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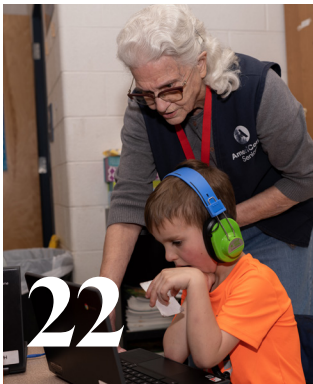
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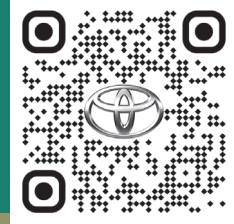
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Your Local Summer Guide

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Wesley Bryant,  
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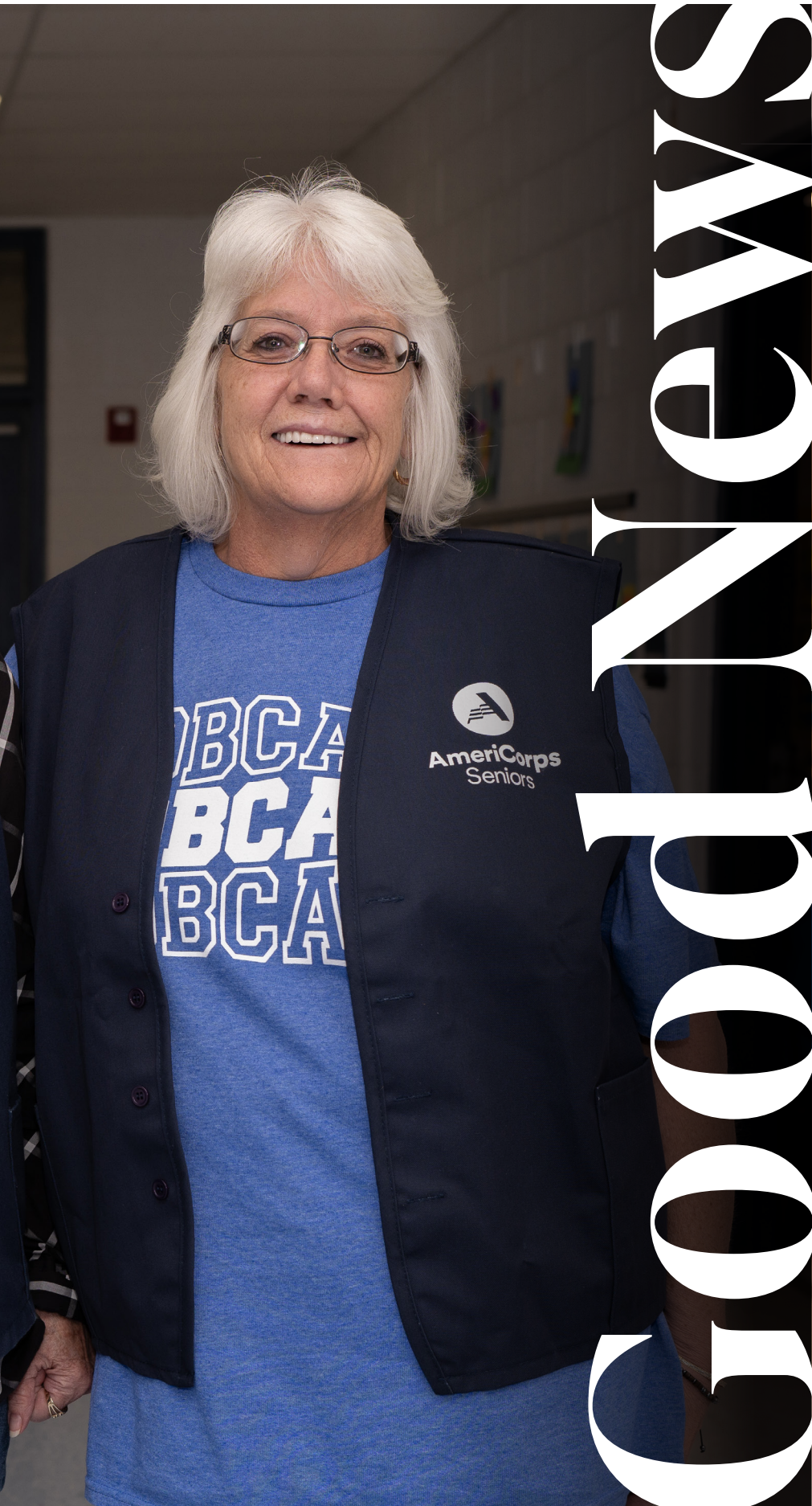


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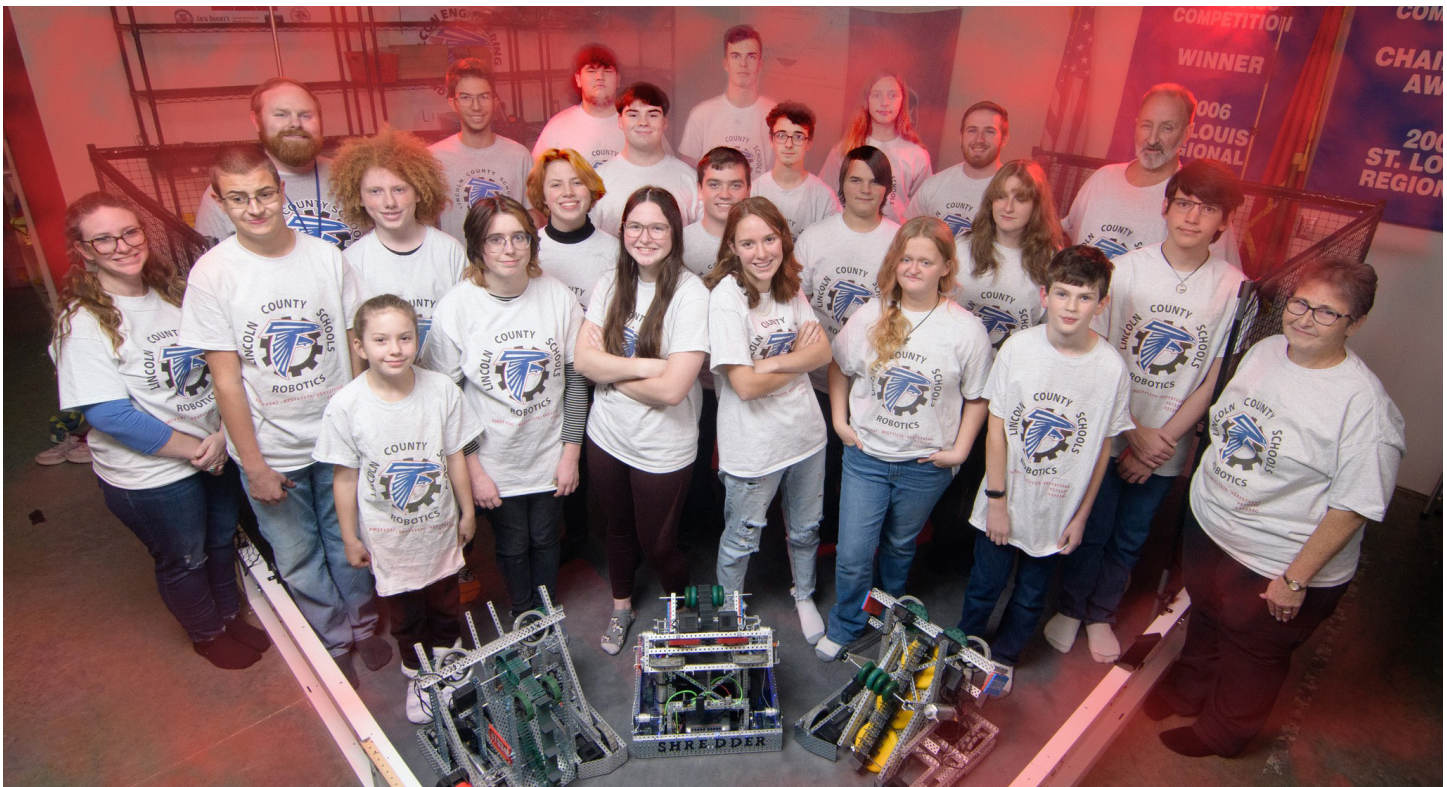


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## Local engineering educator receives international award.

Marty LeBlanc's Lincoln County Robotics team fuels her engineering enthusiasm.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by James Jordan and submitted by Marty LeBlanc

INSIDE AN unassuming building on the Lincoln County High School campus, tomorrow's technology is developing, one idea at a time. What begins as a concept mapped out on a whiteboard wall is brought to life and tried and tested. And it's all the work of area students developing skills to take them and the world into a better future. They are the Lincoln County Robotics (LCR) team, and they are going places.

The team attended the 2023 Tennessee State VEX Robotics Championship, the 2023 VEX Robotics World Champion-

ship in Dallas, Texas, and the 2023 Create US Open Tournament in Iowa. They built, rebuilt, iterated, and reiterated working together to show the world what great things are constantly developing in their shop under the direction of Marty LeBlanc, Lincoln County High School engineering instructor and LCR sponsor.

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- Marty LeBlanc

“There’s a whole other job building, programming, and maintaining all the robots doing all this intricate work and saving us from the repetitive bending and lifting. The precision with robots is a whole lot better, but a robot’s only as good as its programmer and builder. So our kids are going out and meeting the needs of today’s workforce. You’ve got to have industrial maintenance. That’s why programs at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology are so important, too, because they’re training kids in industrial maintenance on the same robots they will be using when they go to work,” said LeBlanc.

There’s no such thing as a bad idea in LeBlanc’s grading system.

She said, “The kids start with an idea in their head, and it might be a million-dollar idea. I don’t know, but they will get their computer-aided design (CAD) certification, draw it up in CAD, and then print it with the 3-D printers. I’m trying to teach my kids that you can take something from a thought to something tangible and go with it.”

It’s a program that would not be possible without the community’s support.

She said, “These kids are so talented. We show our robots to sponsors who are engineers, and they look at what my kids are doing, and they’re blown away. Our program has a very high budget because what we do is expensive. But we’re 100% sponsor-funded. This is an after-school, sponsor-funded program, and thankfully we’ve had more community members jump on board with us.”



▲ Wyatt Lozier, Marty, Collier Tennant, Will Shelton, and Jackson Osborn

It’s not just the sponsors that are blown away by the program. LeBlanc is the 2023 recipient of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association Teacher Excellence Award and was recognized at the association’s Minneapolis conference. It’s the highest honor given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers.

“I would not be up for this award if it wasn’t for what my kids do. I have a hard time pointing the finger at myself. Yes, it’s a great honor to get this award. But it wouldn’t happen if it wasn’t for the fact that we had great kids, and people were on board with the programming,” said LeBlanc.

“You can jump on board, too. As the team always says, Support the future — support robotics.” **GN**

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## Craig Game Preserve is under new ownership.

Adam Bagley finally said yes to his dream.

By Tina Neeley // Photos submitted by Adam Bagley

**I**T'S A timeless struggle, the setting of many stories and movies. Tradition nudges you to follow in your family's footsteps while your heart pulls you in a different direction, leaving you torn between disappointing those you love most and running after your dreams.

Adam Bagley enjoyed everything about his work at Bagley & Bagley. He enjoyed his customers, working with family, and his co-workers. He also felt at home outdoors, seeing the earth wake up against an ombre sky as the birds welcomed the sun and sang the moon to sleep. He was at home at Craig Game Preserve, a guided bird hunting preserve, and his love for the outdoors

was the only thing missing from his work in his family's insurance company.

Bagley said, "Before I had my driver's license, I would drive my four-wheeler the eight or nine miles on backroads from my house [to the preserve]. I started out cleaning and setting birds. Then I started guiding and helping Larry Craig with cooking, cleaning, and the lodge's operations. I've always said I'd love to be able to hunt for a living."

Bagley's dream to hunt for a living is most hunters' dream. As Craig began considering retiring from the guided hunting business, he repeatedly offered to hand it over to Bagley. Still, Bagley's commitment



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◀ Adam Bagley

to his family's business and responsibility as a husband and father refused to let him seriously consider the possibility. Last October, Craig approached Bagley for his final answer.

"Larry said that he was either going to have me take it over, or he was shutting it down. I thought, 'There's no way I can do it.' But he shared his experiences with me, and we thought we could make it work," Bagley said.

That was the easy part. There were conversations left to have with his wife, father, and brother. With his wife fully onboard (she said he'd be crazy if he didn't do it), he moved on to share his dream with his dad, who recognized it as his passion and encouraged him to pursue it. Last but not least came the dreaded conversation with his brother.

He said, "I didn't know if he would be mad, happy, or sad, or knock my teeth down my throat when I told him. It took me two or three weeks to come up with the courage to finally bring it up, and I got pretty emotional. He looked at me before I could even finish the conversation

and said, 'Adam, I sit next to you every day at work. I've heard you talk on the phone all day long about hunting. This is an opportunity you're never going to get again. Go with it.' That helped me make the final decision to take over in January. All my family is very supportive, and it was just a blessing."

From October to early April, Bagley can be found at the preserve, ensuring the hunters' experience is one they'll never forget. From the field to the lodge table, he has every base covered. People from near and far enjoy an escape to the tranquil outdoors, leaving refreshed and refueled. And no matter how hard the work, Bagley goes home with the same feeling every day.

"I never thought I'd be able to say I get to do something that I always dreamed about and love doing for a living every single day. I've been blessed," Bagley said. **GN**

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▲ Della Jolly, Peggy Dollar, and Mary Arnold

## Local program sends seniors back to school.

Foster grandparents find purpose and help shape lives.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

Ah, retirement! We dream about it, save for it, and imagine how we'll fill our days. While many seniors and retirees find countless ways to spend their time, others discover extra time on their hands. Living costs continue to rise faster than retirement benefits, and low-income seniors are hit particularly hard.

Teachers never seem to have enough time or resources to meet all the demands placed on them and their students, and the pandemic left many students behind in reading.

Not every student has a strong family support system to encourage and help to catch up in any areas where they struggle.

But there is one excellent resource that serves to fill the gap for seniors, teachers, and students. The South Central Human Resource Agency's (SCHRA) Foster Grandparent Program, funded through AmeriCorps Seniors, is that bridge.

Jeana Mills, Foster Grandparent Program director, said Bedford, Franklin, Coffee, and Lincoln County headstarts, schools, and after-school programs are

among the 13 counties covered in our area. Foster grandparents presently serve 27 students in Lincoln and Franklin Counties. SCHRA is ready and able to connect students, seniors, headstarts, schools, and after-school programs in Bedford and Coffee Counties."

Mills said, "We currently serve 23 partnerships in our area, and my goal is to establish a partnership with Bedford and Coffee [Counties]. While headstart programs usually receive only one [grandparent], we can cover a larger area in our school systems."





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The volunteer program is open to all seniors. Travel is reimbursed, and participating seniors are paid \$4 per hour. Volunteers must work at least five hours weekly and may choose to work up to 40 hours weekly.

Flintville Elementary volunteer Mary Arnold has been Flintville’s foster granny for eight years. Bonds are formed while working with the students in math and reading, and they continue long after the school year ends.

Arnold said, “Flintville is a family-oriented school. The first graders I started the program with are graduating this year, and they still have connections with me. It’s a good organization. I enjoy working with it, and it helps a lot of kids out.”

Flintville Elementary Principal David Golden agrees. “The Foster Grandparent Program is an important component in student learning at Flintville School. Our foster grandparents work directly with students in small group instruction during reading and math centers, and the results are always positive. Not to mention, everyone here loves our foster grandparents because they add another level of positive energy to our culture with their wisdom and humor,” he said.



▲ Memphis Snyder and Della Jolly



▲ Peggy Dollar and Kassie Ryan

Mills explained the Foster Grandparent Program requirements. “To qualify, they must be low income, over 55, and able to pass a background check. They receive 40 hours of training — 20 hours with us and 20 hours shadowing someone at the school,” she said.

Mills continued, “It’s just a win-win. The kids get extra help, the teachers get extra help, and senior citizens stay active and engaged in the community. Every morning, they have a purpose to get out of bed and push themselves to keep going. It’s a really good program that works hand in hand between both generations.” **GN**

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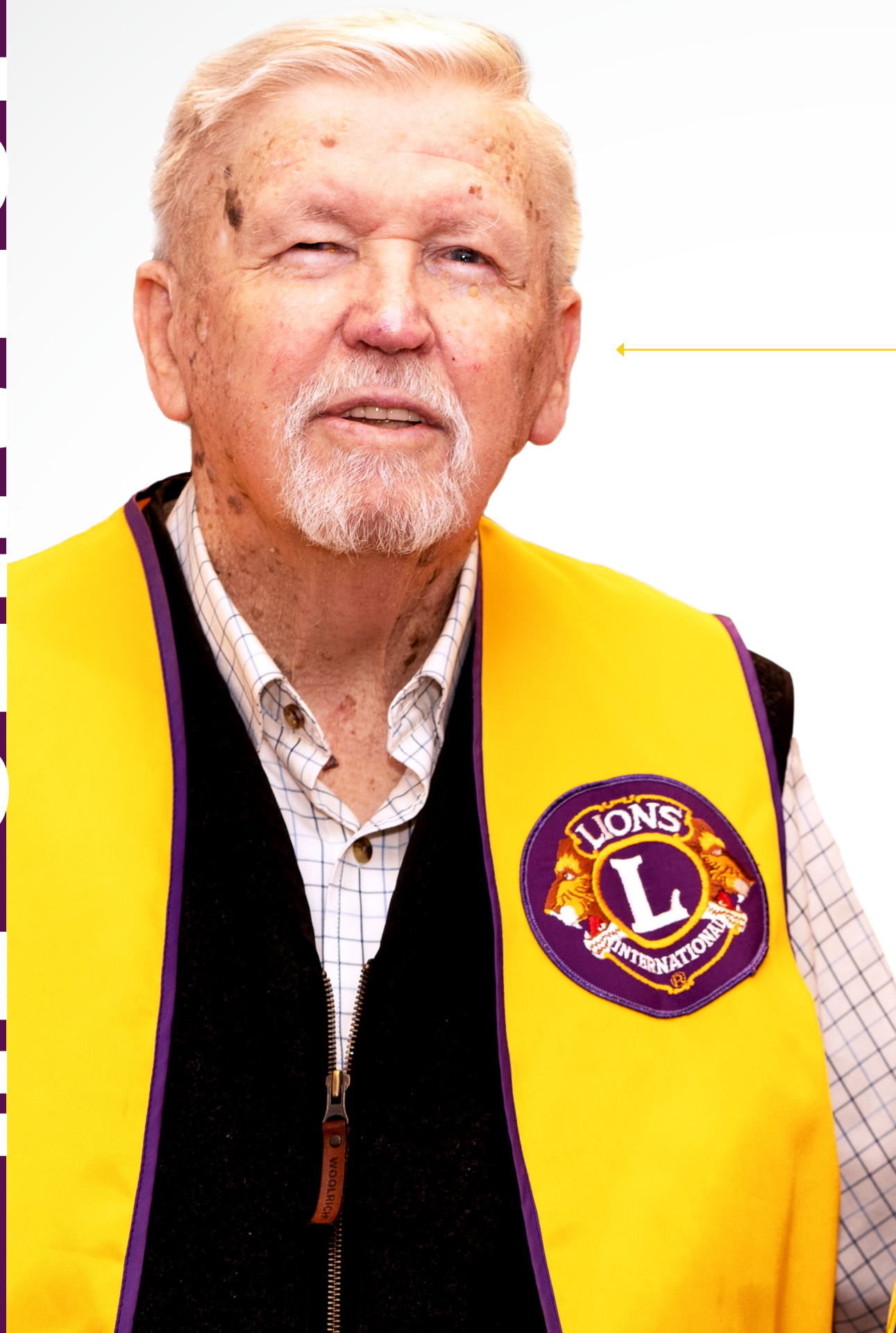
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◀ Larry Robertson



HE SERVES!





# Larry Robertson is a **LION** for life.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**L**ARRY ROBERTSON always answered when they knocked on his door selling brooms and lightbulbs each year. He knew a little about their community service, and he wondered why they'd never asked him to join. Harold Armstrong finally extended the invitation one day, and Larry Robertson became a member of the Fayetteville Lions Club when he was 39 years old.

Approaching his 50th year as a Lion this October, Robertson smiles when he says, "I could have been useful before I was 39."

He found the club's members to be a friendly group, and as he became more and more acquainted with all they did for those in Lincoln County, throughout the country, and the whole world, Robertson became more and more invested in the club and their simple motto, "We Serve."

He wasted no time making himself useful, beginning as the club's treasurer from 1975-76. He went on to serve as the local club's secretary and president. During his term as president, the Southwestern Lincoln County Lions Club, comprised of members from the Taft, Blanche, Coldwater, Unity, and Cash Point communities, was chartered. There were separate clubs for men and women in the past, and the Lincoln County Lioness Club was also chartered during Robertson's term as president.



The club has contributed significantly to the health and well-being of the Lincoln County community. Throughout the club's history, it has contributed to projects such as constructing and maintaining the Don Davidson-Lions Club Complex and the first two community swimming pools. The club sponsors Leo Clubs in area schools, provides scholarships, raises drug awareness, has contributed to the hospital in Lincoln County, and purchased equipment and furnishings for the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library. Local Lions also conduct annual state-required sight and hearing screenings in selected grades and pre-K screenings.

Talk with Robertson for a few minutes, and you'll likely find the work of the Lions sprinkled throughout your conversation. He'll share the organization's humanitarian outreach and commitment to improving people's lives worldwide.

"What a great organization Lions Clubs are!" he said.

Robertson has seen the club merge its membership with the Fayetteville Lioness Club and move from weekly to twice-monthly meetings during his time. But it's about more than what he's seen; it's about the countless people who see better today, thanks to the ongoing sight-preservation work of the Lions Club.

Robertson has the heart of a Lion and served his community while working as a research chemist for the U.S. Army Missile Command in Huntsville. His employment there followed his Army service in Korea after the end of the Korean War. He retired in 1994, leaving more space on his calendar for his beloved Lions Club work.

His late wife, Beverly, understood his commitment to the club and its mission. She served as First Lady of District 12-S from 1988-89 and Multi-District 12 TN from 1989-90. Beverly encouraged Larry's club work and served the community in the Lioness Club before it merged with the men's club.

Larry served as District 12-S zone chairman, region chairman, white cane chairman, membership chairman, vice district governor, and district governor from 1988-89. At the state level, he has served as council chairman for the 1989-90 district governors. He is the oldest past council chairman in the state of Tennessee. As district governor, he made lasting friendships and memories when attending the Denver International Convention.

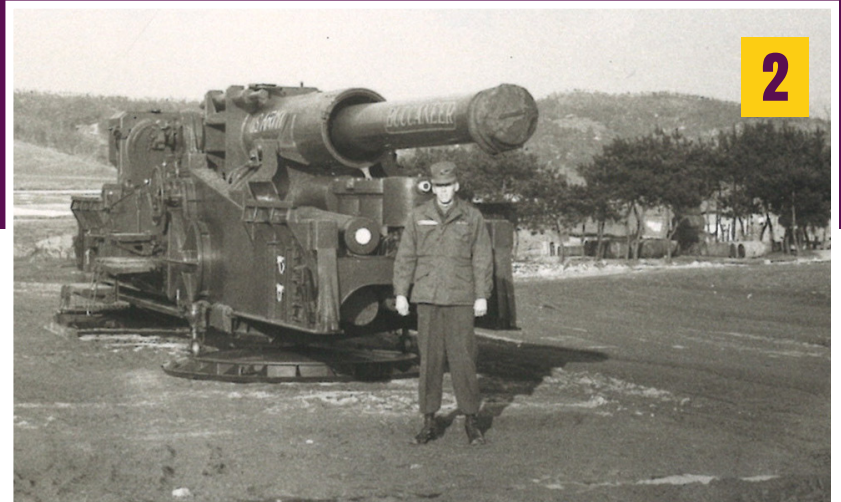
"The people in Denver treated us so well. It started my year out great. That was a highlight, but what was really great was the friendships that remain today. Once you find a Lion, you're immediate friends," said Larry.

After all these years as a Lion, Larry knows the camaraderie and heart of the club is one to be experienced by potential members; just ask one of the more than 11 club members he sponsored in his time. Although an invitation is necessary, any Lion can provide more information to readers wanting to know more. Larry knows the first-meeting experience is inviting and welcoming, and he'd love to see the local club grow.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to serve Lions Clubs International as a member of the Fayetteville Lions Club for 50 years, come October," he said. **GN**







PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY LARRY ROBERTSON

1. Larry and Beverly Robertson at the 1988 International Lions Convention
2. Lt. Larry Robertson stands by the Atomic Cannon (1957-1958)
3. Austin Jennings and District Governor Larry Robertson (1888-1889)
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# Lucas Garrett lives a life of restoration and recovery.

By Tina Neeley  
Photography by Brooke Snyder

**Y**OU'LL FIND HIM less on the housetops and more in the office or out meeting customers in the field these days, but Lucas Garrett of T & L Roofing is content wherever you find him. Three years into recovery from addiction to drugs and alcohol, Garrett is learning to share in the management of the business started by his grandfather, Robert Rogers, in 1971.

Robert Rogers saw a future free of bondage long before Garrett could see it himself. Turning the family business over to his daughter, Garrett's mother, Theresa Cheeves, Rogers told her the business name should be T & L Roofing — Theresa and Lucas. Rogers, who passed away in 2016, would be smiling from ear to ear, happy to see Garrett working with his mother the way he always believed he would.

"He was a really great man, and I have big shoes to fill, following him and my mother," Garrett said.

At a young age, Garrett struggled with personal insecurities and numbed those feelings with drugs and alcohol, a habit that gradually worsened.

He said, "I would spend money on drugs and alcohol instead of basic needs. I'd have no money in the bank right after I got paid because I would go out and spend my money on drugs instead of what I needed. I had taken drug and alcohol counseling before, and those results said I had a problem, but I said I didn't."

The cycle continued for about 10 years. Finally, charges and a violation of three counts of probation led Garrett to a crossroads. He could avoid jail time if he participated in Tennessee's Recovery Courts program for non-violent individuals struggling with substance abuse. What seemed to be a way to escape time in jail became a road to recovery.

"When I joined the Recovery Court program, I was thinking, 'I'll get through this, and then I'll be back using



“It warms my heart and makes me feel good that they are proud of me for being clean, for me to actually be able to be there in sound body and mind.”

- Lucas Garrett



drugs,” said Garrett. “But the people in the program having my back, the accountability of three drug tests a week, and learning the tools I can use not to do drugs made all the difference.”

The program initiated recovery; the initiation of restoration was up to Garrett.

His addiction impacted those closest to him, and recovery enabled Garrett to mend broken relationships. It’s not a once-and-done process but an ongoing opportunity to restore trust.

He said, “Trust is a really hard thing to gain back; it’s more of a time-will-tell type deal. People started to see me changing, and they and other people still in active addiction have asked me how I did it, and I’ve tried to influence them to the best of my ability. The trust factor is hard to gain back because people knew some of the stuff I’d done. All I could do was just show them this time. Give me time, and I can prove I am doing better.”

And he is.

Rediscovering who he was before addiction opened the world up to him again. Remembering his love of the outdoors and video gaming connected him to healthy coping mechanisms and gave him something to share with his family.

He said, “I have embedded that into my kids because they love being out in nature, walking trails, and exploring the outdoors. We enjoy a balance of being outside and inside playing video games.”

While he hates that his children saw him at his lowest, his wife and children continue to build him up and support him throughout his recovery. Their support has been priceless.

“It warms my heart and makes me feel good that they are proud of me for being clean, for me to actually be able to be there in sound body and mind,” Garrett said.

His mother’s love and support as they’ve worked together to bring him into the roofing company’s management plays a vital role in his ongoing recovery and restoration.





▲ Lucas and Debbie Garrett with three of their children

She said, “Dwayne and I love him because he is our son, and we’re very proud of him for his accomplishments. He has taken on more business responsibility and works as one of our estimators since he graduated from Recovery Court. He handles some of our jobs from start to finish, which would have been impossible before, and working with him daily is truly a godsend. There are days I teach him, and some days he teaches me.”

Taking one moment at a time, Garrett knows others are watching, and opportunities abound to learn and teach. To someone struggling with addiction or who has friends and family entangled in it, his goal is to encourage them and point them to recovery as more than a hope or

a dream. He continues to participate in 12-step programs and self-help meetings.

“After attending these meetings, I feel God has a bigger plan for me. Whenever I talk to somebody, and they say that it helped them, made them feel better, or made them not want to use drugs — even for one day — it makes me feel good,” Garrett said. “The small victories should be celebrated just as much as the big victories because for a drug addict, not to use is abnormal.”

With the tools and resources gained from Tennessee’s Recovery Court program, he is taking life moment by moment, grateful for hope, healing, and restoration to his family, friends, and the community. **GN**



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The sky is a vast expanse of blue, broken only by the occasional cloud lazily drifting by. It seems to go on forever, stretching out over the fields and trees like a canvas waiting to be painted. The heat is oppressive, a tangible force that weighs down on the body and mind. But despite the discomfort, there is a sense of contentment in the air. It is a time of lazy afternoons spent on front porches, sipping sweet tea and watching the world go by.

Summer in the South is a season of contrasts. It is hot and humid, yet filled with the simple pleasures of life. It is a time of long days and warm nights, of fireflies dancing in the darkness and the sound of crickets singing in the distance. It is a time to slow down and appreciate the beauty of the world around us, to find joy in the simple things, and savor the sweetness of life.

Did you know people from all over the world come to travel to Tennessee? And not just to Nashville and Dollywood. Our hometowns excite people all over the world. Why couldn't it excite us, too? There are endless options to have a fun summer. And vacations can become staycations when we learn to appreciate what our home has to offer.

Good News invites you to explore your own backyard.

This is your summer guide! ☀️









# Beat the heat and have some

# FUN!

Area activities welcome families to make the most of summer.

By Kali Bradford // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**F**INDING SOMETHING the whole family can do during the summer can be challenging. The beach is too crowded, and the amusement parks are too far away. And both can be astronomically expensive. You are looking to save gas and your sanity. Thankfully, many family-friendly activities are heating up in popularity for the summer months. Not only do they welcome the whole family to enjoy, but they won't break the bank, and they will also get everyone up and moving.

## DISC GOLF

First up is Disc Golf. While the two words seem contradictory, the sport's growing popularity is anything but.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, Disc Golf is also known as Frisbee golf. In playing the game, players attempt to toss a plastic disc into each of a succession of basketlike receptacles stationed along a course, with the object being to reach each target in as few attempts as possible. It is similar to regular golf in that it has 18 holes and is played primarily by the same rules. But instead of hitting a ball into a hole in the ground, Frisbees

are thrown into metal disc-trapping baskets on stationary poles.

Locally, Disc Golf courses have popped up steadily, with plenty of spots to play a round in whatever county you might find yourself in. It's also a sport that welcomes all skill levels and almost all ages.

Fourteen-year-old Hannah Brown has gotten into the sport, thanks to her family. She now competes competitively with Lone Star Discs, a Disc Golf manufacturer. She said she loves getting outside and throwing discs, whether competitively or with friends.

"I love being out in nature, throwing discs and watching them fly. The course at Henry Horton is one of my favorite courses where I can play and hang out with my friends," said Brown.

Myles Love, who is also an avid Disc Golf player, added that the sport keeps you busy without breaking the bank.

"The sport is fun, and there's a lot of leagues and tournaments locally," he explained. "There is always something going on within the sport. It's also pretty affordable. Unless you're buying tons of discs, it's not that expensive."









## PICKLEBALL

Another summer activity that seems to have picked up its own cult following is Pickleball.

A paddle sport with combined elements of tennis, badminton, and Ping-Pong, Pickleball is played on a doubles badminton court. The net is similar to a tennis net but is 2 inches lower and played with a hard paddle, identical to Ping-Pong. It can be played in either singles or doubles matches.

While mostly played indoors, you can find Pickleball at outdoor tennis courts or specially built Pickleball courts.

Felicia Daniels and her family have a long-standing love of Pickleball, which is four generations strong.



▲ Felicia Daniels

“My family is a four-generation family that plays,” she explained. “My mother started playing in Tullahoma at the D.W. Wilson Community Center. I hardly ever got to see her because she was so addicted to it. She told me I should start playing so I could see her more, so that’s how I got into it. That was probably three years ago, and that’s how long my husband and I have played. My children started giving me a hard time about never seeing me, and I told them the same story. So now my



children have started playing, and even my grandbaby is trying to play too. It has become one big family affair.”

Daniels isn’t alone in her love of Pickleball. Locally, the First Presbyterian Church hosts regular Pickleball sessions welcoming anyone who wants to learn more about the sport. The church is open for Pickleball from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the gym.

## SWIMMING

The local pool is on almost everyone’s list for summertime activities. The smell of chlorine, pizza, and





## DISC GOLF

Fayetteville Parks and Recreation  
Disc Golf Course  
Don Davidson Park  
1701 Wilson Pkwy., Fayetteville

## Henry Horton State Park

4358 Nashville Hwy., Chapel Hill  
(931) 364-2319

## PICKLEBALL

First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville  
101 Mulberry Ave., Fayetteville  
(931) 433-1905

## Fayetteville Recreation Center

1203 Winchester Hwy., Fayetteville  
(931) 433-6059

## SWIMMING

### Fayetteville City Pool

1155 Winchester Hwy., Fayetteville  
(931) 433-1612

suntan lotion is not only hypnotic but intoxicating and draws all ages to come in and cool off from the summertime heat.

Area swimming today offers a much more upgraded experience than it once did. Area pools have been upgraded to include swimming options for all ages, such as splash pads and shallow water play areas.

Fayetteville is one such area. The pool is ideal for kids, featuring zero entry with a designated area for small children. Water depth starts at zero entry and goes to 5 feet in depth. The pool also includes a climbing wall and a spiral slide. **GN**







## Entertainment, Fireworks, and

# ART!

Explore summer's invitation  
to escape and explore.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**S**UMMER'S NOT just for outdoors! Fellowship with friends and family while experiencing our area's best arts and entertainment, indoors and out. Don't forget the fireworks, but there's more than fireworks lighting up the skies; there's an explosion of things to do and places to go.

As summer's heat bears down, the footlights come up on local arts and entertainment. Escape into the air-conditioned theatre for a play or musical, where you'll be transported while supporting your local arts center. While there, consider exhibits and classes for all ages where you might discover a new hobby or untapped natural talent.

When it comes to art classes, don't forget area studios for a wide variety of things to do this summer. There's something for adults and children.

Carriage House Players sets the stage for performing arts fun for kids 7-18. Scheduled for June 5-9, there's a lineup of instruction in dance, makeup, music, and drama.

Mickey Johnson said, "They do a little bit of everything. The kids get to choose something they want to work on, and there's











▲ Group enjoying Fayetteville-Lincoln County Arts Center's summer activities

a time each day to write the script they'll perform for the parents on Friday. In addition to that, they'll have sessions on make-up, costuming, lighting — everything it takes to put on a production. The older group will even create mockup stage designs built to miniature scales. It's a lot of training for one week.

There's more happening behind the scenes during camp.

"It gives them confidence, and it builds their stage presence. Anytime you get on stage, it will give you an edge because it helps with the nerves," said Johnson.

Escape the heat and humidity with a great book, whether under your favorite shade tree or in the most comfortable chair at home. Find a new favorite author or genre while your children make their selections for the library's summer reading program. You can borrow books using your library card online if you'd rather not leave the comfort of home to snag a current bestseller or an old classic you'd like to rediscover.

How does free fun sound? You can visit the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Arts Center weekly for free independent art center stations and create unique summer keepsakes.

Jen Pierce, the center's president, said, "The five activity stations range from beginner to advanced and use various artistic methods and materials. These activities are suitable for all ages, making it a great time for families of all abilities to spend time together. These activities are updated weekly and posted to our Facebook page before opening. We will also be organizing take-home projects and crafts throughout the summer. These will have a small fee and can be picked up in the classroom as they're available while supplies last."

Don't forget long-standing community events and traditions. Summer standards include fairs, festivals, cook-offs, tractor pulls, and vacation Bible schools.

So why not try something new this year, along with your favorite annual summer events, projects, and programs?

For up-to-date information on these and many more, bookmark the Good News events calendar and check it often.

You never know what you'll discover in your own backyard! GN



▲ Sarah Bradford



# MORE SUMMER FUN



## JUNE DATE TBA

Kids Fish Day  
Stone Bridge Park  
[fayettevilletn.com](http://fayettevilletn.com)

## JUNE-JULY

Summer Reading Program  
Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library  
[flcpl.org](http://flcpl.org)

## JUNE 3

Lincoln Community Center Annual  
Chicken Supper  
Drive-thru only  
Randy Delap (931) 703-9250

## JUNE 5-9

Carriage House Players Drama Camp  
[Facebook.com/carriagehouseplayers](https://Facebook.com/carriagehouseplayers)

## JULY 1

Independence Day Fireworks  
Don Davidson Park  
[fayettevilletn.com](http://fayettevilletn.com)

## JULY 4

Lincoln Cemetery's Annual Barbecue  
Must pre-order  
Randy Delap (931) 703-9250

## JULY 20-22 AND 27-28

Carriage House Players present  
"Deliver Us From Mama"  
[Facebook.com/carriagehouseplayers](https://Facebook.com/carriagehouseplayers)

## DATES TBA

Independent Art Centers, monthly workshops  
for adults, and other events  
[ficarts.com](http://ficarts.com)



# Beats, tents, and GOOD TIMES

Get ready for a musical rendezvous this summer.

By Jeriah Brumfield // Photography by Brooke Snyder

**S**UMMER IS a season of warmth, joy, and fun. It is a time when people get together to enjoy the outdoors, dance to great music, and make unforgettable memories. Summer music festivals are a perfect way to experience all these things and more.

Whether you're a music lover or just looking for a fun way to spend a weekend, there's nothing quite like the experience of attending a festival in the heart of Tennessee.

The state is known for its rich musical heritage and diverse music scene, making it the perfect destination for music lovers







of all tastes. It's no surprise that the state is home to some of the best summer music events in the country. These events celebrate the diverse musical traditions of Tennessee and bring together music lovers from all over the world.

One of the most popular festivals in the state is Bonnaroo, which takes place in Manchester each year. The four-day festival draws thousands of music fans worldwide, with headliners like Kendrick Lamar and Paramore lighting up the stage. But Bonnaroo isn't just about the music – it's an all-encompassing experience featuring art installations, interactive experiences, and a vibrant food and drink scene.

Rebecca French, a volunteer with Bonnaroo, said, "Music is a universal language. And even if you speak a second language, are nonverbal, or can't hear, you can still feel the music."

In Tennessee, artists showcase their genre-defying music from all over the world, with performances taking place outdoors, in churches, theaters, and other unique venues throughout the state.

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber's Music in the Park (MIP) brings together people of all ages to enjoy local music acts in a beautiful outdoor setting. Visitors are encouraged to bring their chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets to enjoy a night of music, food, and fun.

Each season features a diverse lineup of local music acts. From country to rock to pop, there's a sound for every ear. Plenty of food vendors are on-site, offering a variety of mouth-watering eats. And with the park's proximity to downtown





Fayetteville, visitors can take a stroll and explore the charming shops and boutiques around the square.

Carolyn Denton, executive director of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, said, “MIP is a great way to relax and enjoy being with family and friends while listening to great music under the stars.”

No matter which festival you choose, there’s something truly magical about attending a summer music festival in Tennessee. The state’s natural beauty and welcoming Southern hospitality create the perfect backdrop for unforgettable experiences, whether camping in the countryside or exploring the city’s thriving music scene.

People from all over Tennessee can bask in the summer sun, eat tasty treats from local restaurants and food trucks, and enjoy the beautiful sound of music.

No matter your music genre, there is sure to be a summer music event that suits your style. So pack your bags, grab your friends, and prepare for an unforgettable experience. You won’t want to miss these community-wide festivals. **GN**

**MORE  
SUMMER  
FUN**

**JUNE 5-JULY 28**

Music in the Park  
Stone Bridge Park, Fayetteville

**JUNE 15-18**

Bonnaroo Summer  
Music Festival  
Manchester





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REST; HEALS THE  
HEART AND MAKES  
IT WHOLE, FLOWS  
FROM HEAVEN TO  
THE SOUL.**

*-Angela Monet*

**JULY 6-8**

Shadow Valley  
Gospel Music Festival  
54 Warden Rd, Fayetteville

**SEPTEMBER 16-23**

Lincoln County Fair  
Fayetteville







# A NEW AROMA

Flavor the day with backyard grilling.

By Tina Neeley

**T**HE BREEZE carries a hickory-smoked aroma from the nearby grill throughout the backyard as the family laughs and catches up in the early summer sunshine. It's Dad's day, but any excuse to get together is a welcomed one. Hungry appetites are settled, and hearts are filled with love and appreciation for the one that fixes the broken things and guides us through the rollercoaster of life.

It's a great occasion to try something new while gathering around traditional summer favorites. A new dessert may become an old favorite. A new recipe for grilling might send new flavors throughout nearby yards, causing neighbors to investigate the source. Or a new salad might be the day's perfect pairing.

While it's not what you eat, it's the company around you. Great food complements any special occasion. **GN**

## Grilled Chipotle Ribs

Submitted by Essie Mills

- 2 sm. onions, peeled, divided
- 1 rack pork spareribs, 4 1/2 lbs.
- water for garnish
- 1/2 c. mesquite flavored marinade
- 1 t. chipotle chili powder
- 2 T. fresh cilantro, chopped

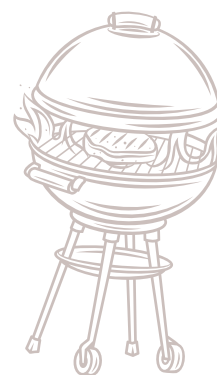


Quarter 1 onion and chop remaining onion. In a roasting pan over high heat, bring ribs, quartered onion, and enough water to cover ribs to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. In a small mixing bowl, combine chopped onion, marinade, chili powder, and cilantro. Heat grill to medium-high. Brush ribs with marinade mixture. Grill for 15 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°, turning once, brushing often.

## Summer Salad

Submitted by Cindy Raybern

- 1 pkg. zesty garlic salad dressing mix
- 1 T. red cooking wine
- 1 cucumber, sliced
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- vinegar and oil



Combine salad dressing by directions on package, but substitute 1 T. red cooking wine for water. Add vinegar and oil. Pour over cucumber, tomato, onion, and green pepper, and serve.

Submit your recipes to be included in Good News Magazine and the Exchange Cookbook: [www.southernaprons.com](http://www.southernaprons.com)







# “I got you, girl.”

By Kali Bradford

**I**T IS the best of times; it is (sometimes) the worst of times. I have three children, ages 16, 12, and 5. It's not lost on me how fast they grow. Now, with a child who is nearing 18, it really does go by too fast. While I love being their mother at any of their ages, I would have to say I have truly enjoyed the younger years with them. The cuddling, kisses and hugs, and them constantly being attached to my hip. While that may seem crazy to some, I would much rather have my child needing a hug than give me attitude. I feel like most of you who are parents can commiserate.

My son is the youngest and as wild and sweet as they come. At the bold but also tender age of 5, he's ready to take on the world, but he also wants his mom and dad close to keep him safe while he tries to conquer.

A few months ago, I was tested on my theory of loving the younger years as he went through a significant milestone: losing his first tooth. To say it was dramatic would be an understatement. It all happened as we were walking out the door to head to preschool. While he was brave, there was also quite a bit of screaming and blood, along with me being told I was a “bad doctor.” He was right on that one. I'm a writer, not a doctor, and I have never played one on television. The good news is that he lived to tell about it and received a whopping \$3 for his first tooth. A pretty good haul for a tooth if you ask me. My most significant tooth payday memory was a handful of dimes under my pillow, courtesy of my own tooth fairy — my grandfather.

On the other hand, I was left a little ragged and torn. Getting out the door with three kids is never easy. Add in the drama of losing a tooth during an already crazy

morning; I would be lying if I said that it didn't leave me a little depleted.

I know I'm preaching to the choir when I say that being a mom, or a parent, is hard work. Sleepless nights, long days, hurried moments, and the constant worry if we are doing it right. It all goes so fast; will our children know just how much we love them? They never tell you about the hard parts.

But there is a small voice in my head, and if I quiet the crazy for just a moment, I can hear it say, “I got you, girl.”

And if I stay quiet just a little longer, I can hear: “I got you. I've always had you, and I'll always have you. Be still and know that I am God.”

And he's right, you know. He's got me. Through the crazy mornings, nights of worry, and tears of sadness that my babies are growing so fast, He's holding me and has already made the way. All I need to do is remember his promise. Psalms 16:8 is just one of the many verses in the bible that tell us this.

“I know that the Lord always has me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.”

That night as I snuggled with my little guy, he looked up at me and, with his beautiful toothless grin, told me he loved me. And I was reminded then that he knows I love him.

So I'm trying. In moments of chaos, uncertainty, and even fear, I remind myself that He is with me and loves me. Remember what we learned from Mister Rogers? He loves us just as we are. We love our children just as they are. We should also remember that the good Lord does the same for all his children, even in our worst moments. **GN**



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# BEST SHOW IN THE COUNTY!

Fabulous Fifties Show showcases local talent.



By Kali Bradford // Photography by Brooke Synder

**T**HE STAGE was set, performers prepared, and the audience was ready for one of their favorite performances of the year, the Fabulous Fifties Show. This was the 36th year for the annual show that allowed the talent of Lincoln County to shine bright.

This year's show was entitled "You Oughta Be in Pictures," featuring nine performances showcasing actors, a 13-member band, dancers, and singers, along with songs from the 1950s, '60s, '70s, and '80s. Actors took the audience on a trip to Hollywood, where they tried to break into the entertainment business. Writing the script, Deborah O'Connor said the show allowed the actors the freedom to include unscripted banter or witticisms that gave each performance its own uniqueness. Additionally, each of the show's performances allowed the plot to grow.

According to the production's website, the Fabulous Fifties Show came about after Peggy Mann, a local art enthusiast, had attended and enjoyed a similar show featuring classic songs and performances in a neighboring town. She believed Fayetteville should do something similar to entertain the community and raise funds.

After working with locals, Cary Sullivan and Edith McKay, Mann's thought started to become a reality. The rest, they would say, is history. In its over three decades in Fayetteville, the demand for the show has continued to grow, with nine performances included in the show as opposed to the two that it started with. It has given local performers and lovers of entertainment a chance to participate in something that showcases local talent and welcomes visitors from outside the city limits, further boosting the local economy.

## ALL HANDS ON DECK

It's important to point out that the annual larger-than-life show that has become a staple in the community doesn't just happen overnight. It takes many hands and talents from locals with a true heart for the production.

The show's producer, Jane Wilcox, said over 90 volunteers came together this year to help prepare for the show. The cast and crew comprised community members from ages 2 to those in their 70s. Everyone involved in the show is a volunteer and is from Lincoln County.

Locals such as Carl Gleghorn, artist, architect, and owner of the Dragonfly Art

Wilcox stated that the band started practicing in November, and the singers and dancers started to practice on the first of January.

## LENDING A HELPING HAND

The Fabulous Fifties Foundation is a non-profit organization. Over the years, proceeds have been donated to the American Cancer Society and the Multi-County Cancer Support Network. Today, show proceeds go to the Fabulous Fifties Foundation, a 501(c)(3) that allows funds to serve families in Lincoln County. For more information, pictures, and videos of past shows, along with behind-the-scenes looks, visit the show's Facebook page. **GN**



▲ Odessa Dangerfield, Dorothy Webb, Gladys Simpson, and Dorothy Small

Gallery, helped design the show's backdrop and T-shirts sold during the production. Once Gleghorn created the backdrop, art students with Lincoln County High School, led by Jennie Roles-Walter, brought it to life with their own artistic touches.

Performers who participated also began preparing months in advance for the event.



▲ Garrett Rutledge



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Pickleball

Photos submitted by Prospect Baptist Church

Prospect Baptist Church held its First Fellowship Sunday. Church members participated in a variety of activities that included a rousing tournament of Pickleball that welcomed all ages and experience levels. The goal of the monthly gathering is to come together to love one another and invite others to experience God's family. This event will continue at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. The public is invited to come and worship at the 32 East Prospect Rd. church.

▶ Lee Dyer, Terrell Bain, Johnny Fugate, Bro. Kevin Davis, and Sheryl Fugate.



▶ Carver Phillips, Mike Schuller, Austin Schuller, and Jaxon Mitchell



▶ Johnny and Sheryl Fugate





◀ Jojo



## The first pitch of the season

Photography by Brooke Snyder

Softball is officially underway! Riverside Christian Academy and Fayetteville City High School held a preseason scrimmage. The game helped to prepare both teams for the upcoming season. Fayetteville City took home the win with a 9 - 3 victory.

▶ Aspen



▶ Charis





# EVENTS CALENDAR

# Get a good look



We wish we could publish all the photos we have, but we have too many! Browse our online gallery for free or purchase photos to be mailed to your home. All proceeds from photos go to local nonprofits.

## May 15

**9:00 am HeART of Sarah Art Classes (Toddler - Middle School)**  
Fayetteville Lincoln County Arts Center  
303 Main Avenue S., Fayetteville

Offering art classes for kids of all ages! Toddler, preschool, elementary and middle school age kiddos can sign up at <https://theheartofsarah.com/product/art-classes-by-month/>

You must register in advance! Please contact Sarah Bradford for more information.

## May 18

**6:00 pm Lincoln Central Academy Graduation**  
Lincoln Central Academy  
909 Main Avenue S., Fayetteville

## May 20

**10:00 am Two Trees DIY Class: American Flag**  
The Farmhouse  
at Two Trees  
439 South Mill Rd., Fayetteville

Is it wood or fabric? It's a layered wood project that makes it look 3D.

As with all of our classes, we have everything needed to make your project a one-of-a-kind. You will leave with a finished project. As always, we are here to help guide you with any questions or oops moments!

**5:30 pm McBurg Community Center Music Event**

Straight Shift Band.  
Food for purchase before band starts





**10:30 pm Late Skate**

Star Wheels  
 Skate Center  
 22 Ardmore Hwy.,  
 Fayetteville

Hosted by Malik "Slow Jam" Evans. Music by DJ Jason (Decatur) and DJ Ham (Baltimore). Special Guest: JT "Hollywood Superstar" and WESK8HSV. Admission is \$12.

Search for SLOWJAM\_42 on Instagram to contact for more information.

*May 30*

**10:00 am Blood Drive**

Fayetteville Parks & Recreation  
 1203 Winchester Hwy.,  
 Fayetteville

To schedule an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: FayettevilleTN

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*June 3*

**10:00 am First Saturdays**

Fayetteville Main Street  
 100 Main Avenue N.,  
 Suite 1B, Fayetteville

First Fridays grew by 67% in 2022, hosting as many as 93 vendors around the square. We surveyed the community, and with over 350 responses, the majority was overwhelmingly in favor of moving First Fridays to First Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Obstetrics & Gynecology

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