jones, professors in the ETSU Department of Biological Services, found the shortest and longest circadian rhythms — biological cycles that tell organisms when to sleep, rise and eat — currently known to science.

The study started when Jones' arachnology class set out to learn more about spiders' patterns of aggression and passivity, which are necessary for survival.

Noting a peak in their behavior every 24 hours, Jones turned to Moore, a neurobiologist who primarily studies the behavior of honeybees, to map the spiders' circadian rhythms. "In order to get a precise idea about the biological clock on the spiders, we ran more experiments where they were put in a tube with an infrared emitter system so we could find out when they were inactive and active,"

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Dr. Thomas Jones with *Nephila clavipes*, the American golden orb weaver spider.

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TUESDAY TRIVIA

1. Spiders eat as many as _____ insects in a year.

A. 10,000 B. 100 C. 2,000 D. 1,000

2. Jumping spiders can jump how many times their body length?

A. 50 B. 100 C. 250 D. 300

3. Spiders eat other spiders.

A. True B. False

4. The most poisonous spider in North America is:

A. Brown Recluse. B. Wolf Spider. C. Daddy Longlegs. D. Black Widow

5. About how many species of spiders are there in the U.S.?

A. 35,000 B. 10,000 C. 800 D. 3,000

6. Spiders produce how many kinds of silk?

A. Five B. Seven C. 100 D. 200

7. A spider can have as many as _____ eyes.

A. 20 B. 8 C. 6 D. 12

Answers on Page A2

We look different today

Welcome to your new Johnson City Press.

Almost 10 months ago we, along with our partners at Creative Circle Media Solutions, embarked on a focused mission to revamp the Johnson City Press. Our goal was straightforward: Design your newspaper easier and faster to read and deliver more relevant content.

The first — and most obvious — change is to our nameplate above. More than 60 options were presented in a wide range of configurations and type faces. Change from a familiar look that has been in place for more than a decade isn't easy, so we chose to not shock (we hope) our readers with a radical change.

While the nameplate might be the most obvious initial change, we believe something less obvious will be more welcome. That is a new type face for the copy. Yesterday's copy had a myriad of technical problems that made it a challenge to read. Today's is rounder, a bit less bold and the spacing between letters has been adjusted for maximum clarity.

Additionally, you might notice that the right edge of our stories are uneven — or ragged right. Big deal, right? Actually, it is. Making the columns ragged right eliminates those odd spaces between words that happen when you make every line the same length. That slows your reading and lowers comprehension. Again, easier readability.

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Dec. 12
13 shopping
days to Christmas

Niswonger patients to get special gifts

By Jessica Fuller
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Patients of Niswonger Children's Hospital will have a special and unique gift waiting for them on Christmas morning. Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church's men's club spent about 3,000 hours cutting, sanding, painting and assembling almost 200 wooden toys for

children in the region. Monday afternoon, Jim Stouffer, one of the men in the club who churned out the wooden toys in the span of about 10 months, donated 110 of them to the hospital so they can be gifted as presents to patients on Christmas. All the designs have moving parts. One toy is a gorilla that can be tugged along on a string and another is a duck with wings that flap when it's pushed around on the

ground. "It has definitely been a labor of love for the children here at Niswonger Hospital," Stouffer said. "I think anytime you can do anything for chil-

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Jim Stouffer holds one of the toys the men's club of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church built for children at Niswonger Children's Hospital.

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REDESIGN

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Parts of the redesign process have actually been implemented over the last few months. Some of you noticed the changes and knew what they were. Some noticed, but couldn't quite put your fingers on them.

One of those changes has been a focus on a different way of writing headlines. In an effort to make the headlines speak to you, our goal has been to make them more personal. The use of 'you' and 'your' was – and still is – forbidden in many newspapers. The same with headlines that end with a question mark. But headlines with those elements speak directly to our readers. They strike a chord and feel much more personal.

Another change has been in the way we present our stories, especially those produced by the Johnson City Press team. While some still are in traditional style, others are in Q&A format, grids, vignettes, fast facts, pro-con, and more. Why the change? These alternative story forms give you quicker reads and stories that are easier to digest than traditional forms.

Another significant change is our new weekday comics lineup (Sunday hasn't changed). Comics come and go, but the classics are classics for a reason. While the Johnson City Press has carried many of the classics for literally decades, others have been replaced or have never appeared on our pages. So the goal of the new lineup was to bring you a classic assembly of comics that represents the best of the best. Comics are one of the best ways to brighten your day and we believe Herman, Beetle Bailey, Frank & Ernest and the rest will do just that.

There's more in store as you go through the week, so you will see more improvements each day. Today, we simply wanted to point out some of the major changes and explain the thinking behind those changes.

Thank you for reading the Johnson City Press and enjoy. It really is New for You.

TENNESSEE LOTTERY

TUESDAY

Morning Drawing

Cash 3: 1-1-2
Cash 4: 6-6-8-7

Day Drawing

Cash 3: 3-4-2
Cash 4: 8-1-5-0

Night Drawing

Cash 3: 3-7-7
Cash 4: 3-0-5-4

CORRECTIONS

The Johnson City Press strives for accuracy in all its reports. Readers who notice factual errors in the newspaper should call News Editor Sam Watson or Night Editor Robert Pierce at (423) 929-3111.

FROM PAGE ONE

Park land purchased despite protest

By John Thompson
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ELIZABETHTON — After a heated debate from Commissioner Charles Von Cannon, the Carter County Commission voted 19-2 to approve the transfer of \$44,000 for the purchase of 9.2 acres of land for a new park just off the Old Gap Creek Highway. The county's Park and Recreation Commission proposes to use the property to build two softball fields, a playground and a dog park.

The Elizabethton/Carter County Animal Shelter also resurfaced as point of controversy as a result of the release of a report from the state comptroller's office, citing management and administration problems and a storage of \$9,500 in funds.

GAP CREEK PARK

The purchase of the park was recommended by the Budget

Committee. The park is inside the city limits of Elizabethton and near the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail and the Tweetsie Trail.

Von Cannon raised questions about the value of the deal. He said access to the ball fields would require a bridge, plus the construction of a road to the place where the ball fields would be located. He said there was not enough room for parking.

Carter County Planning Director Chris Schuettler addressed each of Von Cannon's objections. He said access would not be from the Mary Patton Highway but from the old Gap Creek Road. He said that access would lead to a parking area for about 40 cars.

Schuettler said the park is on the opposite side of the creek, but only a pedestrian bridge would be needed.

Randall Jenkins said committees have examined the

property and found it suitable.

This is our chance to be proactive," Jenkins said.

He said it was obvious the development of the park would take a lot of money, but he said grant money would be available for the project, but only if the county owned the property.

Schuettler said the property has been assessed by Randal Birchfield Real Estate and Auction at \$112,000. He said one of the property owners wanted to trade his half for a \$50,000 tax credit. He said the other half could be acquired for \$50,000.

The Carter County Parks and Recreation Department will provide \$6,000 from its funds toward the purchase, leaving the county with a requirement to transfer \$44,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Rec. Department to complete the purchase. The city of Elizabethton may provide \$4,000 toward the purchase.

The fund transfer to Parks and Rec was approved, with only Von Cannon and Ronnie Trivett voting against it.

ANIMAL SHELTER

The Animal Shelter was discussed during the time for citizens to speak. Robin McKamey, a former volunteer at the shelter said the comptroller's report had "14 issues with management," and criticized leadership of the shelter over the last year when it was directly supervised by Carter County Mayor Leon Humphrey.

McKamey said she had felt harassed and intimidated when she had spoken out about the mayor's decision to end the use of volunteers to the shelter. She said the investigation had been used as harassment of the former volunteers.

Humphrey did not address McKamey's comments when he provided the mayor's report to the commission later in the meeting.

SPIDERS

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Jones said.

Even with lights off, the spiders continued to cycle between the two states, which Moore said meant their internal clocks were dictating the pacing.

To further study the phenomena, Moore and Jones sought the help of students to find other species to study in their lab.

Out of 32 different types of spiders, most showed cycles of about 24 hours — a true circadian rhythm — but some, like those in the genus Cyclosa, a common group of orb-weavers, had a rhythm of 18.5 hours.

Moore said it was probably the "shortest circadian rhythm that anybody's ever found



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An ETSU researcher examines a gasteracantha.

before."

Before the team's discovery, it was thought that the shortest and longest circadian rhythms were found in lab-

generated mutant species, which often had 19 or 20 hour cycles.

"It's been shown many times that if you've got a circadian clock that is that

far off from the 24-hour solar day, those animals have trouble surviving, and yet our spiders survived like crazy," Moore said.

Jones said evidence suggests an evolutionary event, something in their lineages, led to the spiders' unusual rhythms.

Continuing their research, Moore and Jones discovered other species similar to those in Cyclosa with short rhythms of 17.4 and 19 hours.

They also found that black widow spiders are arrhythmic, meaning they have random cycles of activity and inactivity.

"They didn't seem to have a true circadian rhythm, and that surprised the hell out of us," Moore said. "What you see with black widows is a burst of activity and then a five-

hour burst of nothing, and these bursts are kind of random."

Moore said the research has opened new doors in researching natural circadian rhythms.

"I think since we've relied so much on a small number of model systems, what me and Jones are finding is that nature has a whole lot to offer, we just haven't sampled enough to see the diversity of what all is out there," Moore said.

Since sharing their research, Jones and Moore have been featured in the Washington Post, Scientific American, Science News and New Scientist.

ANSWERS

- 1) C. 2,000. 2) A. 50. 3) A. True. 4) D. Black Widow. 5) D. 3,000. 6) B. Seven. 7) D. 12

DATE

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To date, Mountain States spokeswoman Teresa Hicks said the FTC has yet to take formal legal action against the merger.

If the FTC does choose to take the matter to court, Levine, Mountain States' CEO, said last month that the attorney generals' offices would defend the state health departments' approval of the merger.

During the 30-day window, Hicks said the FTC did not provide any feedback or recommendations regarding the merger's review.

"The (COPA) certificate will be issued at closing. We are still preparing for closing, but it will occur no later than January 31," Hicks wrote in a message to the Press. "The lack of a certificate being issued to this point has nothing to do with the FTC, but rather to the fact that Tennessee tied issuance to the closing date of our merger. We have no concerns related to the current posture of the FTC or the issuance date of the COPA certificate."

Meanwhile, in Virginia, the Technical Advisory Panel is working diligently to construct index measures to evaluate the merger before the Cooperative Agreement certificate can actually be issued.

Appointed by Commissioner Marissa Levine, the 15-member Technical Advisory Panel has already met twice in December and once in November to determine evidence-based quality, cost and access measures to objectively track the merger's advantages and disadvantages.

That panel is scheduled to meet again on Thursday.

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GIFTS

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dren, it's just an unbelievable benefit, both for the person (giving) and for the person receiving the toy."The club donated 110 of the toys to Niswonger, 47 to the Boys and Girls Club, 21 to the Haven of Mercy and 19 to the Southern Appalachian Ronald McDonald House.

Stouffer said the men's club was looking for a project, and since several craftsmen are part of the club, they decided making toys were the way to go.

While the whole men's club had their hands in the project, Stouffer said it took about six people to do all the cutting, sanding, painting and assembling to get the toys ready for the holidays. Earlier this year, Stouffer said he brought a couple of toys to the hospital to

see the reaction to them, and Child Life Program Manager Amanda Ward said they were a big hit because of their uniqueness.

"There's so much nostalgia behind these toys," she said Monday.

"Electronics have their attention nowadays, but it was interesting to see how many kids gravitated toward these because there's just nothing else like them on the toy shelves."

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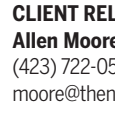


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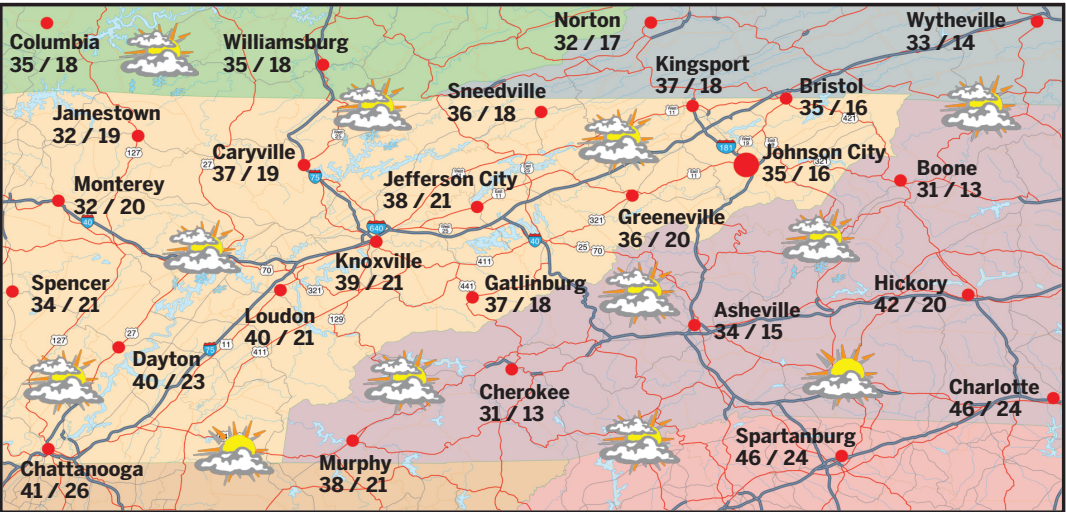
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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Few snow showers	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny
35 16	31 24	41 30	37 25	45 34

LOCAL FORECAST

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow showers, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 78%. West wind 11 to 15 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. The record high temperature for today is 75° set in 1949. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow showers, overnight low of 16°. West wind 9 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 5°. The record low for tonight is -5° set in 1962. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 31°, humidity of 47%. West wind 3 to 9 mph. Wednesday night, skies will be partly cloudy with an overnight low of 24°. Southwest wind 5 mph.

REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST



ALMANAC PAST 24 HOURS

Temperature	
High yesterday	51°
Low yesterday	21°
Normal high	49°
Normal low	30°
Record high	78° in 2008
Record low	4° in 1937

Precipitation	
Past 24 hours	0.00"
Month to date	0.59"
Year to date	41.94"
Normal year to date	38.85"

AREA RIVER/LAKE LEVELS

IN FEET, PAST 24 HOURS

Name	Full Pool	Current	Change
Holston	1,729.0	1,708.6	0.0
Watauga	1,975.0	1,951.7	0.0
Boone	1,385.0	1,352.3	+0.1
Henry	1,263.0	1,259.5	-0.1
Cherokee	1,075.0	1,045.7	-0.2
Douglas	1,002.0	954.7	-0.1
Fontana	1,710.0	1,653.1	-0.4
Norris	1,020.0	999.1	-0.2

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Clarksville	38	23	pc	43	33	s
Knoxville	39	21	mc	38	31	s
Memphis	46	30	s	54	37	s
Nashville	39	24	mc	44	34	s

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4 p.m.	1





0-2: Minimal
3-4: Low
5-6: Moderate
7-9: High
10+: Very High

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Sunset	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise	2:07 a.m.
Moonsset	2:13 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:32 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow	5:15 p.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	3:05 a.m.
Moonsset tomorrow	2:44 p.m.

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Tomorrow	7:58 - 9:58	8:20 - 10:20
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Teresa Ann Brooks

PINEY FLATS - Teresa Ann Brooks, 64, of Piney Flats passed away Friday, December 8, 2017 in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She was a native of Kingsport and was a daughter of the late Robert and Audrey Godsey Brock. Teresa was a Medical Assistant for many years and was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church. She was also a member of the AAMA. Teresa was a 1971 graduate of Ketron High School in Kingsport. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved going to her grandkids ball games. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Brock.

Survivors include her loving husband, Jimmy Brooks; a son, Sam Henry and wife, April; a daughter, Amanda Reed and husband, Jonathan; a brother, Bobby Brock and wife, Donna; four grandchildren, Christian and Jaiden Henry and Hailey and Rylan Reed; several nieces; also special friends, Tommy, Glen and Kenny.

Funeral services for Teresa will be conducted at 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in the East Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Home, 800 E. Watauga Avenue, Johnson City with Rev. Joe Hill officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00 PM until the service hour. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Truxton Drive, Kingsport. Pallbearers will be selected from the family and friends. For those attending this service you are asked to meet at the cemetery by 10:45 AM.

The family would like to give special thanks to Natasha Kanipe, FNP and staff of Vanderbilt Medical Center and Holston Valley Medical Center.

Condolences may be made online at www.wadugger.com. Arrangements by Woodall-Anderson and Dugger Funeral Home, 108 W. Watauga Avenue, Johnson City. 423-928-2245



John Robert Brinkley

GRAY - John Robert Brinkley 78, of Gray went to be with the Lord Saturday December 9, 2017.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced later by Gray Funeral Home. grayfuneralhome.net



Carl "Cotton" Miller

JOHNSON CITY - Carl "Cotton" Miller, 90, of Johnson City, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017 at Johnson City Medical Center.

Carl was a life-long resident of Washington County. He worked in freight transportation for much of his life and was a member of Johnson City Baptist Temple. He loved to fish, bowl, and coach

tee-ball whenever there wasn't a Johnson City Cardinals game to be watched.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Ethel Miller; his wife, JoAnne Greene Miller; five brothers, Paul Miller, John D. Miller, Jim Miller, Maynard Miller, and Roy Miller; four sisters, Stella Davis, Kate Sauls, Kathleen Kinley, and Edith Dearstone.

Survivors include: five daughters, Ella Elam, Brenda Privette, Mary (John) Ault, Teresa Miller, and Marsha (Gary) Johnson; one brother, R.C. (Bonnie) Miller; one sister, Ruby Christian; ten grandchildren, including Joshua Miller, Ashley Wilson, Buddy Miller, Jessica Elam, Greg Privette, Brian Privette, and Larry Privette. Jr.; as well as eighteen great grandchildren.

The family of Carl Miller will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at Morris-Baker Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow on December 13, 2017 with Carl Bowman officiating. Friends and Family are asked to meet by 1:45 PM at McCarty Cemetery in Telford, Tennessee. Pallbearers will be: Greg Privette, Brian Privette, Larry Privette, Jr., Joshua Miller, Buddy Miller, and Austin Elam.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the Miller family via www.morrisbaker.com.

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Deadline for obituaries to run Tuesday, 1/2, is noon on Monday, 1/1.



Lois Ramey Wright

ELIZABETHTON - Lois Ramey Wright, 87, of Elizabethton, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at the Hillview Health Center. Mrs. Wright was the daughter of the late Hobart Paris Ramey and Ibbie Garnet (Adkins) Ramey and was born in Coeburn, VA. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, whom she married in 1948, John

Wayne Wright in 1985; siblings, E.L. "Buddy" Ramey; Ruby Meagher; Barnette Blevins; Charlotte Bruner, William "Bill" Ramey; and a son, Younger Wright.

Mrs. Wright was a 1948 graduate of Elizabethton High School and a member of First Christian Church where she was also a member of the Fidelis Sunday School Class. Mrs. Wright was an Assistant Vice-President at the Bank of Tennessee (Carter County Bank) where she worked most of her career before her retirement from the bank at the age of 75. She worked for 10 years at Burgie Drug Store prior to starting her career in banking. She was formerly in the Red Hat Society and she loved to square dance.

Those left to cherish her memory include a son, Philip Wright (Rhonda Reeves) of Johnson City; a daughter, Karen Wright, (Charlie Hughes) of Elizabethton; two grandsons, Travis Hughes, Elizabethton; Wes Wright (Nikki), of Elizabethton; a granddaughter, Chelsey Kirkland, (Ashton) of Johnson City; and three great-grandchildren, Braxton Wright, Julian Wright, and Nash Kirkland. Her sister, Jackie Pannell, of Elizabethton, as well as several nieces and nephews, also survive.

A service to honor the life of Mrs. Wright will be conducted on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Peace, Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton, with Mr. Michael Klaus, minister, officiating. The family will receive friends in the funeral home chapel from 1:00 – 2:00 PM on Wednesday prior to the service.

The committal service will follow the funeral service at Happy Valley Memorial Park on Wednesday. Active pallbearers will be selected from family and friends.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers may make donations to First Christian Church, 513 Hattie Avenue, Elizabethton, TN 37643 or to the charity of their choice.

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the staff of Hillview Health Center for the love and care given to Mrs. Wright during her five years there.

Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website, www.tetrickfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Wright and her family are in the care of Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton, office 423-542-2232, service information and obituary line 423-543-4917.

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printRitC	8.35	-10	UrbanEnt	1.74	+13
plunkRt	81.39	+97	OratioUn	32.27	-82
print	5.44	+	VEON	3.82	+07
protus	23.80	+01	Vf Corp	72.60	-75
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P Inds	74.54	-15	VnEKsmi	98.60	+60
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JUST GREAT. I COULD BE SPENDING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WITH MY FRIENDS.

BUT OH NO! THEY HADTA DRAG ME ALL THE WAY TO WINNIPEG TO THE SCOOPID FARM TO SEE DAD'S RELATIVES!!

WELL, IF THEY THINK I'M GONNA HAVE A GREAT TIME, THEY ARE WRONG. I AM GONNA HAVE A BAD TIME!

I AM GOING TO HAVE A BAD TIME - EVEN IF IT'S FUN.

BABY BLUES

DO YOU WANT TO LOOK FOR HIDDEN CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

I THOUGHT SANTA BROUGHT ALL OF OUR PRESENTS.

HE DOES, BUT MOM AND DAD ALSO GET US SOME.

THEY DO?

THE LIST OF PEOPLE I HAVE TO BE NICE TO JUST KEEPS GROWING!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE NO HOLIDAY.

SNUFFY SMITH

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW, NOR GLOOM OF NIGHT-- NUTHIN' STOPS TH' U.S. MAIL !!

THOUGH IT DOES GIT DELAYED A BIT BY MIZ PRUNELLY EV'RY NOW AN' THEN !!

HAGAR

IT'S SMOKE SIGNALS FROM OUR ADVANCE SCOUTS! THEY'RE TELLING US WHERE THEY ARE!

WELL, WHERE ARE THEY?

A HOOKAH BAR!

SHOE

HOW WAS THAT NEW ITALIAN RESTAURANT YOU'RE REVIEWING?

TOUGH!

HOW'S THAT?

TO TEST THE PASTA, THEY THREW THE COOK AGAINST THE WALL!

NON SEQUITUR

OH, NO...DID I SAY BUFFALO? GEEZ, I KNOW THE CORRECT TERM IS BISON! MY APOLOGIES. ANYWAY, I HAD NO IDEA YOU GUYS DRINK MARTINI...

HOW STAMPEDES GET STARTED

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

THIS YEAR I DID NOT RECEIVE AN ACADEMY AWARD, PULITZER PRIZE, PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM, MACARTHUR GENIUS GRANT, OR SAINTHOOD.

WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?

THAT THE WORLD IS RACIST AGAINST CARTOON CHARACTERS.

TRY AGAIN.

THAT I NEED TO START BOYCOTTING THE POPE.

HERMAN

Don't forget, Buster. If it wasn't for me and Frankie you'd be paying a lot more income tax.

GARFIELD

OH, PLEASE, OH, PLEASE, OH, PLEASE, OH, PLEASE...

AAAGGGHHH EVERY TIME

ARLO & JANIS

AGREED--WE WON'T BUY A BIG ITEM WE NEED AS OUR GIFT TO EACH OTHER

WE'LL BUY A VARIETY OF SMALL GIFTS FOR UNDER THE TREE!

BUT YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO BUY A NEW WATER HEATER SOON ANYWAY?

EXACTAMUNDO!

DILBERT

I NEED A LOAN TO FINANCE MY PROFESSIONAL GAMBLING.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCELLENT IDEA. I CHARGE 40% INTEREST PER DAY, AND I'LL KILL YOU FOR MISSING A PAYMENT.

WHAT'S THE CATCH?

I'M ALSO AN IDENTITY THIEF.

BLONDIE

I CAN'T FIND YOUR NEW CHRISTMAS STOCKING, DEAR

I'LL JUST USE AN OLD ONE

NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO WORK, SWEETHEART

THE BORN LOSER

DON'T LET UP ON YOUR WORK AS THE YEAR WINDS DOWN, THORNAPPLE...

REMEMBER, I THINK NOTHING OF REWARDING MY EMPLOYEES WITH A YEAR-END BONUS FOR A TOTAL EFFORT FOR TWELVE MONTHS!

YEAH, AND HE DIDN'T THINK OF IT LAST YEAR, EITHER, OR THE YEAR BEFORE THAT, OR THE...

CRANKSHAFT

SO WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD YOUR CHIMNEY CLEANED?

OH, I DON'T KNOW... MAYBE THREE... FOUR...

ABOUT FORTY YEARS AGO.

BEEBLE BAILEY

EVERYONE HAS A TALENT

NOW GO USE YOURS! THAT'S AN ORDER!

YES, SIR

DENNIS THE MENACE

YOU OUGHTA GET SOME REINDEER AND A SLEIGH.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

If you want me, Mommy, I'm out here helpin' Daddy shovel the path.

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DEATHS

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Thomas “Tommy” W. Altman

JOHNSON CITY - Thomas “Tommy” W. Altman, age 77, of Johnson City, went to be with the Lord following a lengthy illness. Mr. Altman born on February 15, 1940 in Greene County to the late T.D. and Earlene Altman. He was a member of Oakland Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Altman was formerly employed at Interstate Foundry, Johnson City Foundry, and Kingsport Foundry. Tommy was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a maintenance man and a great mechanic.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Dugger; brother, Jerry Atman; sister, Jean Deloach.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Becky Gillette Altman, Johnson City; a daughter, Teri Vines and husband Tim, Johnson City; two grandchildren, Andrew Dugger and Audrey King, both of Johnson City. Several great grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service for Mr. Altman will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 12, 2017 in the East Chapel of Appalachian Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Yelton officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. in the East Parlor of the funeral home.

The graveside service and interment will be conducted at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 13 at Monte Vista Memorial Park. Active pallbearers will be selected from family and friends. Honorary pallbearers will be Rocky Gillette, Dr. Jeff Farrow and Dr. Frank Forbush.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral home to assist in the funeral expenses. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.appfh.net. Appalachian Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 800 E. Watauga Ave., Johnson City, is serving the Altman family. (423) 928-6111

Alma Turnmire

Alma Dickerson Turnmire, 90, passed away Monday (Dec. 11, 2017) at her home.

She lived in this area all her life and was the co-owner of Turnmire Grocery.

Mrs. Turnmire was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Rev. John Turnmire, daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Kevan Hite, granddaughter, Wanda Turnmire, grandson, Michael Anderson, and great-grandchildren, Charity and Nevada.

Surviving are her sons, Marvin Turnmire and wife Betty and Jerry Turnmire and wife Peggy; 9 grandchildren, Melissa Rush, Rhonda Turnmire, Jason Turnmire, Marvin Turnmire, Jr., Brandy Thompson, Matthew Turnmire, Eric and Brian Turnmire, and Freddie Provan, Jr.; 18 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Tuesday (Dec. 12, 2017) from 5-7 p.m. at the Fall Branch Chapel of Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home.


Services will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Richard Tittle and Rev. Steve Wilson officiating.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Cherry Hill Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers are grandsons and great-grandsons, Matthew Turnmire, Brian Turnmire, Marvin Turnmire Jr., Eric Turnmire, Dakota Turnmire, and Silas Turnmire. Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Turnmire, Aron Singleton, Ralph Martin, and Ray Keys.

A special thanks to Mountain States Hospice for help and loving care of Alma.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cherry Hill Freewill Baptist Church, 460 Ducktown Road, Limestone, TN 37681.



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REGIONAL DEATHS

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VIVIAN ANN BLEDSOE, 58, Duffield, VA
JOHN ROBERT BRINKLEY, 78, Gray
TERESA ANN BROOKS, 64, Piney Flats
V.R. (VANDUIS) COURTNEY, Rogersville
JOHN DAVID DAVIS, JR.
SHARON RUTH DAVIS, 62, Church Hill
MARY ELIZABETH FULLER, 94, Hot Springs, VA
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JAMES H. MANN, 76, Kingsport
SANDRA KAY MULLINS, 65, Kingsport
KENNETH MUSSELMAN, JR., Kingsport
JAMES WILLIAM REYNOLDS, 72, Kingsport
JOHN R. ROGERS, Church Hill
JOHN H. RUSHING, SR., 94, Kingsport
JOHNNY MCARTHUR SALYERS, 65, Wise, VA
CHARLES DONALD “C. DON” SMITH, Gate City, VA
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SUE GUINN LEGG/JOHNSON CITY PRESS

The hottest show in town?: A busy agenda brought a larger-than-normal crowd to Town Hall for Monday evening’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

Tax breaks set

Board returns from 3-year slumber

Erwin sweetens incentives for new, expanding industries

By SUE GUINN LEGG
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ERWIN — On Monday, the Erwin Board of Mayor and Aldermen joined the Unicoi County Commission and the county’s Industrial Development Board in authorizing a tax incentive package for new and expanding industries.

In other business, the board reviewed a very clean town audit of its fiscal year 2016-17, opted for a linear trial construction plan that will close Harris Hollow Road for approximately six weeks, and approved a \$25,000 land purchase to keep the linear trail entrance road and parking lot at the Highway 107 railroad overpass open.

The board’s unanimous vote to approve the tax-incentive package was the final hurdle for an industrial recruiting tool that has been more than a year in the making.

Modeled after a payment in lieu of taxes plan used successfully by the city of Johnson City, the Capital Improvement Program was approved earlier in the day Monday by the Unicoi County Industrial Board, which will administer the plan, and by the Unicoi County Commission on Nov. 27.

The plan will allow the Joint Economic Development Board of Unicoi County and others working to recruit new and expanding industry to offer companies a five-year abatement of land taxes on any improvement they make to their property.

In order to qualify, new or existing industries must make a \$500,000 investment that will create a minimum of 10 new jobs paying at least 140 percent of minimum wage, or \$10.15 per hour.

In his presentation of of the town’s 2016-17 audit, Curtis Morrison, with the accounting firm Rodefer Moss & Co., told the board the “unmodified audit is as clean as you can get.”

The audit summary includes a breakdown of \$4.2 million in revenues, \$4.8 million in expenditures and an undesignated fund balance that came in approximately \$17,000 higher than the previous audit year.

Representatives of Summers-Taylor Construction presented the board two options for the linear trail expansion project, including one that would limit traffic on Harris Hollow Road to one lane from April 10 to July

By SUE GUINN LEGG
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The Unicoi County Industrial Development Board reconvened Monday afternoon for the first time since 2014.

Up for the board’s consideration was the proposed tax incentive package for new and expanding industries approved by the Unicoi County Commission on Nov. 27 and approved by the Erwin Board of Mayor and Aldermen

later Monday evening. Joint Economic Development Board of Unicoi County Director Tyler Engle presented the IDB with the Capital Investment Program plan and the set of minimum requirements under which its land-tax incentive may be offered. Companies meeting those criteria will be eligible for abatement of tax on any improvements they make with annual, stepped tax increases over a 5-year period starting at zero and rising to 100 percent.

24, during which traffic backup would also result on two nearby feeder roads and the Interstate 26 ramp at Exit 36.

The second option, which was selected by the board, will close Harris Hollow Road entirely from April 10 to May 15 and save approximately \$45,000 in construction costs. Traffic will be rerouted around a mile-and-a-half detour during the road closure.

Andrew Paduch presented the board with a request for the purchase of

a linear trail entrance road and parking lot located on property he purchased between Highway 107 and the McDonald’s restaurant.

Paduch told the board he had purchased the property with the intention of developing a \$500,000 mini-storage facility and discovered the temporary easement while researching the deed for that purchase.

He said the easement includes a stipulation that it can be terminated at any time with six months’ notice from the owner, and

while he did not want to close the road, he could not afford the liability of owning it.

Since the purchase, Paduch said the assessed value of the property has doubled, but he is willing to sell it to the town at the same price he paid for it in order to avoid shutting the road.

Town attorney Tom Seeley Jr. noted that Paduch has indicated he would exercise his option to close the road if the town did not buy the property,

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Woman charged with stealing car from McDonald’s

From staff reports

A Virginia woman was charged with vehicle theft in Johnson City after police said she was found in Jonesborough with a car taken from a Boones Creek restaurant. Cheryl Marie Anderson, 26, 116 Dogwood Terrace, Big Stone Gap, was arrested Sunday when a Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper reported finding her at a McDonald’s restaurant in Jonesborough in

possession of a stolen car. According to information released by the Johnson City Police Department, the vehicle was taken from Poblano’s Mexican Grill & Bar, 2697 Boones Creek Road. Anderson was charged with motor vehicle theft and booked into the Washington County Detention Center, where she is being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond. She was set to appear in Washington County Sessions Court on Monday.



GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Johnson steps down at Elizabethton

Coach said resigning was ‘difficult decision’ with team off to 2-6 start

By Douglas Fritz
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Elizabethton High School’s girls basketball program moved into a new direction Monday.

Head coach Barry Johnson resigned. He will be replaced by interim coach Lucas Andrews.

Taking over a program that

made four consecutive trips to the Class AA state tournament — but graduated four-year standouts Kayla Marosites and Kelci Marosites — Johnson led the Lady Cyclones to a 13-16 finish last season.

This year the Cyclones were off to a 2-6 start with an 0-2 mark in the Three Rivers Conference.

Johnson said the decision was a

tough one.

“This was a difficult decision, especially the timing of it,” said Johnson. “Personal things don’t happen on a set time. I appreciate the support from (director of schools) Dr. Corey Gardenhour, principal Josh Boatman, and athletic directors Mike Wilson and Eddie Pless.

“I love our basketball team,



Johnson

said he had prayed over it for quite a while,” said Pless. “He said it was time for him to resign as girls head coach.”

Pless said part of Johnson’s reasoning for making the decision during the season was having Andrews on his staff.

“He said there are people in place who are solid,” said Pless. “He said he wasn’t just leaving the program empty handed. There are solid basketball people there. He said it was in the best interests for him personally and the best interests of the program.”

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DOUGLAS FRITZ
HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Cyclones preparing for holiday tourney

Elizabethton moved up the dates for its Chick Fil-A Holiday Classic this year, so it won’t be going head to head with the Arby’s Classic.

It’s an eight-team basketball tournament with games scheduled Dec. 20-22 at Treadway Gymnasium.

“That is a down time usually in the high school basketball schedule,” said Cyclones athletic director Eddie Pless. “We just wanted to test the waters and see if the basketball purists wanted to come see quality basketball. And we won’t be butting heads with the Arby’s, which we know is established as the premier tournament in the area.”

Pless said this year’s field is a good one.

“I think this is the best we’ve had,” he said. “We’re looking forward to seeing the type of athletes coming into our gym, and the different styles we will get to see.”

Included in the mix is Ridgeway from the always tough Memphis area. Concord (N.C.) First Assembly and Antioch’s Lighthouse Academy are also strong, said Pless.

University School of Nashville is also in the mix along with local teams Sullivan Central, Chuckey-Doak and Happy Valley.

“Concord has seven kids who are 6-foot-4 or taller,” said Pless. “They play in a league with Providence Day and Christ School.

Lighthouse is a prep school that has a 6-foot-10 kid and a good guard that makes them go.”

The opening round on Dec. 20 will have Sullivan Central taking on University School of Nashville (3:30 p.m.), followed by Chuckey-Doak and Concord First Assembly (5). Elizabethton plays Lighthouse at 6:30, and Happy Valley battles Ridgeway at 8 p.m.

The championship is Dec. 22 at 8 p.m.

Pless said Elizabethton appreciates Chick Fil-A for being the main sponsor of the tournament.

Football all-star game

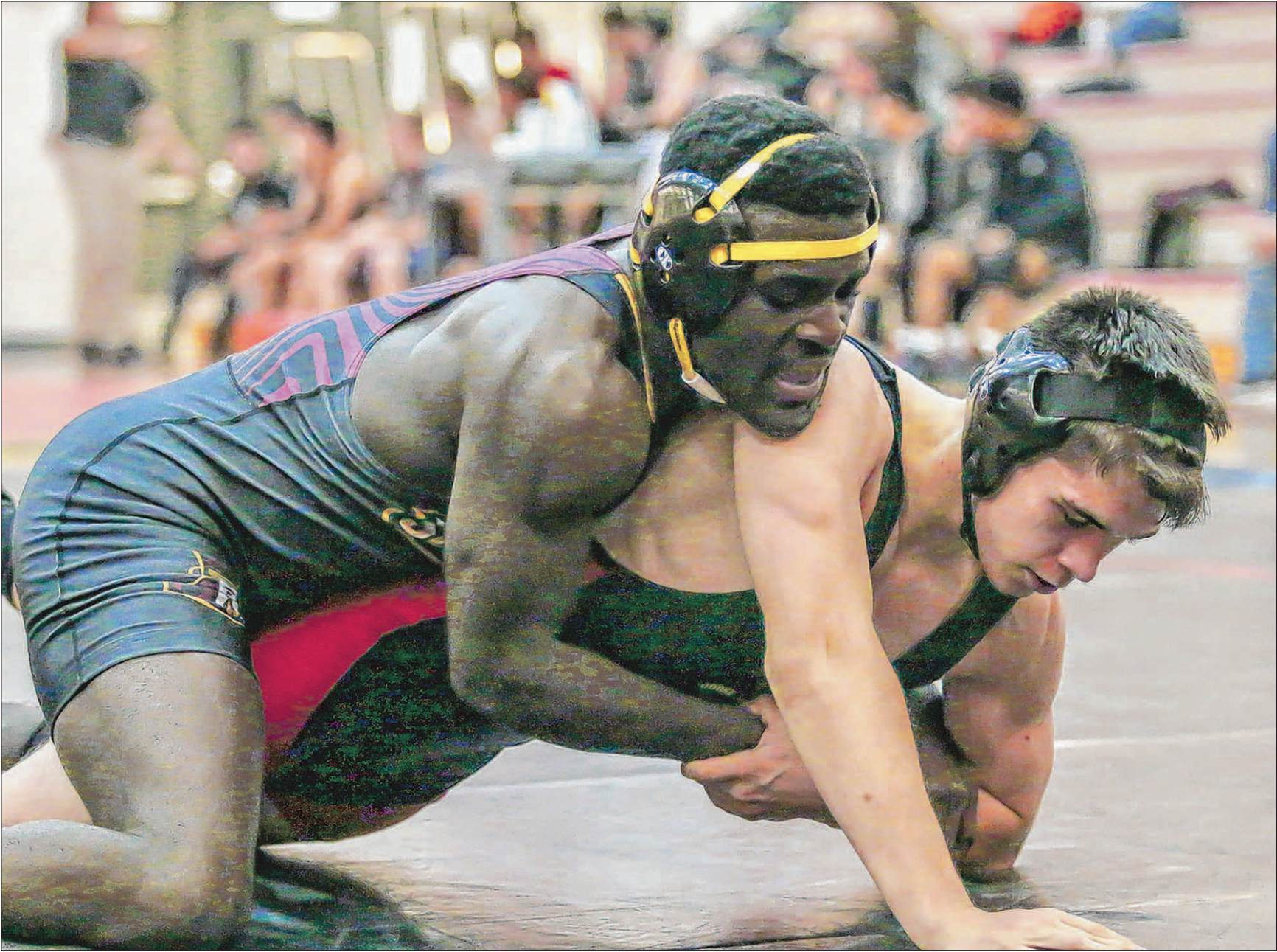
Science Hill’s Jaylan Adams helped the East squad earn a 16-10 win over the West in the Toyota East vs. West Tennessee All-Star Classic on Friday in Clarksville.

Adams had a 20-yard

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

‘No easy matches’



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Science Hill’s Arthur James is the state’s top-ranked wrestler at 145 pounds.

Relentless hard work has Science Hill wrestlers off to fast start

By Joe Avento
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A pretty special season is taking shape for the Science Hill High School wrestling team.

The Hilltoppers are ranked second among public schools in the Tennessee High School wrestling poll, and Coach Jimmy Miller says his team works for everything it gets. That’s just the way he likes it.



Miller

going to outwork other kids.”

The Hilltoppers are 9-1 and coming off a fourth-place finish in the Cleveland Duals, a meet that

boasted nine teams ranked in the state poll.

Among the wins in Cleveland were a 32-31 decision over defending state champion and third-ranked Bradley Central, a 31-30 victory over Baylor, ranked No. 3 in Division II, and a 49-18 thrashing of Knox Halls, ranked sixth among public schools. The Hilltoppers’ only loss was a 36-21 setback to Christian Brothers, ranked second in Division II.

“It was a rough weekend, a

bloodbath down there,” Miller said. “You’re banging with a lot of good teams, battling for every point you get. There’s no rounds off, no easy matches. Our schedule is tough and we’re going to keep putting our kids in bad situations and see how we respond. We keep challenging them each and every week.”

On Monday, a day before a home meet with Jefferson County

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indians dominate Crockett
Big second-half run helps D-B take control in win

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Physical and hard-nosed defense was the common factor between Dobyns-Bennett and David Crockett.

In a game that was a makeup from Friday’s snow postponement, the Tribe took the lead early and never relinquished it in a 72-49 decision.

The Indians (7-4, 1-1) quickly jumped out to a 19-12 lead at the end of the first quarter thanks to a flurry of three straight steals in the backcourt that led to a pair of

3-pointers. Dobyns-Bennett opened up the second quarter with another barrage of steals as the Pioneers struggled to handle the ball.

Despite the steals, Crockett (6-3, 1-1) remained in the game behind sharp shooting and good defense. The Indians led at the half 32-25 as both teams had 13 points in the second quarter.

The second half opened up the flood gates for the Indians as everything was going into the basket. They scored 11 straight points and led by 18, 43-25.

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Crockett’s Camara Bradley (11) skies for a layup.

BASKETBALL

High school
BOYS
Big 7 Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Science Hill	2	0	8	2
David Crockett	2	1	6	3
Dobyns-Bennett	1	1	6	4
Daniel Boone	1	1	5	3
Cherokee	1	1	4	3
Tennessee High	0	1	3	4
Volunteer	0	2	1	4

Three Rivers Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Unicoi County	2	0	7	2
Sullivan Central	2	0	5	4
Johnson County	1	0	8	4
Sullivan East	1	0	6	4
Sullivan South	0	2	4	6
Happy Valley	0	2	2	7
Elizabethhton	0	2	0	6

Watauga Valley Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
North Greene	0	0	6	0
University High	0	0	3	3
Cloudland	0	0	2	1
Hampton	0	0	3	1
Sullivan North	0	0	3	4
Unaka	0	0	1	5

Monday
Dobyns-Bennett 72, David Crockett 49
Hampton 75, Unicoi County 68
Tennessee High 68, Sullivan Central 49
Cooke County 80, Cherokee 64
Happy Valley at Unaka

Tuesday
Unicoi County at Science Hill
Elizabethhton at Dobyns-Bennett
Happy Valley at Cloudland
Sullivan East at Volunteer
Sullivan South at Sullivan North
North Greene at University High
Thursday
Johnson County at Unaka
Volunteer at Sevier County
Morristown East at Sullivan Central
Hampton in Virginia High tourney
Friday
Science Hill in Cleveland Shootout
Elizabethhton at Happy Valley
Unicoi County at Johnson County
Union, Va. at Sullivan East
Eastside, Va. vs. Tennessee High at Sullivan East, 5 p.m.
Greeneville at Dobyns-Bennett
Sullivan South at Cherokee
Hampton in Virginia High tourney
Cloudland at Sullivan North
North Greene at Chuckey-Doak
Saturday
Science Hill in Cleveland Shootout
David Crockett at Elizabethhton
Eastside, Va. at Sullivan East
Unaka vs. Tennessee High at Sullivan East, 6:30 p.m.
Morristown West at Cherokee
Hampton in Virginia High tourney
Avery County, N.C. at Cloudland
Hampton 75, Unicoi 68
HAMPTON (3-1)
Livingston 3, Owens 17, Jones 12, Ma. Hughes 2, Bentley 13, Davenport 23, Hardin 5
UNICOI COUNTY (7-2)
Thompson 6, Casey 2, Lingerfelt 5, Hensley 16, Podvin 18, Lowery 2, Simpson 17, O'Dell 2
Hampton 16 24 15 20 — 75
Unicoi Co. 12 19 20 — 68
3-point goals — Hampton 6 (Jones 3, Owens 2, Hardin); Unicoi County 5 (Thomson 2, Hensley 2, Lingerfelt).
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Hampton fights off Unicoi County

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ERWIN — Hampton raced out to a 14-point, first-half lead and then took Unicoi County’s best shot in the second half in a 75-68 nonconference boys’ basketball win Monday night at the Devils Den.

Hunter Davenport led the way for the Bulldogs (3-1) with a game-high 23 points. Eight of them came in a decisive final quarter.

“Our kids played extremely hard from the bottom to the top,” Hampton coach Ned Smith said. “Hunter played so hard for us. He’s quick, he’s got a quick first step and he took it to the basket.”

He certainly did as four Hampton players finished in double figures. Dru Owens had 17 points, followed by Jordan Bentley with 13 and Jonah Jones with 12. Jaydon Livingston led Hampton with six rebounds and five assists.

The Blue Devils fell to 7-2 and the schedule doesn’t get any easier this week with road games at Science Hill and Johnson County.



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Unicoi County’s Troy Podvin goes up for a shot against Hampton’s Hunter Davenport. Podvin led the Blue Devils with 18 points.

Down 17-16 at the end of one quarter, the Bulldogs dominated the second quarter, taking a 14-point lead at one point and holding a 40-29 advantage at the half.

Unicoi County pulled within single digits (55-48) at the end of three quarters and Brock Thompson and Trevor Hensley knocked down back-to-back, 3-point shots to cut Hampton’s lead to a single point.

Troy Podvin then used his left hand for a

layup off an assist from Hensley to give the Blue Devils their first lead since the first quarter.

Davenport responded on the other end for Hampton and the teams traded the lead two more times over the next minute. But, Davenport and the ‘Dogs were tougher, making more plays down the stretch.

Podvin led Unicoi County with 18 points, followed by Clay Simpson with 17 and Hensley with 16.

GIRLS

Unicoi County 55, Hampton 43

Halie Padgett had 23 points and 10 rebounds as the Lady Devils (5-3) jumped on the Lady Bulldogs (1-7) early and withstood a pair of second-half rallies for the nonconference victory.

The Lady Devils led 18-8 at the end of one quarter and 31-13 at the half.

Hampton clawed its way back into the game by scoring the first 10 points of the third quarter as part of a larger 17-1 run.

Kenedy King stemmed the tide with a 3-pointer, and Padgett scored off an old-fashioned 3-point play as Unicoi County led 38-32 after three quarters.

Unicoi County pushed the lead 13 points (49-36) in the final period before the Lady Bulldogs responded with seven straight points. King again turned the tide, this time with a bank shot with 1:43 left.

Kaylee Hendrickson and Kaitlin Bailey each contributed nine points in the Unicoi victory. Shyanne Tuelle led Hampton with 21 points and Stephanie Campbell scored 13.

TENNESSEE FOOTBALL

Vols’ scrapped deal with Schiano was worth \$27M

Coach accepted 6-year contract before backlash caused AD Currie to back out

By Steve Megargee
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE — Former Tennessee athletic director John Currie and Greg Schiano signed a memorandum of understanding to make the Ohio State defensive coordinator the new Volunteers football coach before the deal fell apart amid a public backlash.

The memorandum of understanding, obtained through a public records request, states Schiano would have received a six-year, \$27 million contract. Tennessee officials say they believe the document isn’t legally binding because it was never signed by the school’s chief financial officer.

Tennessee Chancellor Beverly Davenport also didn’t sign the document with Schiano.

Currie was suspended and replaced by Phillip Fulmer on Dec. 1, five days after the Schiano deal fell through. Fulmer took over the search and announced the hiring of Alabama defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt on Thursday.

The memorandum that accompanied Pruitt’s hiring included signatures from Pruitt, Davenport, Fulmer and chief financial officer David L. Miller. Pruitt agreed to a six-year deal paying him \$3.8 million annually plus other benefits.

Tennessee was seeking a coach to replace Butch Jones, who was fired Nov. 12 after going 34-27 in five seasons. Tennessee went 4-8 this year and set a school record for losses.

Under the terms in the memorandum of under-



Schiano

standing, Schiano would have received \$4.4 million in 2018. His annual pay would have increased to \$4.45 million

in 2019, \$4.5 million each in 2020 and 2021, \$4.55 million in 2022 and \$4.6 million in 2023.

When word got out on Nov. 26 that Tennessee had contacted Schiano about its coaching vacancy, fans and state politicians wasted no time venting their frustrations. Four Republican gubernatorial candidates and at least three Tennessee state representatives issued tweets or statements criticizing the school for considering the former Rutgers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach. About 100 people participated in a protest on campus.

They said their complaints stemmed from Schiano’s background as an assistant at Penn State during Jerry Sandusky’s tenure as the Nittany Lions’ defensive coordinator. Sandusky is serving 30 to 60 years in prison for his conviction on 45 counts of sexual abuse.

Court documents released last year of a deposition in a case related to the Sandusky scandal included hearsay testimony suggesting Schiano might have been aware of Sandusky’s sexual abuse against children, though Schiano has said he never saw abuse or had any reason to suspect it while working at Penn State. The prosecutors involved in the case didn’t investigate the Schiano’s comments.

CROCKETT: Girls fall to Dobyns-Bennett

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The Pioneers slowly climbed back into the game with under five minutes left, trimming the deficit to 12 points, but they could not overcome the scrappy defense from D-B. The Indians led at the end of the third period, 51-37.

In the fourth quarter, the Indians stretched the lead to as much as 19 points.

Marae Foreman led the Indians with 13 points while Jordan Hensley led the Pioneers with 12 points. The Indians shot 52 percent (30-58) and the Pioneers shot just 41 percent (20-49).

GIRLS

Dobyns-Bennett 74, David Crockett 46

It was a tale of two halves for the Lady Indians.

The game was close for about two and a half quarters before Dobyns-Bennett finally seized control.

The Lady Pioneers started out well, forcing turnovers and bad shots. Near the end of the first quarter, Crockett was well within striking distance only trailing by a couple of possessions at 13-8.

The momentum started to swing more in the way of D-B as the second

quarter opened and the Tribe built a seven point lead. Crockett fought back and erased the deficit to tie the game at 23 apiece with just over a minute left in the half. Emma Gouge and Kassie Lowe were big spark plugs for Crockett as they got all of the points in a 10-3 run to end the half.

The game was surprisingly tied at 28 at the half.

When the second half started, the Tribe quickly built a six point lead with over four minutes to play. The defense was also beginning to overwhelm the Lady Pioneers with fullcourt pressure and unforced errors.

The size advantage was

also taking a toll as Courtney Whitson took over for the Lady Indians in the low post in the third quarter. D-B was beginning to pull away in the third as they exited the quarter with a 48-36 lead.

Before the five minute mark in the fourth quarter, the lead had swelled to 20 points and a multitude of fouls had been called, including seven fouls in just a minute and fifteen seconds.

Whitson led all scorers with 21 for D-B. Caitlyn Wallace and Lily Griffith each had 11 for the Tribe.

Gouge led Crockett with points while Kassie Lowe chipped in with 13 points.

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<div>Announcements</div> <div>020 Public Notices</div> <div>REQUEST FOR BID Eastern Eight Community Development Corporation is requesting qualified general contractors to submit bids for the construction of: One (1) Single-Family unit: 380 Joe Ball Road, Chucky, TN Bids will be received until 9a.m. Thursday December 21, 2017. Bids will be opened on December 21, 2017 at 9 a.m. at the Eastern Eight office located at 214 E. Watauga Avenue, Johnson City, TN. Bid packets can be picked up at the Eastern Eight office located at 214 E. Watauga Avenue, Johnson City, TN 37601 between 12/12/2017 - 12/20/2017. Bids must be received sealed with the contractor's name and license number written clearly on the envelope and include original bid submittal form, signed and dated by the contractor. Bids will be accepted and contract signed within 10 days from the date bids were opened. Contractor must start work within 15 days of signed contract. All minority and women - owned contractors are encouraged to participate.</div>	<div>020 Public Notices</div> <div>The Johnson City Historic Zoning Commission has cancelled their meeting scheduled on December 26, 2017 and will meet instead on December 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, located at 601 East Main Street. (Please notify us in advance of any meeting, program or activity with special accommodation/ assistance requests.)</div> <div>080 Auctions</div> <div>AN ANTIQUES Auction House We Buy Estates www.auctionauction.com Kimball M. Sterling (TFL-1915). 928-1471</div> <div>Employment</div> <div>180 General Employment</div> <div>Ace Hardware has opening for part-time cashier. Apply at 3607 N. Roan St. Johnson City.</div> <div>200 Medical & Dental</div> <div>LPN/CMA/RMA Full-Time position with established Dermatology practice in Greeneville, TN. Day shift only, competitive pay and full benefits package. EMR experience a plus. 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Husband's attitude puts a heavy burden on wife

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 40 years. Like most people, we've had our good times and bad, but we've both been committed to the marriage, and so we've made it work.

Now I'm faced with a problem for which I see no solution. My husband refuses to learn to use a computer. He knows nothing about computers, not even how to turn one on!

As you know, computers are now key to even the most fundamental tasks. That means, as the only computer user in the house, all tasks are MY responsibility. Banking, bill paying, communication with family, friends, lawyers, financial advisers, arrangements for social events, business meetings, medical appointments, travel and other activities are totally up to me. He does NONE of it! He washes the dishes and takes out the trash, but any function that requires brains and technology are totally left to me.

I'm tired! Is this fair? I've asked many times for him to go to our public library and take lessons on computer use, but he adamantly refuses. How do I handle this?— *It's All On Me*

DEAR ALL ON YOU: After 40 years you are not going to change your husband, so appreciate the things he does do. I know you're tired and it may not seem fair, but grit your teeth and forge ahead.

You have no idea how lucky you really are. Many wives know little or nothing about the family finances. If something unforeseen happens to their husbands, they are left scrambling to learn about realities for which they are not equipped.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow, and I often dine out with my youngest son. Invariably, because I have a 25-year-old man with me and no husband, we are shown to an undesirable table in the restaurant. Usually, I say nothing.

This evening, we were escorted to a roomy way in the back of a large restaurant (two-thirds full). The only other occupants were a couple with two small children who looked to be about 2 or 3. When I requested a different table, my son was furious. He said what I had done was rude.

We were moved to another table. It was between the hostess station and the kitchen door. I sat there and said nothing. This was an expensive restaurant, and our bill was more than \$100. Was I rude? I would appreciate your opinion.— *New Seat*

DEAR NEW SEAT: Your son was mistaken. To ask to be seated at a table in a different part of the restaurant was not rude; it was your prerogative. If you preferred a location in the front of the place rather than near the kitchen or a family with small children, you should have repeated your request. And if the host or hostess had a problem with it, you should have left and enjoyed dinner at a restaurant more accommodating than that one.

Prime Time Highlights

8 p.m. on **WETP**

Finding Your Roots

The title "Southern Roots" specifies the geography considered by this new episode — but it's also a clever play on words, since one of the personalities learning his genealogy from Professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. is Questlove, whose group The Roots is the house band on "The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon." Daytime-television staple Dr. Phil McGraw and veteran journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault also learn portions of their family histories here.

8 p.m. on **CW**

Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2017

Seasonal ads from the past have been combined for specials before, and as with the 2016 edition of this offering, the newest edition takes "The 12 Days of Christmas" as its approach — with one commercial representing each of those days. "Entertainment Tonight's" Kevin Frazier and Keltie Knight reunited again to present the sales pitches in question — some of which are amusing, while others are heart-tugging. And some are domestic, and some are foreign.



9 p.m. on **WJHL**

Bull

A youngster (guest star Annabelle Wachtel) who wants to be emancipated from her parents seeks Bull's (Michael Weatherly) help in the new episode "Home for the Holidays." He gets more than he bargained for when he's court-ordered to be her guardian, at least for the time being. Marissa (Geneva Carr) is alarmed by what she finds out about her boyfriend (guest star Gary Wilmes).

9 p.m. on **WCYB**

Gwen Stefani's You Make It Feel Like Christmas

Her voice has been missing from "The Voice" lately, but music superstar and three-time Grammy Award winner Gwen Stefani remains very much in business

with NBC, as proven by her headlining of this new offering that offers many favorite songs of the season ... with her distinctive twists. Guests include Blake Shelton — the title star's significant other — as well as Seth MacFarlane, Chelsea Handler, Ne-Yo and former "Dr. Ken" star Ken Jeong.

9:30 p.m. on **WJHL**

The Mayor

"It's a Wonderful Life" for Courtney (Brandon Micheal Hall), who follows in the footsteps of many other television characters who have sampled that movie's theme, in the new episode "Grey Christmas." He becomes determined to help the city's needy and homeless, though he doesn't have the budget to do what he wants to accomplish. David Spade continues his recurring guest role. Lea Michele and Yvette Nicole Brown also star.

10 p.m. on **WCYB**

Chicago Med

The new episode "Naughty or Nice" adds a major wrinkle to the shooting of Dr. Charles (Oliver Platt), given a discovery he makes about his assailant. A cheating husband's medical condition puts Will and Natalie (Nick Gehlfuss, Torrey DeVitto) in a tough spot. A patient's death escalates the discord between Goodwin (S. Epatha Merkerson) and the hospital board.

The bridge story from down under



PHILLIP ALDER
ON BRIDGE

There is one other independently published magazine in English: Australian Bridge (australianbridge.com). There are six issues per annum, with tournament reports, quizzes, instructive articles for different levels of player and bidding competitions.

East in this deal won a brilliancy award for his defense 21 years ago.

Today, I think East would have bid one heart over North's takeout double. South's jump to two spades showed some 7-9 (maybe 10) points by a

passed hand. Since South might have had only four spades, North might have cue-bid three clubs, which typically announces game-going values but with only three-card support. Note also that three no-trump would surely have made.

West led a low club. Declarer won with dummy's queen and drew trumps with the aid of a finesse through East. (West discarded three clubs.)

Now declarer ran the diamond queen, which won the trick when Robert Fruewirth (East) played low smoothly. South continued with his diamond nine, and after Ben Thompson (West) made the excellent play of the jack, declarer ducked in the dummy. West exited with the club king. South won and confidently played a diamond to dummy's 10. However, suddenly East produced the king out of his back

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		♥ K 6 3 2	
		♦ A 10 8 7	
		♣ Q 7	
West		East	
♠ 8		♥ J 9 6 3	
♥ A Q 5		♦ J 9 8 4	
♦ J 5 4		♣ K 6 2	
♣ K J 9 5 3 2		♦ 10 4	
		South	
		♠ Q 10 5 4 2	
		♥ 10 7	
		♦ Q 9 3	
		♣ A 8 6	
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
Pass	1♣	Dbl.	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 5			

pocket. Then, after a heart to the ace, West cashed the club jack to defeat the contract.

Great defense, but surely declarer should have played for West to hold the heart ace. So it could not have hurt South to take the diamond jack with dummy's ace and play a third round of the suit. Still, if your opponents never err, you will have trouble winning.

HOROSCOPE

DECEMBER 12, 2017: Take what you've done in the past and find a way to make it work for you now. Diversification will be in your best interest. Bring about change that will keep you up to date with the latest technology and methods so you can remain competitive and gain respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll thrive on being challenged. Your ability to take whatever is thrown at you and turn it into something great will put you in a leadership category.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Choose your words wisely and use common sense, not brute force, to get what you want. Trying to pressure or manipulate others will result in a stalemate. Offer positive suggestions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Intellect, desire and a plan that will help you stick to a strict budget while still enjoying the interests and pastimes that make you happy will help you succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You'll have to use common sense when dealing with partners, colleagues and matters that could influence your position, status or reputation. Honesty is in your best interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Make a change that will improve your standard of living and ease your everyday stress. Better life choices will give you more time for romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) —

Take care of personal finances, health issues and any pending settlements before it's too late. Let go of the past and accept the inevitable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You'll face opposition if you try to make changes that someone doesn't want. Expect a rival to use tactics that can undermine you and your plans. Have alternative possibilities in place.

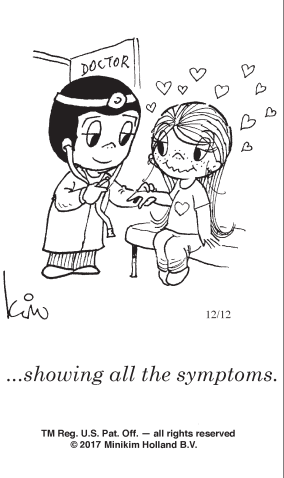
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let your emotions take the reins. Avoid getting into a spat with anyone at work or home. Keeping the peace is in your best interest. Be ready and willing to compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Fix up your place. Add to your home entertainment system or do something with the youngsters in your family that will get them excited about upcoming events.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Use your intelligence and insight to get others to see things your way. Manipulative or forceful tactics are not recommended; persuasion is the way to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Taking a day trip or doing some-

love is...



thing to help your community will be enlightening. If you share your thoughts with a friend or sibling, together you can make someone's dream come true.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Money matters should be addressed. You may want to make some changes to your personal finances or documents before the year's end. Look for alternative ways to live that will be more cost-effective.

Horoscopes are for amusement only and have no scientific basis.

CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" S A E D E U F S J G E D U F L N R U M S F T E F K
R E D N S G P G X U U F H E W R O S F K D L L
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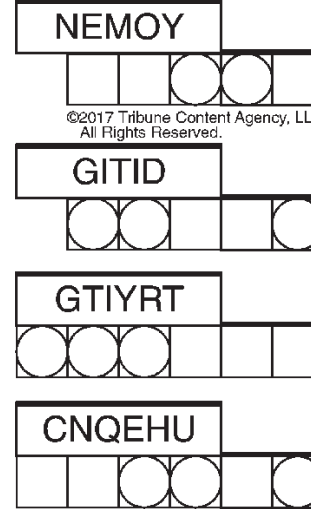
Previous Solution: "I loved my role on 'Who's the Boss?'" There's always some of me in every character I play." — Judith Light

TODAY'S CLUE: Ⓟ spenbe M

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



" [] [] [] [] [] " HIS [] [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MANLY DOILY FORGET ROTATE
Answer: They spent the day with their daughter's children and had a — GRAND TIME

SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution

2	4	9	8	6	5	3	7	1
6	5	8	3	1	7	4	2	9
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9	1	7	5	3	2	8	4	6
4	9	2	6	7	8	1	5	3
5	8	6	1	2	3	7	9	4
1	7	3	9	5	4	2	6	8

12/11

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- relief
- Nerve network
- DDE's org.
- Peak for Heidi
- Seaweed derivative
- Miff
- Wary
- Pale and brown, for two
- Disguises
- Travel papers
- Pasture
- Hogan or Affleck
- Elongated circle
- Weight deduction
- State-of-the-art
- Foil-wrapped candy
- Have bills to pay
- Pitcher's stat
- French monarch abbr.
- Calendar abbr.
- Zip
- Chatty alien of TV
- Balmy

39 Road map nos.

- List ender
- Detective's cry
- Traffic no-no (hyph.)
- Throbs
- Disco dancer (hyph.)
- Saying from memory
- Cuddled
- Trip around the sun
- to be tied
- Coloring
- House shaders
- Badges and such

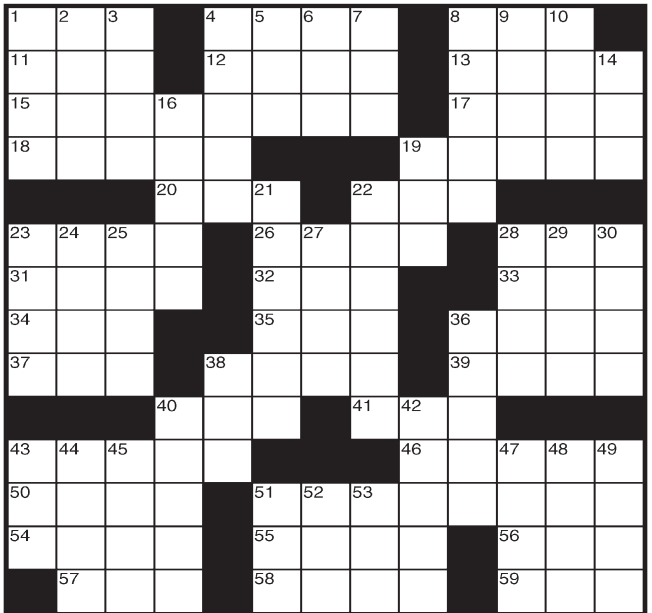
DOWN

- Composer J.S. —
- Asian range
- Tater
- Employee's hope
- Vanity
- T, in Athens
- Pause fillers
- Tiny particle

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Fixes a squeak
- Wash away (nitpick)
- Split —
- Tearful request
- Double curve
- Notifies
- Sweater front
- Nuclear
- Starr of the comics
- Slimy vegetable
- Fat fiddle
- Get real! (2 wds.)
- Army no-show
- Fastidious
- Sea eagle
- Wits
- Piece of land
- Atlas abbr.



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Too bad he wasn't anywhere near a gigantic magnet ...

• **Compulsion:** A 35-year-old Indian man employed a unique method for dealing with his depression: swallowing metal. Maksud Khan was rushed to surgery at Sanjay Gandhi Hospital in Satna, Madhya Pradesh, India, after developing severe abdominal pains, according to Metro News. An endoscopy showed that Khan had “coins, nails and nut-bolts in his stomach,” said Dr. Priyank Sharma, who led the surgical team. In late November, surgeons removed 263 coins, 100 nails and other metal items, including razor blades and dog chains, from Khan’s stomach. His family had no idea he had been ingesting metal, and Khan promised doctors he would never eat metal again.

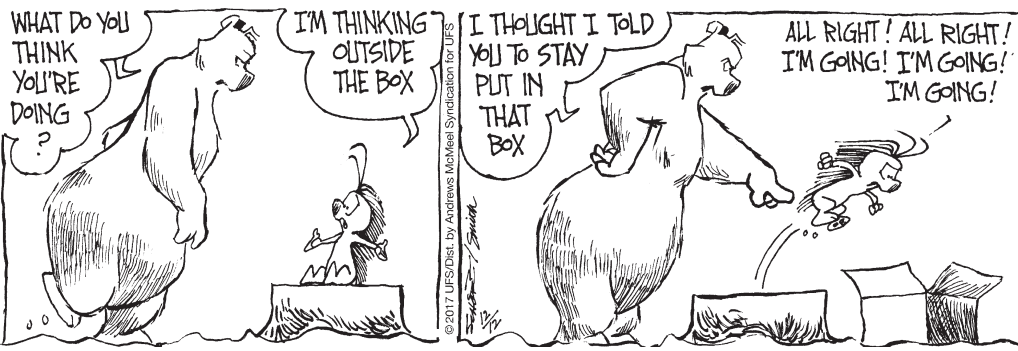
• **Unclear on the Concept:** In Iowa, autumn is breeding season for deer, when the animals can get a little wacky and try to cross roadways. It’s also the time of year when the Iowa Department of Transportation begins fielding questions from drivers asking why deer crossing signs aren’t erected at safer spots for deer to cross. “This sign isn’t intended to tell deer where to cross,” the Iowa DOT helpfully posted on its Facebook page on Oct. 24, according to the Des Moines Register. “It’s for drivers to be alert that deer have

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been in this area in the past.” State Farm Insurance reports that Iowa drivers have the fourth-highest likelihood in the U.S. of hitting a deer. Coincidence?

GRIZZWELLS



DECEMBER 12 IN HISTORY

IN 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

IN 1901, the first trans-Atlantic radio transmission was received by inventor Guglielmo Marconi in Newfoundland.

IN 2012, North Korea successfully launched Kwangmyongsong-3 Unit 2, its first satellite.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS — John Jay (1745-1829), first chief

justice of the United States; William Lloyd Garrison (1805-1879), journalist/abolitionist; Gustave Flaubert (1821-1880), novelist; Edvard Munch (1863-1944), artist; Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973), actor; Frank Sinatra (1915-1998), singer; Bob Barker (1923-), TV personality; Dionne Warwick (1940-), singer; Bill Nighy (1949-), actor; Royce Gracie (1966-), mixed martial

artist; Jennifer Connelly (1970-), actress; Mayim Bialik (1975-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT — Ten nations/organizations are currently capable of putting satellites in orbit using their own launch vehicles — the United States, Japan, China, the intergovernmental European Space Agency, India, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Iran and North Korea.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY AT JONESBOROUGH, TENNESSEE

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Case No. 17- PR0227
Estate of
JACKIE DEAN SMITH

Notice is hereby given that on the 18 day of October 2017, Letters of Testamentary, in respect to the Estate of Jackie Dean Smith, deceased who died July 30, 2017, were issued to the undersigned by the Clerk & Master of the Probate Court for Washington County, at Jonesborough, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred.

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or

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

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 18 day of October 2017.

(signed)
Marie Compton Smith
Executrix

Deceased: Jackie Dean Smith

By: Jim R. Williams
Attorney for the Estate
324 Cherokee Street
Kingsport, TN 37660
(423) 230-0006

Sarah Lawson
Clerk & Master

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
FOR CARTER COUNTY
AT ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE

ESTATE OF:
JOHN R. GRAYBEAL
DECEASED

PROBATE # P170183

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of December, 2017, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the Estate of John R. Graybeal, who died December 8, 2017, were issued to the under signed by the Probate Court, of Carter County Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

1. (A) Four months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication or

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

This the 11th day of December, 2017

G. Richard Johnson
Personal Representative
for the Estate

John R Graybeal
Deceased

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INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for the **2018 Morristown-Hamblen High School West Batting Cage, Morristown, TN 37813** will be received at the office of the Supervisor of Maintenance at 353 Boyd School Road, Morristown, TN 37813, until **10:30 a.m. local time on January 2, 2018, at which time they will be opened.** Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the type of bid clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Project consists of construction of a new Batting Cage building adjacent to the baseball field on the campus of Morristown-Hamblen High School West. Questions shall be directed, in writing, to the project engineer, T. Clint Harrison, P.E. by emailing to harrisoneng@gmail.com. Bid packets and contract documents may be examined at the following:

Supervisor of Maintenance Office
353 Boyd School Road
Morristown, TN 37813
Office Hours: 7:30 – 3:30 M-F

Hamblen County Board of Education reserves the right to accept / reject any/all bids.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for Re-roof Meadowview Middle School, located in Hamblen County, Tennessee will be received until 10:00 A. M. local time, on January 30, 2018 at the Hamblen County Schools Facility Maintenance Department Office, 353 Boyd School Road, Morristown, TN, 37813 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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A mandatory prebid conference shall be held 10:00 A. M. January 9, 2018 at the Meadowview Middle School, 1623 Meadowview Lane, Morristown, TN, 37814

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **January 4, 2018 at 10:00AM local time**, at the front door on Main St, Carter County Courthouse, 801 East Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Allison Cornett and Justin Cornett, to John J. Owens, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ameritrust Mortgage Company on November 21, 2006 at Book T788, Page 452; conducted by Shapiro & Ingle, LLP, having been appointed Substitute or Successor Trustee, all of record in the Carter County Register's Office. Default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable.

Party Entitled to Enforce the Debt: The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, its successors and assigns.

The following real estate located in Carter County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder:

Described property located at Carter County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATE in the 151th Civil District of Carter County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Lot 1 of the Darrell Bowers and Jerry Bowers Tract as shown on map or plat of record at Plat Book B, Page 248, in the Register's Office for Carter County, Tennessee to which reference is herein made and incorporated herein for a more complete description of the same.

BEING a part of the property conveyed to Allison Cornett and husband, Justin Cornett by Warranty Deed from Darrell C. Bowers and Jerry L. Bowers dated November 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 507, Page 442 Register's Office for Carter County, Tennessee.

Street Address: 1561 Southside Rd, Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643
Parcel Number: 049 037.00
Current Owner(s) of Property: Allison Cornett and Justin Cornett

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 1561 Southside Rd, Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description herein shall control.

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances including those created by a fixture filing or any applicable homeowners' association dues or assessments; all claims or other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the said Deed of Trust or any party claiming by, through, or under any of the foregoing. Such parties known to the Substitute Trustee may include: None.

Terms of Sale will be public auction, for cash, free and clear of rights of homestead, redemption and dower to the extent disclaimed or inapplicable, and the rights of Allison Cornett and Justin Cornett, and those claiming through him/her/it/them.

Any right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are waived in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. **If you purchase a property at the foreclosure sale, the entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of a certified/bank check made payable to or endorsed to Shapiro & Ingle, LLP. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end, you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser at the time the foreclosure deed is delivered.**

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. This sale may be rescinded only by the Substitute Trustee at any time. If the Substitute Trustee rescinds the sale, the purchaser shall only be entitled to a return of any money paid towards the purchase price and shall have no other recourse. Once the purchaser tenders the purchase price, the Substitute Trustee may deem the sale final in which case the purchaser shall have no remedy. The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties or representations of any kind, express or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding condition of the property or marketability of title.

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