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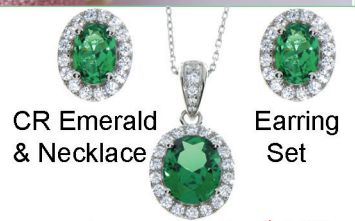


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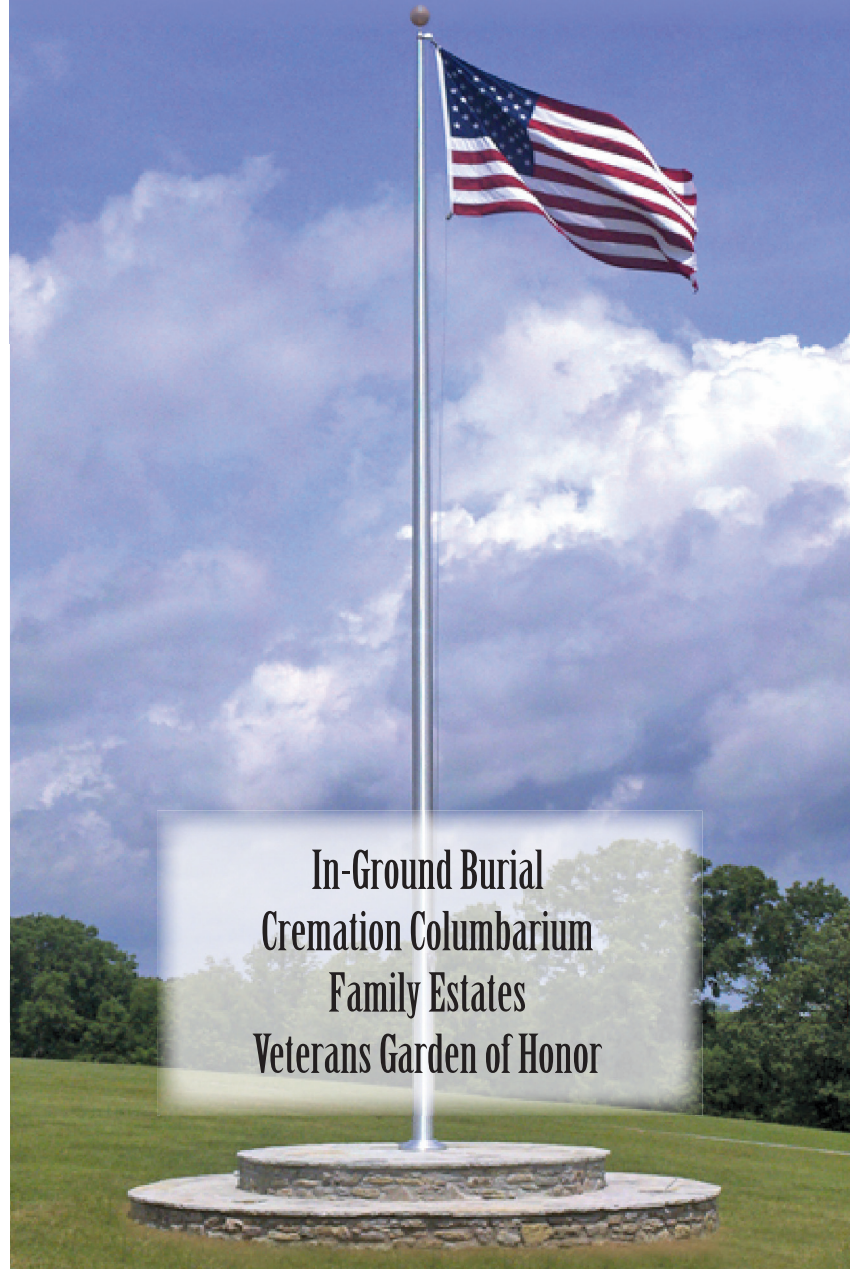
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You don't have to get away to let your hair down. You don't have to stay in Tennessee, either. But you should know about the hidden gems we may have forgotten about. Spend every weekend like a vacation.

Find joy in your backyard. And if you can't find it, make it. This issue of Good News is about shining a light on Tennessee and the things that make us great. **-GN**



Wesley Bryant
Wesley Bryant,
MANAGING EDITOR

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New City Administrator

The city of Fayetteville hires Kevin Owens as its new city administrator.

By Gabriel Grant Huff // Photography by Brooke Snyder

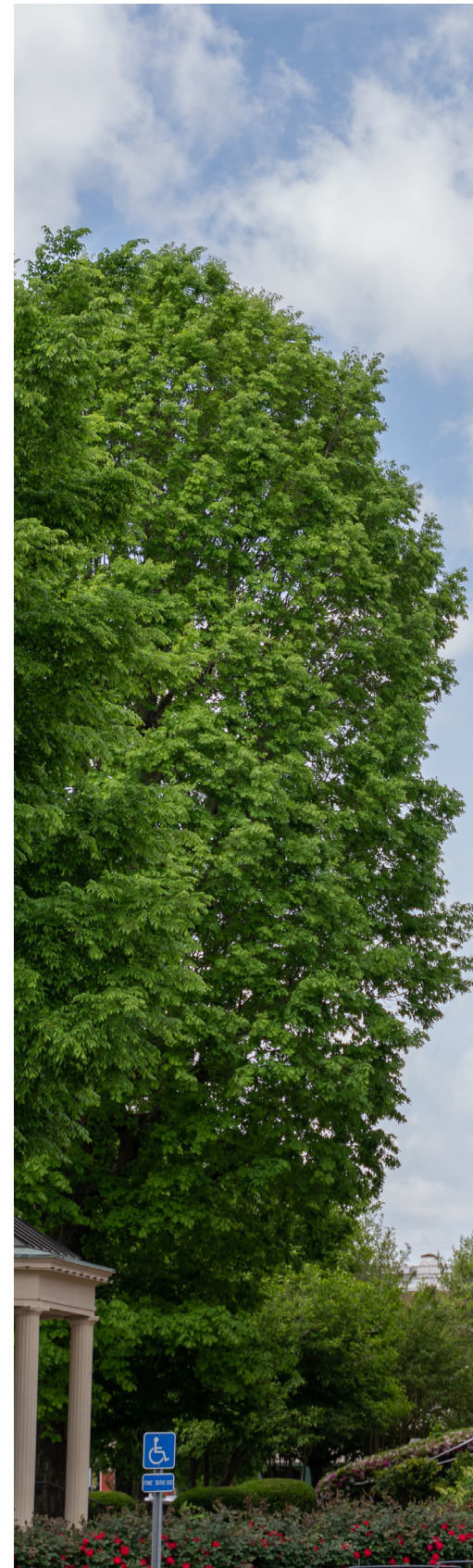
FAYETTEVILLE WELCOMED a new individual who is seeking to bring positive changes to the city: new City Administrator Kevin Owens.

Mayor Michael Whisenant said the position of city administrator became available when the previous city administrator's contract had about a year left, in the summer of 2021. The Fayetteville Board of Mayor and Alderman decided they wanted to go in a different direction, so they severed the remainder of the contract and began the process of hiring a new city administrator in August 2021.

The opening for city administrator was advertised for 40-45 days. The Municipal Technical Advisory Service helped conduct a national search for someone to fill the position, and Owens became one of five other candidates. After conducting interviews, the mayor and his board decided that Owens was the best person for the job. The city administrator was also highly recommended by his references and other sources the interview team found through the procedure. Owens began his work in Fayetteville in mid-March.

Owens brought a lifetime of experience with him into Fayetteville. He was raised in Birmingham, Alabama. In college, he earned a bachelor's degree in finance, which led to about 22 years in municipal government administration, Owens said. He worked in the mayor's office alongside four different mayors, and he also dealt with financing, animal control, municipal grant programs, and transportation issues. His position evolved during his time in Birmingham, as he started as an administrative analyst and later became the chief administrative officer.

Whisenant said the plan is for Owens to help look after Fayetteville's budgetary needs. Owens will help overlook the day-to-day operations of the city and search for resources that can help develop Fayetteville. He will also need to help hire Fayetteville's next police chief, early in his tenure.







A six-month trial period was agreed upon for Owens. If everything goes well, the board will gather again to formulate a new contract for him.

Owens said his main goals right now are to meet the Fayetteville community, get familiar with his colleagues, and do an analysis of the Fayetteville government's current state.

"What makes me so excited is that I'm dealing with a bunch of employees, as well as a board and the community, that are very excited about doing things," Owens said. "When I came through to an interview, the vibe was very positive."

Whisenant said he is excited to work with Owens.

"We're excited to have Mr. Owens here and hope he's here for a long period

of time," Whisenant said. "We just wish him the best of luck as he transitions into his role with us, the city, and working with the county and state officials."

Owens said he likes the small community aspect of Fayetteville, as it has the conveniences of larger cities without some of the problems of a large city.

"I'm hoping that under my tenure that we'll come out of my time here as a unified community," Owens said. "I'm hopeful that we can bring some resolve to some of the projects we have had out here, outstanding for a while. I just hope you follow me as I look to do some things here in this community, and be honest with me about where you see the successes and some of the things that I can improve on." -GN



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COUNTY NEWS

Broadband Access for Everyone

Lincoln County Commission approves a \$1 million incentive for the county's five broadband providers.

By Gabriel Grant Huff // Photos contributed by Katie Burk

THE LINCOLN County Commission approved a \$1 million incentive for the county's five broadband providers earlier this spring, seeking to provide better internet connections to Lincoln County residents in need.

The incentive is derived from American Rescue Plans (ARP) funds and designed to help the county's broadband providers - Fayetteville Public Utilities, Charter Spectrum, Mediacom, Ardmore Telephone Companies, and United Communications - supply broadband installation to citizens who are underserved or not served at all. Lincoln County Mayor Bill Newman said the county had received \$3.4 million from the ARP for one-time projects, and \$1 million was set aside for the broadband project.

"There are many rural areas in Lincoln County that do not have access to broadband or a limited access to any internet," Newman said.

"Approximately 5,000 residential addresses have a lack of broadband service or none at all, which is about a third of Lincoln County's total residents," Newman

said. "These numbers give each residence \$200."

"Our proposal for any of the five broadband providers in Lincoln County is if they receive one of the grants through the state for broadband expansion; we will be giving them \$200 for every residential address that they build out broadband to," Newman said.

The residence owners are not required to hook up to the new broadband installation in order for the provider to receive the funds.

Britt Dye - CEO and general manager of Fayetteville Public Utilities (FPU) - said FPU has already applied for the grant and is now waiting for the application to be evaluated and reviewed. He believes reliable broadband service is important because of more people working from home, an increased number of students participating in virtual learning, and an increased use of telemedicine.

"We are working with the county as much as we can," Dye said. "We both believe in providing good community service, and we're trying to improve the quality of life in

those areas that are unserved or underserved with broadband."

Dye said FPU has applied for a grant to install fiber to the premises of over 4,000 homes and 92 businesses in the eastern portion of Lincoln County, providing about 650 miles of fiber. Dye thanked the county and Newman for working with FPU to provide more broadband service to Lincoln County residents.

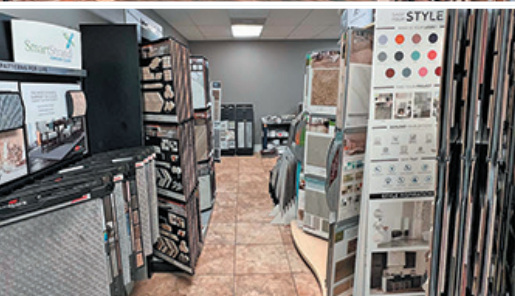
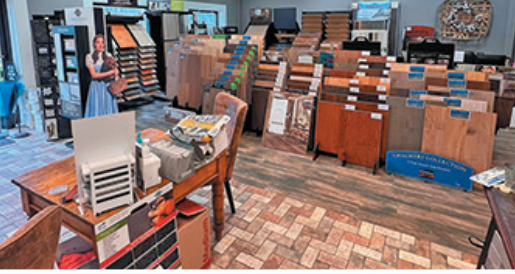
"We realize how important it is to have access to reliable internet and hope to be able to provide this service to as many residents as possible," Dye said.

Newman hopes that all the broadband providers applied for the grant. This information will be known for certain, during the month of August.

Newman said Tennessee has already announced that they will provide grants in the future, something that will be similar to what the state is doing now.

"If we don't get everybody served this round, we'll get another chance to do that in the future," Newman said. **•GN**





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Lincoln County Schools receive recognition for success, and Ralph Askins School receives a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math grant.

By Gabriel Grant Huff // Photos contributed by John Fanning & Tonja Whitenack

LINCOLN COUNTY Schools (LCS) received awards this past school year in recognition of its successful programs and contributions to student success.

The Tennessee Department of Education named LCS an exemplary district for its work during the 2020-21 school year, a time filled with challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Bill Heath, director of LCS, said school districts can obtain this distinction by scoring well in four categories: academic achievement, academic growth, attendance, and graduation rates. Only seven districts were selected this time around.

“And we’re the only one in Middle Tennessee that received that recognition this year,” Heath said.

Heath said LCS has the highest academic test scores since 2016 in its region. The district also scored a level five on academic growth (the highest rank a district can achieve). Subgroup performance was also included in the district’s recognition. The

subgroup comprised economic disadvantaged kids, black children, hispanic children, Native American children, special education students and English Language Learners.

Heath said members of the district decided a few years ago to filter their decisions through the district’s core values: taking care of students and employees academically, emotionally, physically, and morally. Heath was ecstatic for the district because the award is probably the biggest recognition that a district can receive from the state department.

“For us, it validates that we’re doing the right thing for our kids,” Heath said.

LCS also achieved the Best For All District award and Tennessee Reading 360 in March. The former praises the district for spending its budget wisely on students while the latter validates the district’s proficiency in reading and literacy.

“We’ve received a lot of big recognition. Being a Tennessee “Best For All” is one of those,” Heath said.



RALPH ASKINS SCHOOL RECEIVES A SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM) GRANT

RALPH ASKINS Elementary School received a STEM grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). The grant is designed to spark students' interest in STEM-related careers by allowing them to participate in science, technology, engineering, and math education projects.

Cindy Young, supervisor for Fayetteville City Schools, said she applied for the grant on behalf of the elementary school in September of 2021, receiving the funds in March.

The school called their STEM lab the Little Tigers Lab, which began last semester. The TVA grant helped purchase inspirational books and materials for robot building for students, including 18 Lego boost robotic kits. Shana Smith, the school STEM facilitator, said the school hopes to start using these new materials in the summer.

"Our vision is to have a lab that all our students — Pre-K through 5th — can use weekly and do projects facilitated by a teacher and STEM lab teacher, me," Smith said. "They can do coding and use our robotic kit, but we also need to have other projects in mind such as exploring simple machines, exploring light and sound energy, exploring electricity."

Tonja Whitenack, principal of the Fayetteville elementary school, said Smith will serve as the full-time teacher dedicated to the school's STEM lab this upcoming fall semester.

"Our goal is to provide our students with those innate skills [so] that they can use those to grow, as they go into middle school, high school, and into the workforce," Young said. **-GN**

INDUSTRY NEWS

Lincoln County Experiences Growth

U.S. Census data shows continual, positive growth in Lincoln County.

By Gabriel Grant Huff

PEOPLE EXPERIENCE and witness the same problems resurface without end: COVID-19, economic hardships such as increased gas prices, natural disasters, racial injustice, political tension, death, and more. When news stories like these are constantly showcased to the world, people can sometimes find it difficult to find positive outcomes in their area. Fortunately, the citizens of Fayetteville and Lincoln County have many things to smile about as the area has continued to grow, according to the 5-year 2020 U.S. Census data.

The county has experienced positive growth in multiple areas in the last few years. From 2015 to 2020, the population has increased from 33,550 to 34,158. The economy displayed positive growth as the median income increased from a little over \$40,000 to nearly \$54,000. In 2015, 53% of the population who are 16 or older were employed. That number has jumped up to 56.7%. These numbers correlate with the county's poverty rate as well, which decreased from 16.7% to 11.7%. When it comes to health insurance, 92.2% of the civilian noninstitutionalized population in

the county was reported to have insurance coverage in 2020 while only 87.8% had coverage in 2015.

Lincoln County's growth in education is slightly apparent too. The percentage of people 25 or older who had at least graduated from high school grew from 82.4 to 84.9. The amount of people who did not complete high school decreased from 17.6% to 15.1%.





On top of this positive data, Fayetteville is still seeking to bring improvements to the city and county. The Fayetteville-Lincoln County Industrial Development Board is constructing a pad-ready site after receiving a grant to attract new corporate investments. Fayetteville's new city administrator is looking to make improvements to this already great city, as well.

According to the census data, the number of people who had a computer in the county was at 86.7%, and 69.9% of the population had a broadband internet subscription. County officials are working to increase the number of people who have access to broadband internet by approving a \$1 million incentive for the county's five broadband providers. The fund will

allow broadband providers to install broadband connections to residential addresses that are unserved or underserved with broadband.

Along with its positive growth, Lincoln County and Fayetteville offer many events or places to see and visit, if you haven't already, including the Slawburger Festival, Stone Bridge Memorial Park, Wells Hill Park, Camp Blount Historic Park, the Fayetteville Lincoln County Museum, and more. Whether a person enjoys nature, food, history, or something else, this town offers a variety of things to do.

Fayetteville and Lincoln County are great areas, and the officials of these places are continuing to do their part in making them even better. **-GN**



SPORTS NEWS

Coaching to Win

Chris Murdock turns the Fayetteville High School basketball team into winners, inside and out.

By Gabriel Grant Huff

FAYETTEVILLE HIGH School (FHS) was established 11 years ago. Along with the school came a new Tigers basketball program, a lot of uncertainty, and a head boys basketball coach faced with the challenge of bringing success. Chris Murdock did not disappoint.

Murdock has been teaching at Fayetteville City Schools (FCS) for 13 years. He graduated from Martin Methodist College in 2009 and obtained his master's in Educational Leadership in 2019 from Austin Peay State University. Along with coaching the boys basketball team, he instructs government, economics, and US History. He is also a husband and father.

Murdock's journey with the high school basketball team began in the 2011-12 season when the school was established. No seniors or juniors were present, so Murdock had to coach 8th, 9th, and 10th graders who came from FCS's middle school. Murdock said he appreciates the boys and their parents who elected to stay with FCS.

"We wouldn't be here without them," Murdock said.

In that first year of growth, the Tigers only won five games along with a district game. Things flipped the very next season as the team retained all their starters and posted a winning record of 14-11. The Tigers returned in the 2013-14 season to post a 19-

11 record and earn a trip to their first district championship, where they lost. They also qualified for their regional tournament that year but lost on a last second shot to Lead Academy, a Nashville team who moved on to the state tournament.

Murdock led his team to a school record of 23-5 the following season, but the Tigers once again lost in the region tournament to Lead Academy, who was starting to become a stumbling block for FHS.

"It's like we could never get past them," Murdock said.

However, no one could serve as a stumbling block for Murdock's senior player Nick Hopkins, as the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association named him Class A Mr. Basketball in 2016, making Hopkins the community's first and only recipient of the award in this historical moment. When the 2016-17 season rolled around, all the players from the Tiger's original team in 2011 had graduated, and Murdock found himself in the stages of rebuilding a team, winning only six games that year.

"It was like rebuilding from scratch again," Murdock said. "After being with those players for seven years, now we've started the program over again."

The Tigers did not stay down for long as they went 19-10 the subsequent year, capturing their first district championship

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and winning their first regional game. Despite the success, Murdock's team lost to none other than Lead Academy in their regional semifinals.

"That's the third time they've beaten us," Murdock said. "As a coach, I'm questioning; I'm like, 'What are we gonna do? How can we beat them?'"

The answer came in the 2018-19 season when Murdock met up with Lead Academy in the regional semifinals again. The Tigers would finally beat them 75-35.

"I unleashed all the memories of them beating us three times already, and I said, 'I'm just leaving y'all out there,'" Murdock said.

Though the Tigers could not win the regional championship, the team qualified for the state tournament and finished the season 26-8, a school record.

Murdock said he credits the team's success to the change of philosophy he made after reading "The Energy Bus" by Jon Gordon, which encouraged him to help the team get more connected off the court by inviting the boys to his home to participate in non-basketball activities.

The success continued as FHS won three straight district championships, going 25-6 in 2020 despite having only one returning starter from the previous season. The latest district championship victory occurred this past season. Murdock has now won four district championships and owns a record of 184-130.

From his coaching career, Murdock said his relationships with his players and their families bring him the most satisfaction. The ultimate goal is to win a state championship, but he is not too worried about that.

"It will take care of itself," Murdock said.

"I want to thank my wife because without her I would not be able to coach basketball," Murdock added. "She is supportive of the team and is the glue that holds our family together. Thank you, and I love you, Jennifer." -GN

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RUNNING

AND RAISING A FAMILY

The charitable organization Always Endure offers help and hope.

By Tina Neeley // Photos by Brooke Snyder

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FOR COREY Buckner, the path of his life changed in an instant. A diagnosis of Stage 2a Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2013 shifted his focus from life's ordinary routines and dreams to a fight for his life. His daily battle cry became "always endure." Sustained by his faith in God and the support and care of Brittany, who would soon become his wife, Corey endured radiation and chemotherapy and was declared to be in remission in 2014. Although his medical expenses far exceeded \$100,000, Corey was debt-free and overwhelmed by God's faithfulness throughout his illness. Now his greatest desire is to help others who are enduring life-altering circumstances.

In the hard seasons of life, joy can be absent. Surviving is the only thing on the day's agenda. A major medical diagnosis like Corey's brings financial burdens, shakes up daily family routines, and turns spouses into caregivers. And yet, for all the negative things brought on by such a diagnosis, it creates

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room for God to move, and it is here that Always Endure shows up. Always Endure exists to remove barriers, in order to care for patients who are enduring such seasons. It also works to remove financial barriers for foster and adoptive families who provide children with loving homes.

With a desire to raise money to bless someone going through a similar health crisis, the couple began to plan a fundraising event. Fayetteville’s first annual Slawburger Festival provided the perfect opportunity, and the Always Endure 5K kicked off the day’s events, raising \$4,000. The event has grown each year exponentially, and Always Endure became a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in 2017, which opened doors for additional funding through grants. The couple’s season of hardship did not end with the remission of Corey’s cancer. Doors appeared closed as they longed for a child of their own. In 2017, after three consecutive miscarriages, two resulting from failed infertility treatments and procedures, the couple began to pursue adoption. Again, by the grace of God and through the generosity of others, the Buckners endured.

Their daughter, Bella Faith, came into their lives in 2018, and their adoption expenses were paid in full. Their desire to help those in medical hardship increased, and they added adoptive and foster families through Bella’s Snow Ball, a 5K held each November that kicks off Fayetteville’s annual Host of Christmas Past celebration.

“I think for us, it’s a joy to run to the difficulty in people’s lives, and it’s for a purpose. It’s an opportunity to share the greatest message: new life through the gospel of Christ and how He can meet our greatest need,” Corey said. “While some people don’t want to get involved in the messiness, we want to run to it because that’s where we’ve been. We’ve been in hard seasons, but God has used them to grow us and bring so many good things out of it.”

Run to the messiness with Always Endure, literally or figuratively. Participate in their 5K runs, or you may make donations monthly or on a one-time basis. Volunteers for upcoming projects, and an experienced volunteer grant writer are needed. **-GN**

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Sharon Guntherberg's greenhouses are the flower lover's dream.

By Tina Neeley // Photos by Brooke Snyder

JF THE Japanese proverb that says happiness is to hold flowers in both hands is true, Sharon Guntherberg is one of the happiest people in Lincoln County, if not the world. And it's a happiness she shares with others.

At her home in Elora, Tennessee, Guntherberg owns and operates The Greenhouse. What began as one greenhouse 35 years ago has grown into 10, with one filled exclusively with ferns and another with all geraniums. Hanging pots, baskets, and flats hold more than flowers and vegetables; they hold the hope of each spring season.

"I see people get so excited. I don't have any negativity. Some places of business might have rudeness or negativity, but being in a flower nursery business, everybody's happy. In spring, we're able to experience new beginnings," Guntherberg said.

People come from miles away and return year after year to The Greenhouse.

Guntherberg said, "I've had people come from 100 miles away that have been coming here for years. People come from Town Creek, Alabama, Nashville, SpringHill, Tullahoma, Winchester, Fayetteville, and

A close-up photograph of a chef's hands in a kitchen setting. The chef is wearing a grey apron over a white shirt. They are carefully garnishing a plate of food with fresh green herbs. The plate contains a piece of seared meat, a whole roasted onion, and a potato. In the foreground, there are fresh vegetables including red tomatoes and green bell peppers. The background is slightly blurred, showing the chef's torso and the kitchen environment.

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Huntsville. Some I’ve seen for 25 years. They’ll come once a year and take their plants back home.”

With no formal education in horticulture, Guntherberg left her banking career and opened a single greenhouse. A Huntsville nurseryman that she met in banking, encouraged her and watched over her, her first year. At his suggestion she grew plants in 4-inch pots, and he purchased them for his landscaping business. Things grew from there.

Guntherberg’s husband of 51 years, Steve, is a retired science teacher and has a specific job in the greenhouses. “I put him in charge of vegetables,” Sharon said.

It’s year-round work.

April’s ferns grow from 1-inch plugs that Sharon plants in August and another crop that she plants in the summer.

Sharon plants perennials in the fall. Planting, watering, arranging, rearranging, and waiting on customers, is challenging but rewarding work.

In addition to ferns and geraniums, fillers and perennials are popular with her customers. There are four greenhouses filled with hanging baskets arranged by Sharon and offered in three sizes. Be sure there’s plenty of room in your vehicle to take home your favorite plants, and plan time to wander among the blooms. You’ll leave with a handful of happiness. -GN

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BUCKLEY FARM

AWARD-WINNING FARMING FAMILY

By Sara McClaran and Tina Neeley // Photography by James Jordan

LESS THAN two miles from the Fayetteville square, a 50-acre farm provides local products to the Lincoln County community. Eli and Jessica Buckley, owners of Buckley Farm, are native to Fayetteville and, after a few years away, chose the city as the place to grow both their family and their business.

The Buckleys wanted their children to appreciate where food comes from and how it is grown, so they decided to start a farming family despite neither of them having a past in farming.

“I wanted to farm, not the conventional way,” Eli said. “We just started slow. We started... just with a few chickens.”

While they started off farming for their family, the Buckleys quickly discovered a need in Lincoln County for locally raised meats and hand-crafted products. In 2019 they made farming their full-time job, starting a farm store out of their home that was open every Thursday. The store did well enough that in the fall of 2021 they opened a new store – The Market at Buckley Farm.

Instead of only one day a week, The Market is now open Tuesday through Saturday. It offers a variety of products from pasture-raised meats to hand-made goat milk soaps to prepared dinners made in their commercial kitchen and local artisan’s goods

like honey and pottery. The farm has grown from a few chickens to about 200 laying hens, and hogs and cattle.

The farm is more than a commercial endeavor. The Buckleys have raised all four children on the farm. The children are involved in the farm’s day-to-day functions, and learn how to do the work alongside their parents as much as possible.

“I think it’s a lifestyle of just being around Eli and following along and just naturally learning how to do those things with us,” Jessica said. “I’m so thankful that we get to do it as a family. I’m thankful that my children get to experience this way of growing up.”





“I wanted to farm, not the conventional way”

Buckley Farm practices regenerative farming and focuses on traditional livestock breeds. Those concerns, along with the size of the operation, set the farm apart from others in the area.

“There’s a lot of different ways to farm, you know. It’s not just big fields and row crops. It’s not just big cattle farms – you can do it very small scale,” Eli said. “It’s not what you see on Pinterest either.”





Voted 2022 Best Agricultural Entrepreneur by Lincoln County FFA Alumni (Tennessee) and 2022 Best Business by the Fayetteville Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, life on the farm is good. “Knowing your farmer and where and how your food is grown is an important part of keeping our community strong and growing,” Jessica said.

The Buckleys said they are completely honored to raise their family and run their business in Fayetteville, a place so kind and supportive of small family-owned businesses. -GN





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WHAT MEMORIAL DAY MEANS TO A WAR VETERAN

Memorial Day is a reminder of all that has been lost and won by tears and blood.

By Julia Eads

AN OLDER gentleman living across the street shows himself peculiar in this world, addicted to speed and noise. Our world rushes and zips by, yet he stands unmoved and never in a hurry. The way he lives his life feels foreign as if he belongs to a different world than the rest of us. Behind the times, he is happily detached from modern conveniences. Instead of gazing at a screen, he spends each day soaking in his surroundings, moment by moment.

Each morning, with a coffee mug in hand, he strolls out on his covered front porch and sits down to read. Rocking slowly back and forth, he envelops himself in the daily newspaper. A torn and tattered ballcap rests proudly on his head. It reads “Vietnam Veteran” and is covered in ribbons, pins, and metals. After folding up the paper and placing it across his knee, he stops rocking. Closing his eyes, he listens to the songbirds sing their morning song. After what looks like reflecting, meditating, or praying, he gets up, goes inside, and dresses in work clothes. Then, like clockwork, he is out tending to the yard by 10 a.m. each day. Whether it’s pulling weeds, raking leaves, or mowing his tiny lawn with a push mower, he is painfully slow to complete each task. Still, he works steadily, taking pride in each step.

One particular day, the old man’s black pickup truck came flying down the street and abruptly stopped in his driveway. Outside, it had just started to storm. It seemed as if the man was concerned with safety and taking cover from the storm, yet he didn’t strike anyone as the fearful type. Something was wrong.

He hobbled out of the vehicle and raced up his porch steps, moving faster than his tired legs appeared they could handle. Pushing a step stool, he headed towards his American flag. Adamant about bringing it in as often as the rain came and lowering it to half staff when applicable, he struggled to get it

down. Just as he had the final ring unclipped, the wind picked up tremendously; he lost his balance and took a tumble. The flag went flying into the wind.

Panic set in on the older man’s face as he watched the flag tumbling down the street. This man, who is never in a hurry, began racing down the steps and after those stars and stripes. The wind and rain were unrelenting. Combined, they felt like pins and needles pricking the skin. The red, white, and blue flag turned a muddy brown as it blew across the neighborhood.

Finally, the man reached his flag. He and the flag were soaked, muddy, and on the ground. There, sitting in a puddle, he wept. Tear after tear streamed down his cheeks, giving a warm sensation as it mixed with the dampness of the cool rain. All he wanted to do was honor his fallen brothers and sisters he served with, but he felt he had failed. He felt that back then and now.

That veteran man did get himself back on his feet, get home, and get dry. Life for him went on per usual. However, life was different for the few neighbors and bystanders who witnessed the heart-wrenching episode. They carried a new perspective and respect for those who had served our country. By the end of the week word got out, and every house on the entire street had proudly hung American flags from railings, porches, and flagpoles alike.

As Memorial Day approaches this year, we hope you carry a reinstated sense of honor and pride for those who have fought, served, and lost their lives defending our freedoms. Since 1971, Memorial Day has been held on the last Monday in May. Initially, it was in honor of those who lost their lives fighting in the Civil War, but it has evolved to commemorate American military members who passed in all wars. Whether you decorate a gravesite or fly an American flag, we urge you to take the time to appreciate our fallen heroes. **-GN**

Stayc

Our team at Good News has put together a list of things to do here in Middle Tennessee for you and your family. A full day of making memories is just a short drive away!

***Staycation: a vacation,
without all the hassle.***

Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

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By Julia Eads

BEEP BEEP BEEP, beep beep beep was the noise that rallied her out of bed long before the sun peered over the horizon. With a quick press of a button, the coffee maker began to gurgle and drip. "I'm definitely going to need this," she sighed as she thought about that dreadfully long car ride ahead.

Pulling sheets out of the dryer and moving over the damp items from the washing machine, "shew wee," she said aloud to herself. "These smell like they have sat too long," she thought. She shrugged and tossed a few more dryer sheets in with the load. "Oh well, we have to have Jenny's favorite teddy bear or she won't sleep well this weekend."

Heading over to the kitchen, she gathered up some healthy snacks and drinks and filled the cooler. Next, she grabbed a pen and wrote "get ice" at the bottom of her "Things To Do Before We Leave" list. On another sheet of paper she began writing out detailed instructions for the dog sitter. "Hopefully, they will show up this time. That was a nightmare last vacation."

"So many things to do, so little time," she whispered, beginning to accumulate tension in her neck and shoulders. While traveling out of town is nice, it's also a lot of work. She still had to pack everyone's bags for the trip, empty the fridge, run by the pharmacy, and ask the neighbor to pull in the mail and packages. Just then, she began regretting that she had even made vacation plans in the first place. "Gee, I want to take time off and enjoy my family but not have to travel so far. Like being on vacation, but just staying home."

Just as she finished that thought, she pulled out Good News magazine from her mailbox. In bright and bold lettering, the first words read, "Staycation." She laughed to herself and chalked the whole situation up to fate.

Just then, she decided to cancel all the plans. She stopped packing bags, climbed back into bed, and reset her alarm for a few hours later. She realized she didn't have to go far away to have fun, experience new things, or have a vacation. She would have a staycation with her family right here, all while supporting the local community. Relief and peace washed over her as she realized adventure was waiting right in the backyard.

And she is right! Adventure is in our backyard. While traveling is a blast, it's not a prerequisite to having a good time.

Floating Vacations

on local water

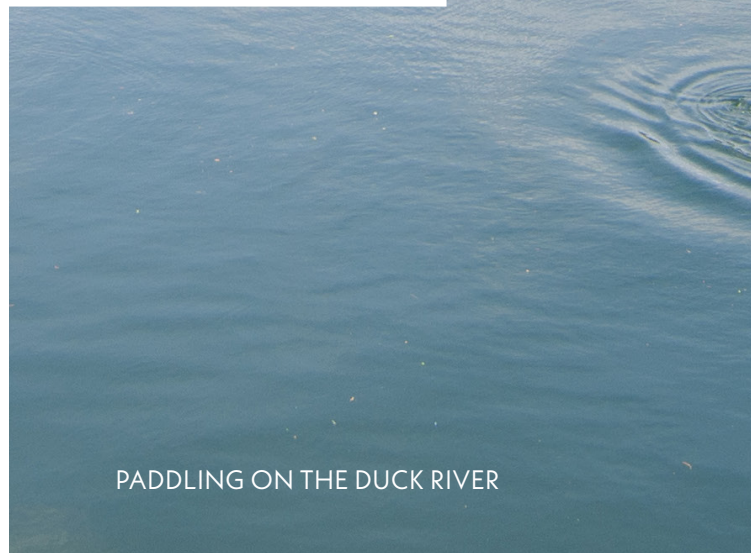
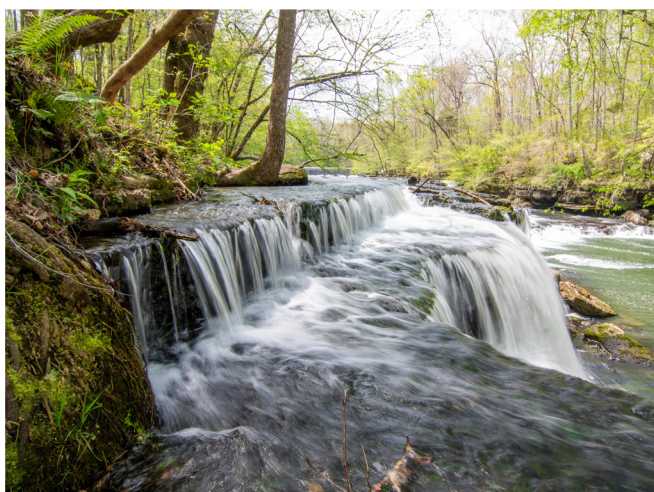
By Tina Neeley

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR TO FIND A GREAT ESCAPE.

Whether it's relaxation or adventure you're seeking, you don't have to look far to find it. Middle Tennessee's waterways will refresh and restore you.

A lazy float with nature's soundtrack of birdsong and insect chatter will softly rock you. A bass or trout flopping at the end of your line will energize you in the morning and fill your stomach in the evening. A hike will inform you of archaeological landmarks and artifacts while amazing you with the vistas and viewpoints. The crackle and pop from the firepit will punctuate the laughter and conversation of friends and family. The options in our area are endless. You can plan for a weekend or a week and never run out of things to do and see.

Plan to explore our waters and their surrounding areas. Take advantage of the amenities offered by our state parks, including hiking trails, camping, fishing, floating, swimming, golfing, bird-watching, and a year-round schedule of activities and events. Make exploration of your home state a summer tradition.



PADDLING ON THE DUCK RIVER

A person in a red kayak is paddling on the Duck River. The river is surrounded by lush green trees and a concrete bridge spans the water in the background. The water is calm with gentle ripples.

A Duck River float will carry you away

According to nature.org, the Duck River is one of the state's most scenic waterways and North America's most biologically diverse freshwater river. It is located entirely within the state of Tennessee and originates in the Barrens on the Highland Rim, flowing through seven Middle Tennessee counties. Its long deep pools and shallow stretches of mini-rapids wind 269 miles through Middle Tennessee.

Rentals are available in many locations and offer drop-off and pick-up services. Fill a cooler with snacks and drinks and launch your kayak or canoe at one of the many access points along the Duck River. Wood ducks, mallards, kingfishers, and songbirds serenade you. Expect to see deer, mink, and the shells of the once-endangered mussels. Look overboard for bass, channel catfish, and darters. Watch out for logs, limbs, gravel bars, and tricky drops that sometimes appear out of nowhere.

End your float with dinner at a nearby restaurant or cook over a campfire near the river. An overnight stay under the canopy of starlight is just what you need.

Remember to check the water current at tva.gov/environment/lake-levels/normandy by calling (800) 238-2264, or using their app, TVA Lake Info.



FLY FISHING ON THE ELK

The **Elk River** trout are calling

Located below Tims Ford Dam, the Elk River is popular for panfish and trout fishing. The tailwaters below the dam are about 50 feet wide with gravel bars and intermittent deep pools. For approximately 15 miles, brook, brown, and rainbow trout await you whether you wade, fish from a boat, or fish from the bank.

Wade into the river's pools as the morning's mist still hangs sleepily over it. A turtle splashes as it jumps clumsily from the fallen log. Squirrels chatter among the branches. Cicadas are waking. The day is already heating up, but you're not worried about checking the time. You have all the time in the world.

Take your catch back to your cabin at Rivers Edge and prepare a dinner of fresh trout and grilled veggies. Top off the evening in an Adirondack chair by the fire pit. Life is good.

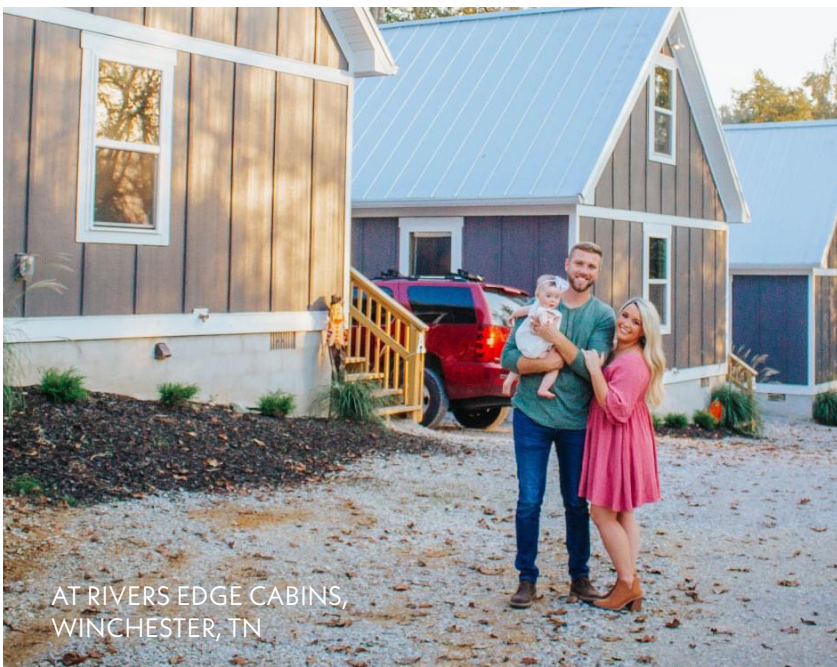


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Tims Ford Lake *inviting water recreation*

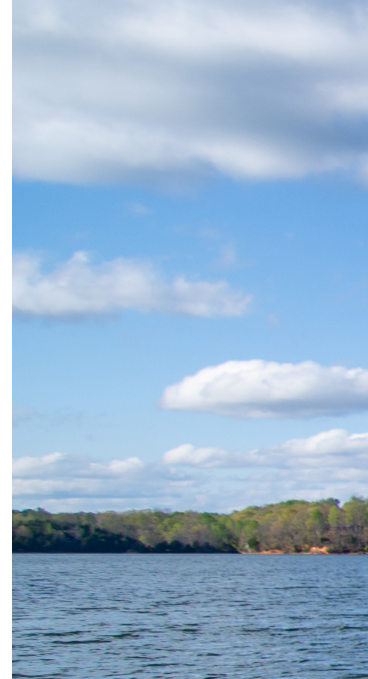
Tims Ford Reservoir is 10,600 acres in South Central Tennessee, a major portion of which is located in Franklin County. The lake is considered one of the most picturesque in Tennessee. It's regarded as one of the Southeast's top bass fishing and recreational lakes.

Play all day on the water. Kayaks, pontoons, paddleboards, jet skis, tubes – bring your own or rent from area marinas and shops. Crank up the music and work on your tan. Tighten up the kids' life jackets and holler with them as they swoosh down the pontoon slide, and pop up ready to go again.

Rather fish? Put your boat in and motor to your favorite spot. Pull into a shady cove and cast your line. Try a new lure or jig.

Consider overnight stays in the area campgrounds or cabins. You'll find RV hookups, showers, and laundry facilities. Evening activities and entertainment are often scheduled so look ahead and plan around your favorite ones.

There's something for everyone on Middle Tennessee's waters. Don't overlook your own backyard for this summer's vacation.



Where to Eat

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Tims Ford Lake is a haven for wildlife. Whether on the water, in the sky or on land, there is always something to see.



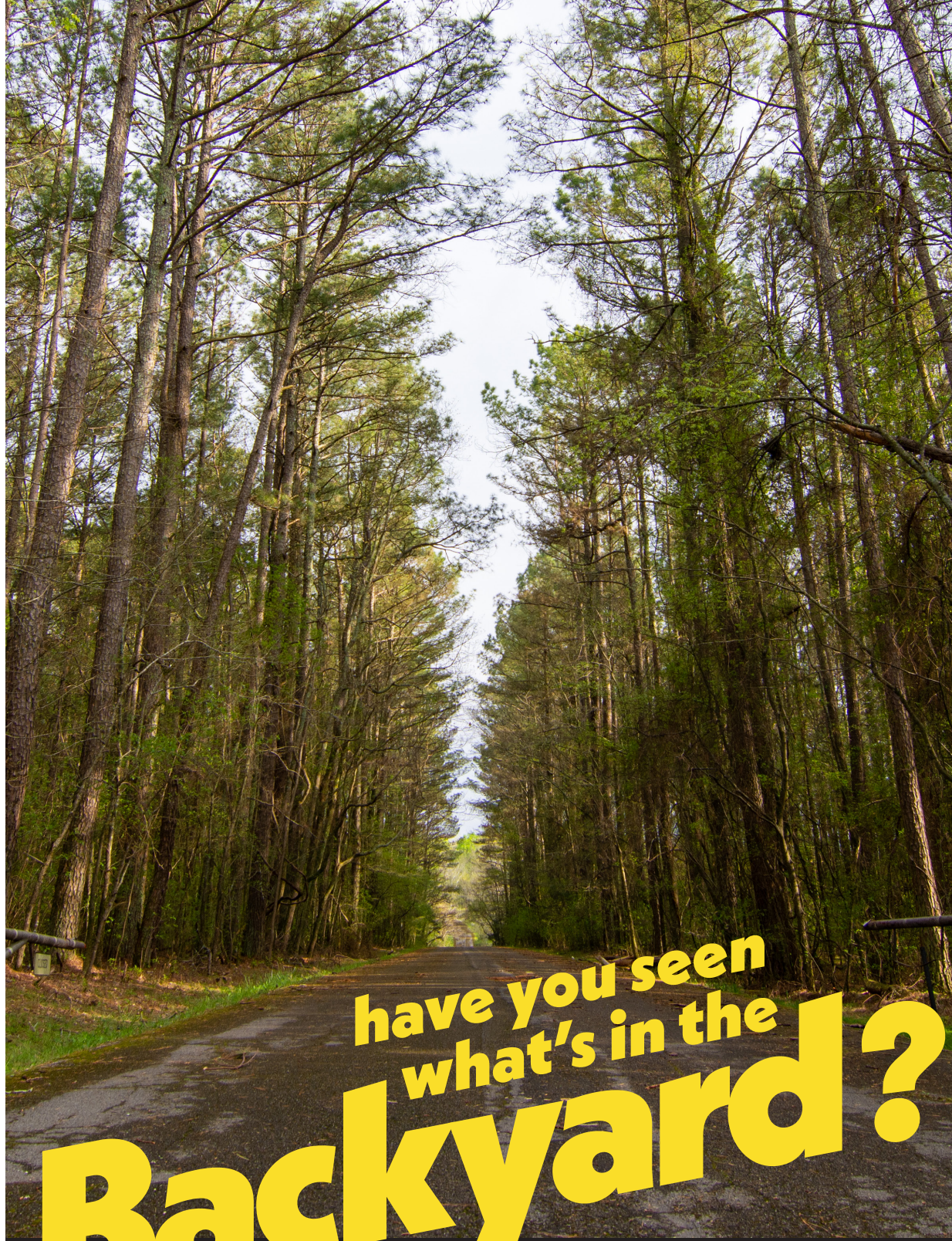
ON THIS PAGE: Northern Shoveler (top), White Tailed Deer, Canada Goose





ON THIS PAGE: Common Loon (top left), Crayfish (top right), Red Eared Slider (middle), Double Crested Cormorant (bottom left), Canada Goose nest (bottom right).





Right in our own backyard, we have access to one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Henry Horton State Park (HHSP) neighbors the peaceful Duck River and is waiting to be explored. The park, built in the 1960s, has a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy. So pack your day bag and lace up your hiking boots; it's time to get outside!

By Julia Eads

**DISCOVER THE MANY
THINGS TO DO AT
HENRY HORTON
STATE PARK**



Fishing

There is no thrill like the one you experience when a fish bites down and takes hold of your bait! Then begins the battle of reeling the fish in before it can maneuver itself free. Whether you are an angler who enjoys fishing from the shore, wading through the water, or sitting in a small boat, HHSP has plenty of access points for anglers of all styles. Visitors often brag about catching largemouth and smallmouth bass, red-eye bass, catfish, and many other fish species.



Camping

Warmer weather is upon us, so we can finally pull out the camping gear. Spend these beautiful, sunny days exploring the outdoors. Then, as the day turns into a chilling night, cozy up by a crackling fire. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast looking for the next challenge or simply wanting to take a family trip with your children to enjoy nature, HHSP has you covered. The park offers RV, tent, hammock, and backcountry campsites. Other than the backcountry campsites, every site is equipped with a grill, picnic table, and fire pit. Two bathhouses are available on location as well. Still too primitive for your taste? HHSP has cabins available for rent for those who want to enjoy the outdoors but have a bit more of the comforts of home. Book a campsite or cabin at HHSP today!



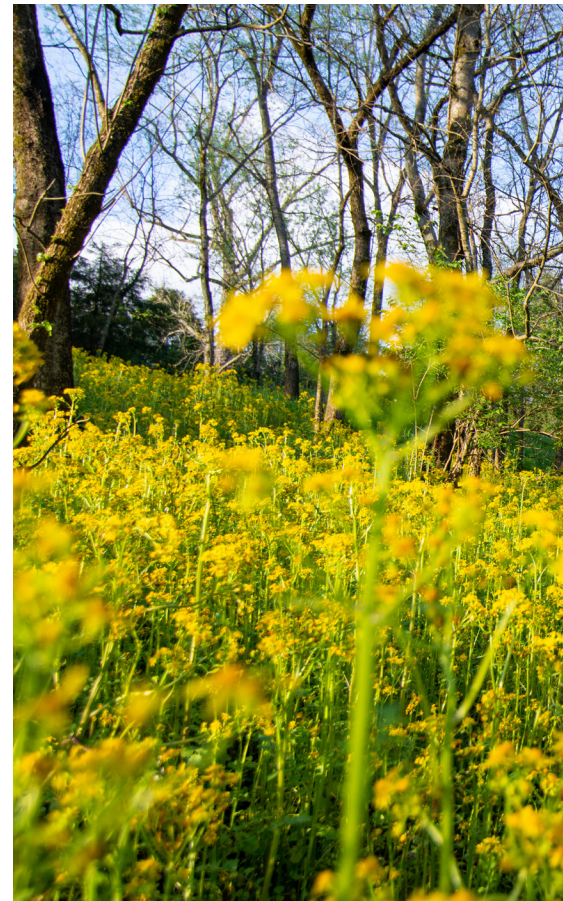
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Golfing

Whether you are an experienced golfer looking at expanding your skill set or an amateur needing some practice, the heavily treed course at HHSP is the perfect place to spend your Saturday afternoon. The Buford Ellington championship 18-hole golf course has 37 bunkers, making it a pretty difficult course to navigate. So ditch your regular tee time at the country club and take a swing through these luscious trees! The younger crowd might be more prone to visit the 18-hole disc golf course. The best part about it is that it is free to the public!



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Bird Watching

Hey! Don't knock it until you try it. While wildlife observation might be a laughing matter to some, those who have tried it have found themselves in awe. With over 1,500 acres, HHSP offers various landscapes for bird species of many types to inhabit and make their home. Over 70 species have been spotted and identified on park property. Will you be a first-time bird watcher? Here's a tip: be as quiet as possible. Silence is crucial. Once you get settled and still enough, you'll be able to hear and see activity. If you have never watched a massive heron hunt for fish in shallow waters, seen a wild turkey, or listened to an owl hoot right overhead, you are in for a real treat!



Hiking

The fun thing about taking off down a trail is the discovery. What is going to be around the next bend? What about over the next hill? With over 10 miles of hiking trails, HHSP is a perfect place to get outside, get some fresh air, exercise, and explore. There is always something unique, from deep sinkholes to desert-like cedar glades. As the Duck River neighbors the park, visitors can enjoy observing riverbank ecosystems or investigating remnants of an old mill and bridge. Just show up at HHSP, pick a trail, and follow the blaze!



Trap and Skeet Shooting

If you hear, “PULL!” you might want to hit the ground and take cover. The Henry Horton Trap and Skeet Range is one of the finest in the state. The range offers five skeet fields, two trap fields, and a lodge-style building with concessions. While you must be 18 years of age or a youth sportsman to participate in this activity, the good news is that you do not have to be a gun owner! Gun and ammo rentals are available on-site at the park. A fun-filled and safety ensured afternoon of shooting is just a short drive away!



HIKING
ALONG
THE DUCK
RIVER

Objects from our past paved the road to our Present

By Julia Eads // Photography by Brooke Snyder

DISCOVER OUR HERITAGE AT FAYETTEVILLE LINCOLN COUNTY MUSEUM.

Many of us, especially our younger generations, do not realize the ease and accessibility our modern world has provided. Yes, life naturally can still present challenges of its own. However, we are fortunate compared to the hardships of the past. Therefore, it is appropriate and even crucial to look back at the past to gain a new appreciation for what lies ahead. The Fayetteville Lincoln County Museum exists for this very reason; to help preserve history and convey the significance of the past. Dr. Ferris Beasley, the vice president of the museum's board, says, "Maintaining a museum like this is important, to teach people where we came from. Most museums have just a few items, lots of bare space, and a write-up for each item. This museum is not like that. When it all came together in 1985, we called for people to bring their items, and we took them. Sometimes it's a fine line between Fayetteville's museum and Fayetteville's attic, but all jokes aside, every item has a unique and significant story to tell."

The first unique thing about the museum is the building that houses it. The structure was an old milk factory called Borden Milk Plant. The industry came to Fayetteville from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1927 during the beginning of the depression. It was one of the first industries that came to the South from the North. The plant purchased milk from local dairy farmers across five counties, helping spur our local economy and providing cash flow for farmers, possibly for the first time.





The floors are slightly slanted and built with glazed tile inside the museum. If you pay close attention while touring the museum you will see floor drains for draining excess milk, scattered throughout. After 40 years as a successful milk and butter plant, the Borden plant closed in 1967. Then, in 1987 the William R. Carter family donated the building to serve as a local museum for preserving history.

The Fayetteville Lincoln County Museum hosts several exhibits pertaining to Fayetteville's daily life and history, including the second largest agricultural display in the state of Tennessee. In the massive room devoted to agricultural antiques, visitors will find tools

used over the years. Follow along and see how tools like the turn plow have improved and evolved over the trajectory of time. Walking through this room paints a tangible picture of what life might have been like within the early farming community.

Our team at Good News is especially fond of the exhibit that showcases a printing press from the 1800s. The work it took to manually place each type-set upside down and backward to print a letter or flyer is astonishing. You can almost hear the *clickety-clack, clickety-clack* on repeat. Nowadays, it is not uncommon to have 3D printers in the home. This printing press is just one of the few items that tell accounts

of hard work and dedication by those who came before us.

Currently, Lincoln County and Fayetteville combined have seven schools in the district. How many schools do you imagine this community had in the mid-1800s? Most people assume one school. However, schools back then had to be within walking distance. Additionally, most of the schools were one-room schoolhouses with a single teacher. Historians say there were closer to eighty schools in this area in the mid-1800s. There is a re-creation of an old one-room schoolhouse at the museum, complete with desks and a potbelly stove.

One of Fayetteville's very own, Admiral Frank Kelso, became the highest-ranking Naval officer that the nation has to offer. He was the 21st Naval Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), meaning he was in charge of the entire Navy. President George Herbert Walker Bush appointed Kelso. During his time in the Navy, he played a role in developing and testing nuclear submarines. As an engineer, Kelso was one of the crew members invited aboard the submarine that was driven to the North Pole. Those who had the pleasure of meeting Kelso, like Dr. Ferris Beasley, say he was an incredibly kind and humble man. Kelso has pictures with people such as Queen Elizabeth, Colin Powell, and Hillary Clinton. He was even Bush's favorite golf partner, yet he was known to be more



interested in you, than he was in sharing about or boosting up himself. Before he passed, he donated most of his Naval memorabilia, including his uniform, gifts, etc. It is an honor to have had him represent our community.

One exhibit memorialized Fayetteville's first black doctor, Dr. L.M. Donalson. Donalson not only saved lives, but he changed them. In 1932, Donalson heard that





coming more acquainted, Donalson began appealing to churches and local leadership for help to found and build a black hospital. With much effort, the hospital opened in 1936. The National Medical Association named him Practitioner of the Year in 1959 for his accomplishments — making him the first black doctor to receive the honor. Visitors should seize the opportunity to view historical medical equipment, including an exam table, x-ray machine, old medicine bottles, early hospital beds, incubators, a wheelchair, and more.

Can you imagine having a building fire only to see two men hustling down the street pushing a large wheel? That is an accurate depiction of what it was like in Fayetteville's past. In fact, that is what made up Fayetteville's first fire engine. Not drawn by horses, but pulled by brave firemen! If there was a fire across town, someone was getting their exercise that evening! The museum has an old fire engine, fire suits, hoses, and more. -GN

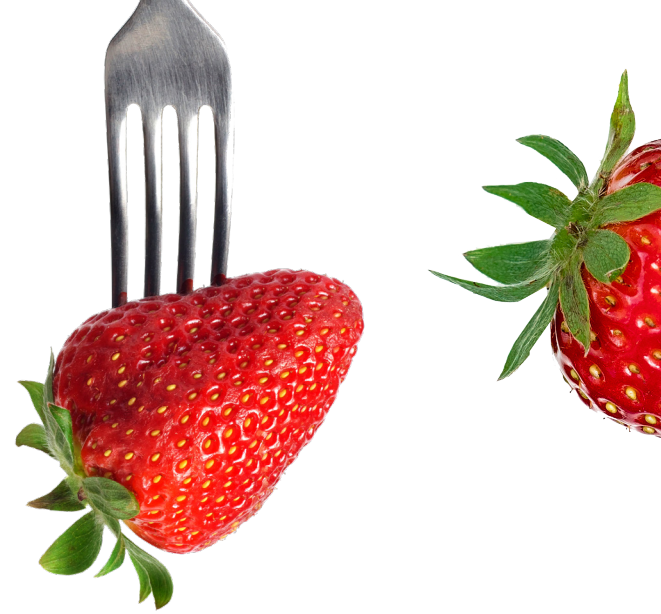
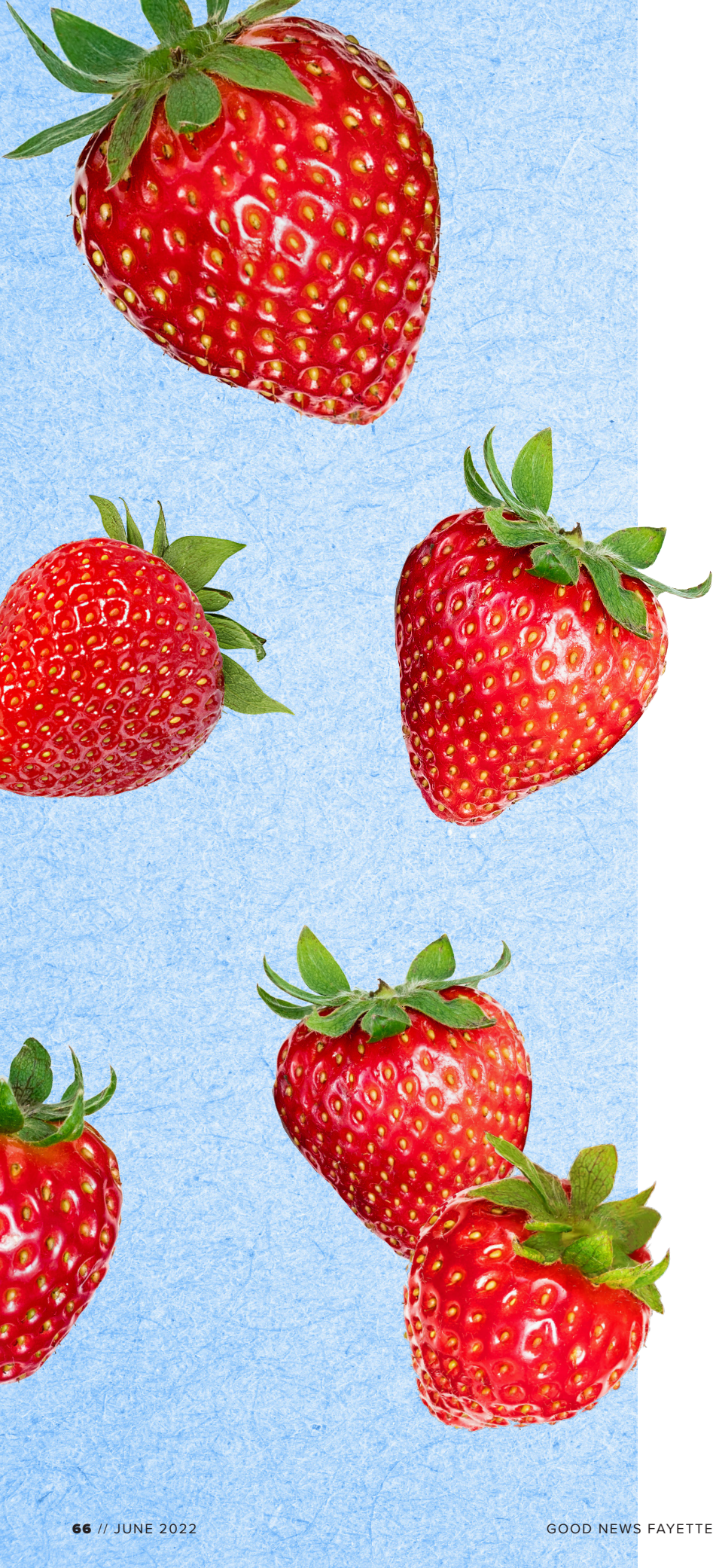
Fayetteville did not have an African American doctor. In the segregated South, the closest hospital accessible for African Americans was 80 miles away. It has been told that Donalson arrived in Lincoln County with nothing but a medical bag filled with only a handful of medical supplies. His determination to care for and serve patients is what kept him going. After living here for a few years and be-



Learn More

The museum is open May through November, Thursday through Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tours are given by incredibly knowledgeable volunteer guides and are free of charge. The adjoining event center is available to rent for public or private events.

Learn more by calling the museum at (931) 438-0339 or by visiting them at www.flcmuseum.com



REFRESHING SUMMER TREATS

straight out of
Mama's cookbook.

It's ready;
come and get it!

By Julia Eads

It's hard to want to eat a large meal after a long day working or playing out in the blistering heat.

You know you need something substantial to sustain you, yet you're so worn out. Those hearty winter meals, while tasty, sit too heavy on your stomach. That's the last thing you want. It sounds

like you need something light, refreshing, yet still incredibly appetizing. Well, fret no more. We have just the right lighter fare recipes to fill you up and get you on your way! By utilizing summer's perfectly ripe harvest and local recipes, we'll have your taste buds satisfied in no time. Just head to the produce stand, pick up some strawberries, and leave the rest to Mama!



Strawberry Lemonade

Morgan Hargrove

Ingredients

1 c. strawberries, chopped
1/4 c. lemon juice
1/2 c. sugar
1 can frozen lemonade concentrate
1 can water
1/2 c. powdered lemonade mix
2 bottles strawberry sparkling water
1/2 c. strawberry soda

Directions

Place chopped strawberries in a medium bowl with lemonade juice and sugar. Let sugar dissolve to make a syrup. Add lemonade concentrate and water. Stir in lemonade mix. Pour into a large pitcher. Add 1 bottle of sparkling water. Mix well. Add remaining sparkling water. Stir in strawberry soda.

Strawberry Trifle

In memory of Patricia Hopper

Ingredients

1 round angel food cake, torn into pieces
1 c. confectioner's sugar
1 pkg. cream cheese, 8 oz., softened
1 c. milk
2 qts. strawberries, sliced
2 bags strawberry glaze
1 container whipped topping, 8 oz.

Directions

Place the angel food cake pieces into a large bowl. Mix sugar, cream cheese, and milk together in a separate bowl, until smooth. Pour sugar mixture over the cake pieces. Layer sliced strawberries over cake mixture. Spread glaze evenly over strawberries; top with whipped topping. Refrigerate overnight.

Strawberry Preserves

Margie Drake

Ingredients

2 qts. strawberries
6 c. sugar
water, enough to boil berries

Directions

Scald strawberries for 2 minutes; drain. Put in pan and add 4 cups sugar; bring to a boil. Cook for 3 minutes after boiling begins; cool. Let stand 5 minutes; add remaining sugar and return to heat. Bring to boil; cook for 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool for 24 hours before putting into jars stirring occasionally. Jars do not have to be hot.



FAITH

Life Lessons on the Lawn

Learn what it takes to protect your spiritual house.


By Julia Eads

HAVE YOU ever given something away and later felt regret settle in? Last summer, I was push-mowing our grass. I thoroughly enjoy breaking a sweat and getting a little exercise while doing yard work. However, I have to admit our lawn was toeing the line of size appropriateness for push-mowing. It was a bit of a task. Plus, it was in the blistering heat of the summer, and I had a refreshing drink waiting by the poolside with my name on it.

I had already finished cutting our backyard and was working in the front yard, moving left to right. There is a

row of trees and an oddly placed bush between mine and my neighbor's lawn. When we purchased our home, the land survey showed these trees fell on our side of the property line. However, over the summer, any time I mowed the grass, I had slowly begun scooting our lines over and ending a few inches short. Besides, the neighbor was new to the subdivision and he had a riding lawn mower. Plus, it's not like he really knew the exact property lines either.

On this particular day, I was just about ready to release the blade control handle and call it a day. I was covered in sweat. My shoes were green and caked with clumps of grass, and mentally I was more than over it. However, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, "Is that all it takes for you to give up ground? Because you are tired? Because it is a little bit more work? Nobody even has to take it from you. You are just giving it away."



I was the owner of this land, and I was essentially willing to give it up because of my laziness. Inch by inch. And while that might seem insignificant to some, if you add an inch here or there over a trajectory of time, that is a lot of territory being forfeited! The Lord used a physical analogy to convey a message regarding my spiritual life.

The Bible says in John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy,” but I had become so passive and inattentive that the thief did not even have to come steal from me! I was freely giving up ground on my own! After wrestling in my head for a few moments, I leaned down, yanked at the lawnmower cord, and mowed my lawn to the fullest measure. This was not my neighbor’s grass to cut. It was mine, and I was no longer going to let laziness win. -GN

GOING DEEPER:

Where have you become lazy and forfeited ground? You’ve been given access, treasure, and territory. Don’t be so quick to let it go. Take ownership of it. Tend to it. Invest in it. It is time to hold tight.

“Protect, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

2 Timothy 1:14, NASB

“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.”

2 Peter 1:3, NLT



GOOD TIMES

“There’s nothing to do in a small town.” We hear it often, but is it true? There are Good Times every weekend in Lincoln County. It doesn’t matter if it’s a s’more at a bonfire, a lazy day with a book by the window, or exploring the town with the people you love most—there is something to do.

ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SAY YES.

PHOTO BY BROOKE SNYDER



Welcome back!



The Slawburger Festival jump-starts spring on the square.

By Tina Neeley // Photos by Brooke Snyder

STORES' OPEN doors and pop-up canopies dotting the square welcomed visitors and hometown residents back to their festival. The hum of food truck generators was sweeter than the Daytona 500 lineup awaiting the green flag. It was homecoming time.

Fayetteville Main Street board member Tony Knott's prayer offered blessings and thanksgiving for the day's festivities. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, presented by Miss Middle Tennessee Karissa Wheeler. *Bong. Bong. Bong.* Eleven tolls from high atop the courthouse kicked off Fayetteville's 7th Annual Slawburger Festival. The Lincoln

Theater's marquee regally proclaimed the special day. Even the weather was gracious. The rain had the decency to end in the early morning hours, and none of Tennessee's spring winters made an appearance.

What's a festival without music? The Dance Academy had all the right moves under the gazebo, and the LCHS band hit the highs and lows that perfectly paced the party in the streets. DJ Jackman (Jackie Hall) curated the perfect tracks for the day's lineup of activities.

On one corner, children bounced and flipped weightlessly. Beside them, inflated wheels skimmed the water's surface,

propelled by little people inside, hoping their time would never end. Face painting eased their disappointment when it did.

Moving with the crowd, the family ahead stopped abruptly, but with good cause. Even the Easter Bunny put the festival on his list this year, squeezing it in just ahead of a night filled with basket deliveries. He was almost distracted from his true mission by his memories of the festival's honoree. Special hugs and paparazzi flashes disrupted his thoughts of sweet mustard slaw and dill pickle, crowning the perfect-sized burger. By the time he hopped over to Honey's, he



couldn't reach the door, for the crowd in line waiting to grab the next available table.

But there was no excuse for going hungry. If you couldn't get close to a slawburger, barbecue or a grilled cheese sandwich were options. Sweet selections of fresh doughnuts, shaved ice, kettle corn, and bundt cake made picking a dessert a challenge.

Did someone say sweets? Five minutes of ice cream eating might freeze an adult brain, but children are better conditioned. 5-year-old Lincoln ate 4½ cups, and 10-year-old Haylee ate 6½ cups in the timed contest and proved it.

A row of bibbed adults tackled plates of slawburgers. In 10 minutes, the winners emerged. The out-of-town winner, Daniel Harding, put away eight slawburgers. Jonathan Wilkerson downed 10 to win the local category, and Debby Keith claimed the victory in the female category by eating 5¼ burgers.

Everyone found something to sing along with as Midnight Jane wrapped up the day and put a bow on it.

Fayetteville Main Street President Sunny Nix said, "The day was a huge success! Such a great turnout, and the weather ended up being perfect. I love our small town!"

Aimee Byrd, the executive director, added, "This is exactly what our downtown needed for the health of our economy and morale since the beginning of the pandemic. We can't wait to make next year's festival even better. Save the date for April 15, 2023!"

For updates and more information on upcoming events, follow Fayetteville Main Street on Instagram and Facebook, or visit their website at fayettevillemainstreet.com. -GN



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Oh, what a night!

Photos by Brooke Snyder

Lincoln County High School's prom took place on April 22 at the Manor at ShaeJo. 252 students attended, creating memories for their lifetime. Congratulations to King Hank Bayless and Queen Annalise Malone.



PROM KING & QUEEN, HANK BAYLESS AND ANNALISE MALONE



Spring flies high at Howell Baptist Church.

Photos by Red Clay Photography

The Easter Bunny spent the afternoon with children and families at Howell Baptist Church on April 16. In addition to an egg hunt the children flew kites, many for the first time. Lunch was served to the families in attendance.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

CONTINUED

Fish and music benefit Flintville's fire department.

Photos by Brooke Snyder

Flintville Volunteer Fire Department's 10th Annual Music Festival and Fish Fry was held on April 23 at Flintville Community Center and Fire Hall. Music of all kinds is its mainstay, and the fish, chicken, and hushpuppy recipes were, as always, consistently delicious.





Classic cars shine for a cure.

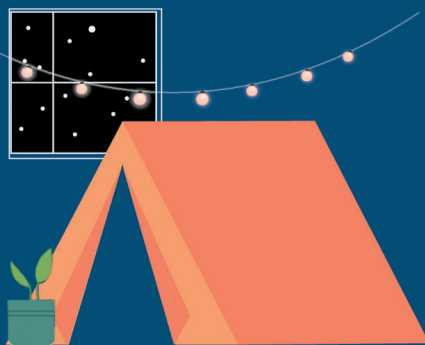
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The Seventh Annual Cruisin' for a Cure car show was held on April 23 at The Rock Family Worship Center in Fayetteville. The show was open to cars, trucks, and motorcycles, and all proceeds benefited the Huntington's Disease Society of America.



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GOOD TIMES

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

May 16

7:00 am Lions Club Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charity
May 16 - May 31

Help the Lions Club of Fayetteville collect pull tabs from cans (soda/food/others).

Please bring or mail to 404 Main Ave. South, Fayetteville

9:00 am Free Clothing and Household Items
May 16 - May 31
Old Time Christian Outreach Center,
The Fathers Refuge Church
1992 Pulaski Hwy., Fayetteville

Free clothing and household items. Operator Charlotte Hooper. (931)703-1984

May 19

5:30 pm Pickleball
First Presbyterian Church 101 Mulberry Ave., Fayetteville

Open to the public every Thursday. We have added an additional pickleball court, so now we have two regulation indoor courts for open public play. Any skill level welcome!

May 21

8:00 am Decoration Day
May 21 - May 22
Stewart Cemetery, Bugger Hollow Road, Fayetteville

3:00 pm Two Trees DIY Class: Interchangeable Wagon
439 Smith Mill Rd., Fayetteville

Join us at The Farmhouse as we continue a fun new series of DIY!

7:00 pm Two Trees DIY Class: Interchangeable Wagon
8 Wilkes Rd., Fayetteville

Join us for the 1st Annual Honky Tonk Dance with the Lincoln County Horseman's Association! Show starts at 7 p.m.

May 26

6:30 pm Music in the Park
May 28 - May 29
Stonebridge Park, Fayetteville

Free Music Concert
Featuring: Madison Community Band

May 28

9:00 am East Commerce Automotive presents TriStar Tradition Car and Truck Show
May 28 - May 29
Hi-Way 50 Drive In Theater, Lewisburg

A car and truck show with a twist. Open to all makes and models!

11:00 am 1982 Moore County High School 40th Reunion
May 28 - May 29
Wiseman Park Rd., Lynchburg

We have reserved the large Pavilion at Wiseman Park (the baseball field behind Lynchburg). Bring your families and bring a dish or two. Informal and fun much-needed get together with our Classmates!



June 3

5:00 pm 47th Annual Southern Weekend of Art
 June 3 - June 4
 303 Main Avenue South,
 Fayetteville

47th Year of an Annual Arts & Crafts show held on the downtown courthouse lawn for Historic Fayetteville, TN. The Event is held by the local Arts League. There is a free street dance on Friday night and free entertainment on the bandstand throughout the day on Saturday.

Phone : (931) 625-7609
 Email address : info@flc-artscenter.com
 Web address :www.flc-artscenter.com
 Admission fee : Free

5:00 pm Fayetteville First Friday
 LC Courthouse Square

5:00 pm The Bible Run
 Riverside Christian Academy
 116 Riverside Ln., Fayetteville

We will be raising money for a nonprofit organization called EEM. We are raising money for Children's Bibles to be given to kids. We will have a 5K and a 1-mile Fun Run. The cost is \$30 for 5K and \$15 for the 1-mile fun run.

June 11

10:00 am Second Annual LCBA Community Beekeepers Field Day

1003 Hedgemont Ave,
 Fayetteville, TN 37334

Come and learn about Honeybees, basic Beekeeping Hive. Observe a hive with enclosed live bees, a hive splitting demo, and learn how to build a simple swarm trap demo. There will be honey tasting tables and beekeeper equipment vendors on site.

Contact Kathy at (931) 227-8130 or Elaine at (931) 652-8210 for more info

1:00 pm Sun Drop Fest

Historic Downtown Pulaski
 110 N 2nd St., Pulaski

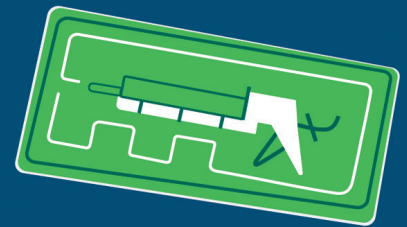
Our Sun Drop Fest will provide a variety of activities for all ages by exploring the local and regional music and arts, history, culture and natural surroundings of Pulaski in an entertaining and educational atmosphere.

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