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Heartbeats of Our Hometown

We celebrate the silent heroes among us.

IN THE quiet corners around us, away from negativity, thrive the true heartbeats of our community — the local charities and the selfless individuals who support them. It's in these spaces, often unnoticed, where the most profound acts of kindness blossom, nurturing the soul of our town the way gentle rain nourishes our earth.

These charities are the sturdy bridges over turbulent waters for many among us. Behind each food drive, each fundraiser, and each helping hand are people like those featured in this issue. They are the pillars of our community, often foregoing recognition and reward, driven by a simple yet powerful desire to make a difference. These are our neighbors, our friends, perhaps even strangers, who embody the purest form of love — giving without expecting anything in return.

The beneficiaries of these charities are not just faceless names on a list. They are people with hopes and dreams, often finding themselves in situations beyond their control. The support they receive is more than just material aid; it's a message that they are not forgotten. Their community stands with them in hours of need.

This cycle of giving and receiving creates a harmony that resonates through our streets, echoing in the laughter of children at a community center or the grateful smiles at a food pantry. It's a reminder that, in the hustle of everyday life, the most impactful moments are often the quiet acts of kindness.

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Wesley Bryant,
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GROWING TOGETHER



Megan Hall



A local partnership in school nutrition feeds students today and the community in the future.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Brooke Snyder and submitted by Megan Hall

THE SCHOOL lunches of our childhood memories vary greatly depending on the era in which you pulled up a seat at the cafeteria table. The most mature readers likely ate at home. When the Great Depression rolled in, the National School Lunch Program appeared, ensuring hungry students got a hot meal. World War II brought some twists as folks had to get creative with rationed foods. Fast forward to the '50s, and suddenly, TV dinners started influencing what landed on lunch trays.

In the '60s and '70s, healthier foods, like fresh fruits and veggies, appeared alongside pizza, fish sticks, and hamburgers. Processed foods like chicken nuggets, chocolate pudding, and sliced fruit drenched in syrup mirrored fast food and grocery store trends. In the '90s and 2000s, there was a widespread

effort to address childhood health with an emphasis on promoting healthier choices according to updated guidelines.

Today's healthier options have the bonus of partnering with area growers to supply school lunch offerings. It's like upgrading an old black-and-white television to a new smart screen, but it leads to healthier students and more substantial agricultural businesses in our community.

Megan Hall, school nutrition director of Fayetteville City Schools, said, "The 2023 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Local Foods for Tennessee Schools Grant (CFDA#10.185) is part of a \$200 million funding allocation through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) under Section 5(c) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC714c(c)). The grant allows school-

awarded funds to purchase domestic, locally grown foods that are unprocessed or minimally processed from local producers, small businesses, and socially disadvantaged farmers and producers."

The area considered local to a school district is somewhat broad under the grant. The Fayetteville City Schools district works hard to tap into as many



▲ Teresa Dangerfield



"It helps students see the hard workers we have around us and question and learn where their food comes from. It is a step in the learning process for teaching future farmers and trying to help them learn that eating wholesome food can be fun and not as complicated as some may think."

-Megan Hall



▲ Shannon Reed and Kimberly Galloway

Lincoln County resources as possible. The district has worked with Tennessee Grassfed in Clarksville, Scott's Orchard, Taylor Made Farms, Pilaroc Farms, and Fleur de Lis Farm.

An added advantage is that the local nutrition department connects directly with the producers and farmers to arrange the purchase of their goods and issue payments. The department then applies for reimbursement from the USDA through the grant.

Hall said, "The grant can also help cover certain temporary storage if needed to accommodate the amount of local foods and shipping and delivery. If the farmer or producer is not set up for delivery on a regular basis, the grant can help cover the extra expense for them through the school system."

The grant provides financial relief to the district, allowing the purchase of meat, milk, and vegetables at no charge when using local producers. The byproduct is its



▲ Shannon Reed, Brandi Griffin, Renee Elliott, Kim Galloway, and Jennie Schutte-Patrick

positive impact on the community and the stage it sets for future collaborations. The interactions between the school nutrition departments and area growers improve community relations as they support local businesses and farmers, investing money to support local producers.

“We have always tried to support local but were never given the extra funds or know-how to actually do it. This grant has allowed us a guide to reach out further and help our local farmers,” said Hall.

But the benefits don't end there. Students demonstrate a willingness to try new things made possible by the grant. Children aren't always naturally drawn to new food choices, but most students give it a chance. The menus are constantly evolving to make the most of the available items, many of which are seasonal.

Hall said, “We have had wonderful results with everything so far and have a few more non-traditional items planned for spring.”

While Farm 2 School enables partnerships with local growers and food-related businesses that feed students healthier options, it's also building a stronger community for tomorrow. The program opens the door to a practical learning process that sparks the interest of future farmers.

“It helps students see the hard workers we have around us and question and learn where their food comes from,” said Hall. “It is a step in the learning process for teaching future farmers and trying to help them learn that eating wholesome food can be fun and not as complicated as some may think.”

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Fayetteville's Tractor Supply team knows your name.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

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and out the automatic doors and where the staff and customers aren't strangers; they're part of the same team. TSC's employees understand the unique needs of rural life.

Donna Renegar, leader of the TSC team at the Fayetteville store, is a familiar face to customers and explains just how much the store's customers are part of their team.

"If we're doing tasks, like freight, or anything like that, we stop everything we're doing and engage [the customer] to make sure they know they're important and have everything they need," she said.



▲ Josh Bryant, Jesse Evans, Louis Lawrence, Makayla Mercier, Donna Renegar, Donette Cagle, and Adeline Grigsby

The store's commitment to exceptional service is evident through the dedicated efforts of Renegar and her team, ensuring a positive and supportive experience for shoppers. The united focus on customer service demonstrated by Donna and her teammates, Cheri, Donette, and Adeline, underscores the strength derived from working together to meet the variety of needs of the company's customers.

These are the seeds that, when cultivated over time, lead to a harvest of future employees who become experts. Renegar said they often hire from their customer base.

"It makes the conversation so much easier [during interviews]. Hiring customers helps us a lot in product knowledge, so we can better serve our customers because we have employees

with livestock farms, tractors, and [related experiences]."

After graduating from Grissom High School, Renegar's experience owning horses led her to her first job with TSC. She and her husband, Steve, have two horses and cattle on their farm today, and she's always learning.

"My customers have taught me a lot about the tractor [part] of it. There are lots of things I definitely wouldn't have known if it wasn't for them. I love to learn from them, and I learn something new every day."

She quickly knew she'd found work she loved. She is now in her 15th year with the company.

"About two weeks in, I knew I wanted to be with this company, and I definitely wanted to be a manager. It was my goal for sure," she said.

Renegar is quick to credit her team with maintaining their community connection.

"I have a very solid team, and they actually enjoy what they do. We have a lot of fun. I really enjoy this store. I enjoy my customers and know a lot of them by name. I try to learn everybody's name; the bond is better that way, on a first-name basis."

We're far removed from the days of barn raisings and quilting bees. Digital devices guide planting and predict the weather that impacts the crops, but we've lost a little something as we've advanced — the personal touch. Friends now consist of lists on social media, and we interact face-to-face less than ever.

The value of being called by your name transcends register transactions; it affirms the connection to the community. This

simple yet profound act is a cornerstone of the store's shopping experience. It's a place where you're not just another customer but a familiar face, a neighbor, and a friend. Renegar and her team understand that each name spoken is a nod to the shared journey of rural life, a reflection of the bond that makes TSC a gathering place where friendships flourish, cultivating an environment where every customer feels at home.

The Fayetteville TSC is a living, breathing part of the rural community it serves. Through leaders like Renegar and her dedicated team, it transcends a retail space as a place where each name spoken is a testament to the bond that makes this store a trusted neighbor in the heart of rural life. **GN**

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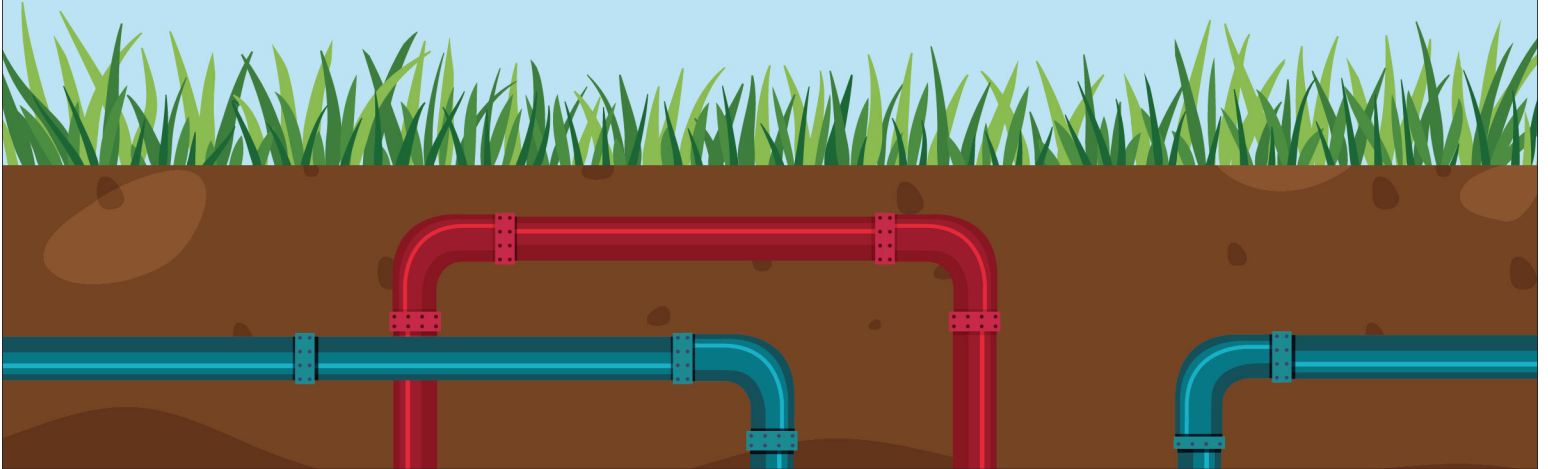


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CAPELESS CAT CRUSAD



Gail Wilbur's Patches Place Cat Rescue impacts the local feral and abandoned cat population.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Brooke Snyder

WITH A heart full of compassion, Gail Wilbur is on a mission transcending the ordinary. She is the driving force behind Patches Place Cat Rescue, a local cat rescue and Trap-Neuter-Return nonprofit, where she tackles the challenges of cat overpopulation with a hands-on approach.

Wilbur's mission began as a rescue 12 years ago with sympathy for the growing number of abandoned and stray cats. Her first rescue, a beautiful calico whom she named Patches, quickly became family. Patches, unfortunately, passed from leukemia.

Recognizing that caring for the cats would never slow the population boom, she found an additional way to make a positive impact.

She said, "People often can't get to a clinic without missing work. It started as helping working people, and then we added trapping and transporting feral cats since they are a major source of the overpopulation problem."

She gets up at 5:30 a.m. and spends most mornings feeding her cats and the

cats waiting to be adopted. She rises half an hour earlier on transport days to feed them all and prepare to load the cats to transport them to the clinic for their spay or neuter procedure.

Trap-Neuter-Return is a national movement to manage the number of feral and abandoned cats without euthanasia. Cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, and returned to the area from which they were captured. It is time-consuming, and although many would like to fix their cats or the rescues they've taken in, they can't due to work conflicts or their age and fixed incomes. Wilbur works closely with the colony caretakers, observing feral cats at feeding times and making plans with the caretakers to humanely trap and transport them.

According to pawsomeadvice.com, one female cat and her babies can have 370,000 kittens in seven years. Patches Place coordinated the spaying and neutering of 233 cats in 2022. Assuming half of those were females, that





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- GAIL WILBUR

reduced the future feral cat population by nearly 43 million. Wilbur coordinated more than 240 procedures in 2023.

Transporting cats to clinics is a crucial part of Wilbur's work.

“I had one lady recently who had to be at work by 6 o'clock in the morning. She was here at 5:30, dropping off her cat. I don't mind; she's getting it fixed. I went through it myself. I worked in Huntsville and had to be at work by 7:30, so I started using the North Alabama Spay and Neuter Clinic. I lost a little time, but not a lot, and I could pick my cat up on the way home,” Wilbur said.

Although she can focus on Patches Place full time now, it can sometimes seem like a full day's work and then some.

“It's a lot of work caring for the cats waiting for homes, coordinating the trapping of cats, and making spay and neuter appointments for them and those with pet cats. The appointments for the spay and neuter clinic have to be scheduled online. I also loan our traps to those in need and teach them how to use them,” she explains.

Funding is the other crucial part. Wilbur said many veterinarian offices charge \$200-\$300 for the services, but the spay and neuter clinics charge around \$60-\$70.





Grants fund vouchers that can be used for services at the Middle Tennessee Spay and Neuter Clinic in Shelbyville for those unable to pay. Wilbur actively seeks grants to support her efforts, but most grants demand an annual income of at least \$50,000 for the nonprofit, and Patches Place falls short of this requirement.

In 2023, the state awarded the rescue with the Tennessee license plate grant for low-income families in Lincoln County. Funds are still available for this grant. Under the grant, the cat owner is responsible for making their appointment and transporting the cat to the Middle Tennessee Spay and Neuter Clinic because the grant mandates the use of a Tennessee veterinarian.

Wilbur said, “There is always a need for funds for veterinary care, food, and litter as well as for the spay or neuter of feral and community cats.”

Fundraising and donations make it possible for her to continue to impact the feral cat population. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference. Despite its financial challenges, Patches Place remains steadfast in its mission to find homes for abandoned cats and create a healthier and more balanced environment for feral cats in Lincoln County.

Wilbur’s work continues beyond rescues and Trap-Neuter-Return. She actively engages others through Patches Place’s Facebook page, educating them about responsible cat care. She emphasized using straw instead of towels or blankets in outdoor shelters to prevent cats from freezing in wet conditions.

“Hay gets wet, and it stays wet. It [molds] and [mildews],” said Wilbur.

“Use straw. With hay, when it gets really cold and wet, the hay freezes, and the cat falls asleep on it. It’ll die because it’ll freeze with the water. Straw is hollow, so it dries and doesn’t retain the moisture. But it’s also an excellent insulator.”

To measure success, Wilbur looks at the number of appointments and cats she can manage within a given timeframe. Her goal is clear: reduce the feral cat population one neutered cat at a time.

Wilbur’s story is one of resilience, empathy, and the unwavering belief that every effort counts in the journey toward a more humane society for our feline friends. **GN**

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THERE'S A new restaurant on U.S. 64, near Interstate Highway 65. Like most locals, when I hear about a new restaurant opening, I can't wait to try it. In a small town, it gives everyone something to look forward to.

One evening in December, I stopped to get a bite to eat. It had been a busy day with no breakfast or lunch, so, being overly dramatic, I was "starving." Perhaps, even a little "hangry." Unknowingly, I had entered a holiday wonderland with white Christmas trees, lights, and polar bears. It was picturesque, to say the least.

The hostess had a delightful smile. She showed me to the booth where I would sit and enjoy one of the best mushroom Swiss burgers and fries I had ever eaten, and I have tried many over the years. Hands down, this one was the best! I liked it so much that the following evening, my husband and I went back.

One thing we both have in common is that we are "foodies," so I knew he would enjoy it as much as I did. He had the smothered chicken on a bed of rice, with a baked potato, side salad, and Texas toast. When this man says "MMM," that means something! The food was delicious, and he enjoyed every morsel. I had the mushroom Swiss burger with

fries again because it was so delicious the evening before. We both had to get to-go boxes for our leftovers because you get such an ample amount of food. He was impressed with his meal and enjoyed the baseball-themed area we were sitting in. Junction 64 received both of our A-plus approvals!

My most recent visit was with a friend and her two sons. I was excited for them to try this incredible new restaurant. I had plans afterward to interview the owner, Mildred McNatt. I wanted to meet the woman behind the successful restaurants she's owned over the years around Fayetteville, Ardmore, and Lewisburg.

When you first meet Mildred, she greets you with a genuine, kind smile and a twinkle in her eyes. She makes you feel at home with her warm hospitality and charming demeanor. She is the kind of person everyone enjoys being around, perfect for the line of business she's in.

From bussing tables at 12 years old to owning 11 restaurants throughout her life, Mildred has done it all. She plans to add a buffet to the restaurant that will include meats and vegetables prepared just the way she's always done it — deliciously cooked using her recipes, loved by many over the years. **GN**



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- Mother Teresa



RISING FROM THE ASHES

HOPETOWN PETERSBURG IS A STORY OF REBUILDING, REDEMPTION, AND THE UNSTOPPABLE POWER OF COMMUNITY.

By Tina Neeley
Photography by Brooke Snyder

THERE'S AN undertow in life nationally and at home today. Shoppers with bewildered faces wander the grocery store aisles, calculator in hand, trading items from their carts for the ones priced lower or that they must prioritize as a necessity. They must often choose groceries or critical prescription drugs over rent or utilities. Forget holidays and birthdays. As much as they'd love to celebrate, they can't because there's nothing left.

Others have passed the threshold of barely making it and crossed over into homelessness. Blessing box meals heated on cookstoves and nights huddled in sleeping bags and tents are better than days with nothing to eat and nowhere to escape inclement weather. A hot shower in a recreation center or shelter is a luxury; fresh clothes to wear after it is a dream.

Their struggles and stories are familiar to Frank Sullivan and his wife, Julie, founders of HOPEtown Lewisburg.



▲ Frank and Julie Sullivan



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- Frank Sullivan

“[Before moving back to Lewisburg], I did inner city ministry for 12 1/2 years in Detroit. So outreach to the people on the margins and people who are generally characterized as being people in need — I’d done some of that work for a long time,” said Frank.

A trip home for his class reunion reunited Frank’s passion and hometown when Julie arranged a tour of the outreach housed in the old Connelly Middle School.

Frank said, “It was just a tour, but during that tour, God began settling on me about the possibilities. I grew up here [in Lewisburg], but I had been gone for 25 years and was living near Baltimore, Maryland. But I couldn’t help but sense that maybe this is something I could be involved with.”

Frank pushed the thought away but eventually couldn’t ignore it. He knew, though, that any outreach he undertook should be independent of any church or denomination, the only way to unite the community’s support of it. Frank and Julie opened HOPE-town Lewisburg in the old school in 2016 to inspire hope, believing God would provide funding and volunteers for the program. After nearly seven years, the ministry has expanded its programs to include a food pantry, clothes closet, assistance with rent, utilities, medication, temporary housing, a homelessness ministry, and more.

Jean Griffin had an idea: why not expand to Petersburg? Griffin recently opened Ms. Jean’s Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop on the Petersburg square, an area experiencing a commercial revival thanks to an out-of-town investor.



“Jean put a little bug in our ears when she first opened up about the old McCauley Funeral Home because she said the same owner owned that building. On the inside, I thought, ‘A second location? Are you kidding?’ But we drove by the building that day anyway, even though I rolled my eyes on the inside,” said Frank.

When the possibility of acquiring the building emerged as a no-risk opportunity that wouldn't impact their budget for Lewisburg, Frank knew God was up to something. It was official — HOPEtown Petersburg agreed to operate from the old funeral home building.

Unfortunately, a fire destroyed the building a few weeks before the planned opening. What it took isn't the story; it's what it could never steal — hope. It's HOPEtown for a reason.

HOPEtown planned a food giveaway and testimony night in Petersburg before the fire, and thanks to the support of the town's residents, it took place nonetheless.

Warren Gill offered space in the old Morgan School as a temporary location, and Crossroads Meal House agreed to host testimony night on Dec. 5. The owner of the funeral home property contracted for the immediate construction of a new building on the property, and the HOPEtown Petersburg ministry never skipped a beat.

The Sullivans have plans for Petersburg.



Frank said, “Our plans are to operate in Petersburg at whatever capacity and in whatever variety the community needs. We’ll help people with food and hygiene items and with clothing. And there’ll be other ways we can help. We’re going to have to grow just a little and learn the community better to see how we best meet that need. But I’m sure we will, and it’ll probably be a wild, fun ride as we do.”

Their motto reflects their mission and the key to their decision-making.

“The HOPEtown motto is, ‘Doing good is never bad. Doing right is never wrong.’ That’s our guiding approach. To the best of our ability, we’re going to do what is good and right today without borrowing trouble from tomorrow and

without trying to peg our decisions to our ability to control the outcomes,” said Frank. “So without shoving paperwork in people’s faces, we’re going to sit down and use conversation as an application. We want to be people’s friends, not their social relief organization. We want to bring churches together as we do it. We want this work to be relational. Our goal is not to grow the organization but to minister to the most people in the name of Jesus wherever we can.”

Hope springs eternal, and Frank and Julie’s faith that HOPEtown Petersburg will flourish is strong.

“It’s been extraordinary. Of course, we wouldn’t be launching our second site in Petersburg if we didn’t believe we could

sustain it after that year of guaranteed support. But we knew we could because the people of Petersburg will sustain it after that. We’ve seen incredible community unity and support already coming from Petersburg. Those folks are excited; they’re ready to take on responsibility. And they’re already rallying to our cause there,” he said.

And what better cause to rally to than doing good and doing the right thing for your neighbors? More people being pulled from the undertow of life into calmer waters leads to a town full of hope. GN

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**“As a graduate of
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Leadership Lincoln.”**

- Trish Bouldin

*By Tina Neeley
Photography by Brooke Snyder*

LINCOLN COUNTY — what do you know about it? Lifelong residents know Lincoln County as a tight-knit community that rallies to support its own in times of crisis. We know its country backroads, gently rolling hills and hollows, showing out in each of nature's seasons. We know its traditions, families, and annual celebrations. But undergirding everything we love here is a foundation of leadership that propels us into the future while preserving our past. Local leaders make up the hidden foundation, and many pass through Leadership Lincoln on their way to greatness.

Founded in 1987 by the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau, Leadership Lincoln brings together a diverse group of individuals committed and motivated to expand their knowledge of the community.

John F. Kennedy said, "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."

The program embodies this growth mindset with its mission to develop motivated, committed, and knowledgeable leaders willing to step up and make their community a better place to live.

The annual class gets an extensive look at local history through its tours of the courthouse, area churches, Camp Blount, and the Fayetteville-Lincoln



▲ Front row: Nathan Webb, Jennifer Walker, and Connie Armas

County Museum. The class tours area agricultural enterprises on Ag Day and gains a broader perspective through the annual trip to the state Capitol for Hamburger Day on the Hill.

Like most organizations, the pandemic affected Leadership Lincoln but only served to strengthen it.

Immediate Past President Trish Bouldin said, "As a graduate of 2020, affectionally known as 'the COVID Class,' I have firsthand experience with the pandemic's impact on Leadership Lincoln. Our class was cut short. Fun fact — we were in the state Capitol for our State Government Day on the very day that Governor Lee called for the shutdown. We had a delayed graduation that year, and as a board — which I joined in 2020 — we decided to take a year off in 2020-2021 for both our adult and youth programs. We spent the year reforming and coming up with safe alternatives to begin the classes again in the summer and fall of 2021."

The difference, Bouldin said, is visible compared to classes before and after the pandemic. And despite the interruption, Leadership Lincoln thrives today. It continues to impact the Lincoln County community, as shown by donations of nearly \$4,000 by the class of 2022-2023 to Hands of Mercy, Junior's House, Crossroads Pregnancy Clinic, Clothe Our Kids, Lincoln Health Foundation, and Always Endure.

"The class projects every year have a tremendous impact on the community, and we've had several over the years that have led to ongoing programs that change lives. People who graduate from Leadership Lincoln are a part of something vital, and it draws us all together," said Bouldin.

Leadership Lincoln has been part of Lincoln County's nonprofit organizations since the early '90s. It is instrumental in many community programs, planting seeds for those such as Junior's House, Kids Playground, and Father's Overlook at Stone Bridge Park to grow. Many alums now hold key positions in various industries. The county mayor and city mayor are both graduates. It is a glowing testament to the program's ability to produce leaders who shape the community.

Beyond political figures, the program's volunteer requirements have cultivated a robust support system for organizations like Child Supported Special Advocates and the Tennessee Promise Mentor Program. Leadership Lincoln alums often continue to give back to these essential services once they experience the reciprocal benefits of investing in the lives of others.

Recruitment and alums involvement have been focal points, leading to significant strides in youth recruitment. The program proudly boasts having the most extensive

youth board in the community, investing in tomorrow's leaders today.

Treva Buntley, the president of the board of directors, said, "I was born and raised in Lincoln County and thought I knew all about it. Leadership Lincoln exposed me to so many opportunities and challenges in our community where others and I can have a positive impact. I joined the board of directors and now serve as the board president, allowing me to meet some wonderful people and support many great initiatives."

Surprisingly, most unfamiliar with Leadership Lincoln walk into it without understanding what it entails. Their experience within the program's unique blend of leadership development and fun dispel their misconceptions.

"People are overwhelmingly surprised at the fun we have while delving into all leadership aspects of the industries we cover," Bouldin shares.

Leadership Lincoln is a transformative experience that shapes leaders, builds connections, and leaves an indelible mark on the community.

A 2019 graduate, Susan Gatlin, said, "Leadership Lincoln has had a huge impact on my life. Not only did I graduate and make amazing connections, but I've made a point to send representatives from my team every year since. With our seventh team member in this year's class, it's been a wonderful opportunity for us as a team to impact our community in such a positive way."

It's the shared experience of other members as well.

"Leadership Lincoln was such a wonderful experience. Not only do I have a better understanding of how our county operates, but I feel more connected to our community in a whole new way," Diana Johnson, class of 2022, said.





“You have the opportunity to meet new people, be a resource to others, and broaden your networking circle.”

- Tonya Knott

Tonya Knott shared, “As a member of the 2022-23 class and a new resident of Lincoln County, I found Leadership Lincoln to be a one-stop source of information that would have normally taken years to obtain. You have the opportunity to meet new people, be a resource to others, and broaden your networking circle. A special thanks to Jim Malone for recruiting me.”

Leadership Lincoln continues to shape leaders and strengthen the community. You can help by spreading the word about the program and its ongoing commitment to preserve everything we love about Lincoln County. GN



Treva Buntley

KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND

LOCAL LIONS CLUB MEMBERS ARE CHAMPIONS FOR SIGHT.

By Tina Neeley

Photography by Brooke Snyder

HELEN KELLER said at the 1925 Lions Club International convention, “Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”

The Lions accepted Keller’s challenge and worked globally and locally to change lives and save vision. In Lincoln County, the mission of the Fayetteville Lions Club is to eradicate vision impairment and its devastating consequences one life at a time.

Their youngest-age program, KidSight, screens children in Fayetteville and Lincoln County day cares, Head Start centers, preschools, and kindergartens. Lion Martha Wolf, the program’s chairperson, and her team of volunteers capture digital images of each child’s eyes with a revolutionary digital camera, revealing potential vision problems that might otherwise go undetected. The Plusoptix vision screener used by the Lions Club can detect the most prevalent vision disorders in children from 12 to 70 months of age.



▲ Don and Jean Combs





Wolf said, “I taught at Highland Rim School for 37 years and was always grateful when the Lions Club tested the eyes and ears of my second graders. I had many parents thank me for helping them get glasses for their child and for letting them know because it was a good way to help their child do much better in school.”

Excited to be a part of the club and its program that helped her students, Wolf shares the group’s passion for serving others with their time and energy.

“It’s a big job to schedule all those screening sessions! In 2022, we screened 478 children and referred 48 with 56 hours of lions’ service,” she said.

Under the leadership of Lion Don Combs, a team of volunteers screens over 2,000 children in kindergarten, second, fourth, sixth, and eighth grades, ensuring that no student is left behind. Their work ensures that every child can learn and thrive, unhindered by vision or hearing challenges.

“We do the eyesight and the hearing at the same time, except for kindergartners. [If we see a problem], we bring it up to the nurse, and they can send a note home to the parents and let them know we will pay for the glasses if they can’t afford them. The nurses and teachers are the biggest help we’ve got. They know the children

and are very helpful in getting them to us so we can get in and out without disturbing the schools,” said Combs.

In 2022, the Fayetteville Lions screened 2,013 students and referred 312 for sight and 93 for hearing to the school nurses for further evaluation.

But the Lions’ mission extends far beyond schools. Recognizing the plight of those facing financial hardship, they provide the total cost of comprehensive eye exams and eyeglasses to 75 to 100 Lincoln County residents in need. They exclude the Petersburg community, which the Petersburg Lions Club serves.

Lion Bill Thomison, the program’s coordinator, works closely with local eye doctors to secure discounted prices. It’s a joint effort between the club and local providers.

“This program couldn’t exist without the help of the doctors in our community that provide exams and eyeglasses: Dr. Daniel Dejarnatt, Dr. William Womble, and Mallard Eye Care/Walmart,” said Thomison.

Concerning the people they serve, Thomison said, “The people [who apply] fall into four categories: young students who are referred to us by teachers, elderly who have diminished sight and income, unemployed who need glasses to get a job, and disabled who need to see better to improve their lives.

In all cases, it’s improved the quality of the life of the people we’ve served because you can’t do well if you can’t see well.”

For those battling the effects of macular degeneration, the Lions Club offers a lifeline in the form of closed-circuit TV. These tabletop devices enlarge text and images placed under its magnifier and displayed on a large screen. The invaluable tools provide a window to the world, allowing individuals to continue pursuing hobbies and maintaining independence.

In addition, the club offers hope for those facing dimming vision caused by cataracts. They work closely with the Middle Tennessee Lions Sight Services (MTLSS) to provide financial assistance for cataract surgeries, restoring sight, and transforming lives.

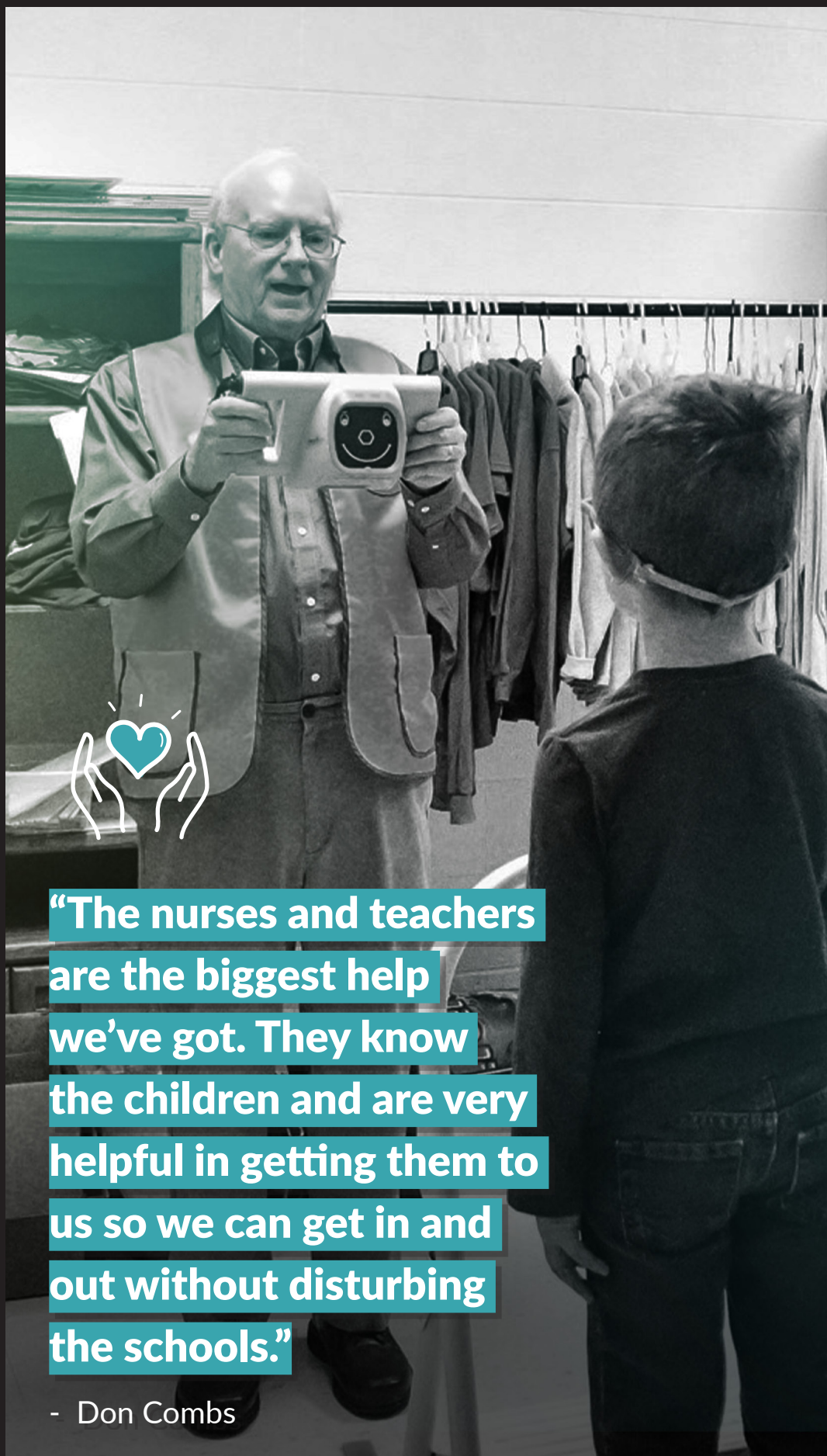
Lion Chris Ross, vice president of the MTLSS and past president of the Fayetteville Lions Club, said, “We have a great working relationship with Murfreesboro Medical Clinic and Vanderbilt University, our main surgery centers. The doctors provide their services at a reduced cost, and we pay the surgical center and anesthesia fees. We have an application process, and if they meet the requirements and aren’t insured, we’re going to take care of that person.”

All applications must be submitted through the Fayetteville or Petersburg Lions Clubs.

Lion Blake Copple, current president of the Fayetteville Lions Club, said, "Our club is proud of our long tradition of focus on vision programs. We have been doing screening in schools since at least 1954 when our primary screener was Kitty Alexander, the wife of Charter Member Harold. But our club also provides additional community services beyond these vision projects, each with its own chairperson and committee. In that way, our club can accomplish more service, and our members can develop their own leadership skills and choose the projects that they are most passionate about."

The club remains committed to Keller's charge as "knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness." Their unwavering dedication and selfless acts of kindness serve as a testament to the transformative power of human compassion, illuminating lives and restoring hope one vision at a time. GN

Attend a Fayetteville Lions Club meeting to learn more about their programs and membership. Meetings are every first and third Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Fayetteville Lincoln County Senior Citizens Center at 908 Washington St. W., Fayetteville. Also, visit fayettevilletnlions.org or follow Fayetteville TN Lions on Facebook.



"The nurses and teachers are the biggest help we've got. They know the children and are very helpful in getting them to us so we can get in and out without disturbing the schools."

- Don Combs



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Photo submitted by the Croft family

◀ Ada Kate and Katyleen Croft

Snow Days - Jan. 15-19



Photos submitted by folks in our community

School was out for a full week, starting with Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Snow fell on Fayetteville, creating a winter wonderland. Fun was had for those who braved the cold to enjoy it. Snowmen and snow angels were made all over the city and surrounding areas.



1. Emree Sherrer 2. Landon and Miller Meeks 3. Anna Beth, Sawyer, and Nora Kate Walp
4. Sam Swinford and Theo 5. Emmett and Nolan Frame 6. Rett, Calley, and Anna Franklin



7. Ada Kate and Luke Croft 8. Bella Buckner 9. Madison Madlena, and Gunner 10. Lauren, Karaline, and Forrest Luna 11. Eli and Gracey Flynn, Charla Heflin, Gus, Rachel, and James Hill, Jacob Thrasher, Caleb and Cody Burton, Caden Jacks, and Jackson Mullins

EVENTS CALENDAR

February 22

5:00 pm Leadership Lincoln Alumni Chili Cook-Off Event
First United Methodist Church
200 Elk Ave N.
Fayetteville

Community members are invited to join together with friends new and old for an alumni chili cook-off at the Methodist Church on Elk Avenue.

March 9

10:00 am Joy Gleghorn Nature Preserve Wildflower Hike
Wells Hill Park
91 Wells Hill Rd.
Fayetteville

Join TennGreen staff for a hike at Joy Gleghorn Nature Preserve to find early spring wildflowers. Wear sturdy shoes and weather-appropriate attire. Free for members. \$10 for non-members.

March 12

6:00 pm Robynn Shayne at Fayetteville Square
Fayetteville Square
2000 College St. W.
Fayetteville

Robynn Shayne will make her Fayetteville debut for her Courthouse Music Series on the square.

March 16

5:00 pm Two Trees DIY Class: Easter Trio
The Farmhouse at Two Trees
439 Smith Mill Rd.
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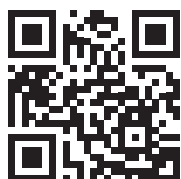
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**6:00 pm Helping Healing
Humor Mental
Health Workshop**
Riverside Christian
Academy
116 Riverside Ln.
Fayetteville

It is a free event that
aims to promote mental
health and well-being.

March 23

**9:00 am Great American
Fayetteville Gun Show**
Lincoln County
Fairgrounds
1003 Hedgemont Ave.
Fayetteville

Join the two-day show
featuring a variety of
firearms, knives, artifacts,
and more.

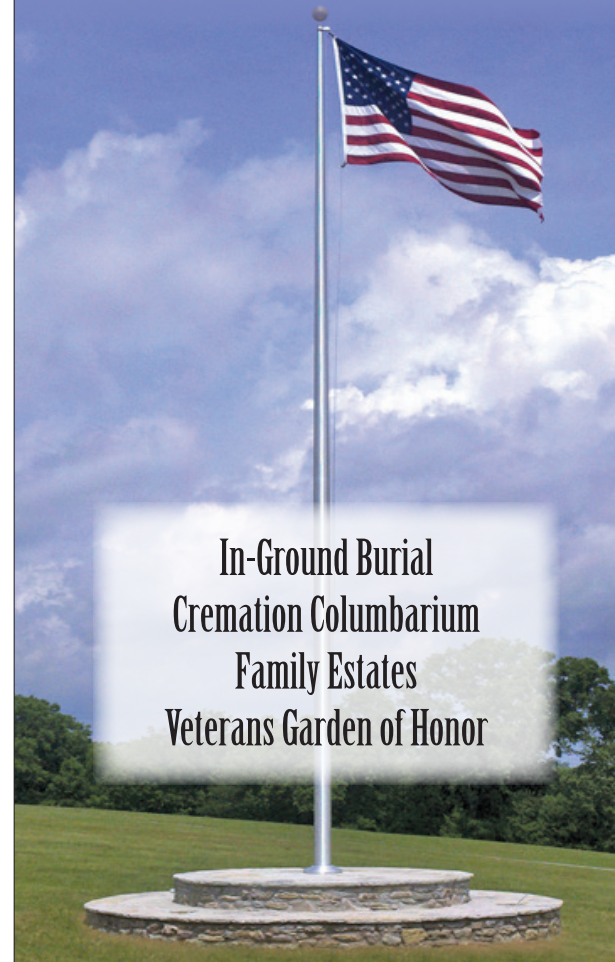
March 28

**5:00 pm Love Thy Neighbor
Merchant Mixer**
Mercantile on Market
123 Market St. E.
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monthly on Market
Street in Fayetteville to
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