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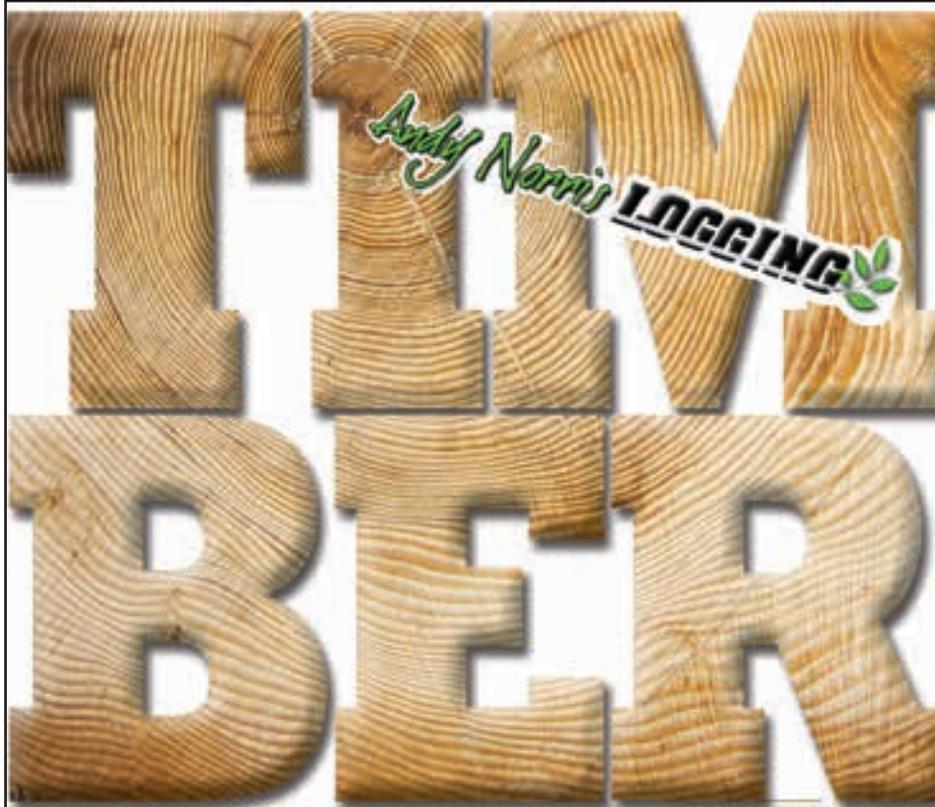
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Crockett Day School Hosts Outdoor and Adventure Camp

Fifteen Crockett Day School students participated in outdoor and adventure camp June 18th through June 22nd. They learned the importance of sun safety, physical activity, and staying hydrated during the hot summer months and throughout the year.

Emily Oswald, Crockett County Health Educator, presented the Sunbeatables program during the week, with the help of Darlene Burleson, TennCare Kids Outreach Representative; Lanier Moore, day camp director at CDS; and 3 and 4 year old classroom teachers, Leslie Wallace and Bailey Laman.

The students made an array of crafts including animal puppets to show the importance of sun safety for animals as well as people, their shadows using chalk to trace their bodies, colored paper to create trees and clouds to show the importance of being sun safe even when it's cloudy or raining outside, newspaper to create their own wide-brim hats, and foam sheets to make superhero capes as a Sunbeatables superhero at the end of the week.

The students learned about the sun



and participated in a physical activity exercise as one student was the sun and the other students revolved around as planets. We played outside after learning about the importance of applying and reapplying sunscreen all over especially after swimming or sweating.

Overall the students learned the importance of sunscreen, protective clothing, wide-brim hats, sunglasses,

shade, and to be extra careful during the hours from 10:00AM to 4:00PM when the sun is at its highest. The students enjoyed being physically active and interacting with each other and teachers to make the week both fun and educational. All 15 students graduated with a certificate, picture, and Popsicle party on Friday, June 22nd.



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The Alamo Girls

By Judy Poston

Six years younger than Nandalee, Margaret Raines (Laman) was the little sister. And though she desperately wanted to tag along, her big sister and her friends refused to allow it. Although admittedly jealous of the opportunity that awaited the older girls, Margaret contented herself with watching Nandalee and her friends excitedly prepare for their trip. Hearing that black and pink were Elvis Presley's favorite colors, some of the girls dressed alike, choosing black corduroy Bermuda shorts with matching black shirts trimmed in pink. "They were so cute," remembers Margaret.

For Patsy Laman (Gagnon), it was quite the dilemma. It was September – Mid-South Fair time – and her boyfriend had invited her to go to the annual fall event with him. Her girlfriends, however, were making plans to attend a concert in Tupelo, Mississippi, and they had asked her to go along with them. Patsy's daddy told her it was her choice. In the end, she chose the Mid-South Fair and now says she has regretted it ever since. As for the boyfriend, well, he has the distinction of being one of only a handful of men ever chosen by a girl... over Elvis Presley.



"The Alamo Girls" in the front row at Elvis Presley's 1956 homecoming concert in Tupelo, MS. Judy Hopper is the blond-haired girl at center, arms reaching. Second girl past Judy on the right is Gloria Wedgeworth (wearing glasses). On left of photo, wearing a striped shirt, is Royce Byrd. Just behind Royce is her twin sister, Joyce Byrd. Beside Joyce and a little behind is Nandalee Raines. Between Royce and Judy is Fran Avery (wearing glasses). Eleanor Conley was also in attendance.



Judy Hopper meets Elvis following the evening performance of his 1956 homecoming concert in Tupelo.

It was 1956 – the year Elvis Presley took the nation by storm, making the move from being a "regional sensation" to a household name throughout the country. At 21, he was a man with a strong work ethic, never shunning the hard work it took to get ahead in his chosen field. Between the first of the year and his September homecoming concert in Tupelo, Elvis performed in 94 concerts held across the U.S., made landmark appearances on national TV, recorded (among other tunes) "Heartbreak Hotel," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Hound Dog," and "Don't Be Cruel," had his first album by RCA released, and worked on his first film, "Love Me Tender," which

would be released in the late fall.

It was only 8 years earlier, when Elvis was 13, that the poverty-stricken Presley family, plagued by debts, had made the move, under the cover of the nighttime darkness, from an humble dwelling in Tupelo to a boarding house in Memphis.

Now Elvis returned to the town of his birth, arriving in style in a white Lincoln Continental, his mother and dad accompanying him, a banner hung to welcome him. A parade was held in his honor though security risks were too great for him to be allowed to take part. The Mayor of Tupelo handed Elvis the key to the city which was in the form of a life-size guitar with the initials,

“EP” and the words, “Welcome Home, Tupelo, MS.” Elvis also accepted a scroll from Mississippi’s governor which read, “America’s Number 1 Entertainer in the Field of Popular Music.” Elvis’s parents humbly expressed their gratitude before reporters saying, “This is real nice. We really appreciate it.” A former neighbor of the Presley family stated, “We are really proud for Vernon and Gladys.”

Elvis’s two 45-minute benefit performances, which provided finances for a project being completed for the city of Tupelo, were held on stage at the Mississippi – Alabama Fair and Dairy Show. He remembered, as a child, climbing the fence with a friend to gain entry to this same fair because he didn’t have the nickle admission fare. It was here, too, that, as a child, Elvis, had entered a talent contest held at the fair, singing the Red Foley classic, “Old Shep.”

When a group of teenage friends heard about the upcoming concert in Tupelo, they pleaded with their parents to allow them to attend. It was Gloria Wedgeworth’s mom, Anna, whom the girls talked into driving them from Alamo to Mississippi for the occasion. It was on a warm fall morning that the seven girls, Royce Byrd (Harris), her twin sister, Joyce, Nandalee Raines (Sanders), Gloria Wedgeworth (Reasons), Fran Avery, Eleanor Conley, and Judy Hopper piled into Gloria’s mother’s Pontiac Sedan. Some of the girls had to sit on a friend’s lap. There were no complaints, however, as Gloria’s mom pointed the large car, full of girls’ chatter, southward and the adventure began.

As the car load of Crockett County girls arrived at the fair, they learned that some fans had waited in line for some 2 ½ hours to see the matinee performance. A five-foot stage had been built in an attempt to keep the screaming, hysterical fans at a safe distance. When Elvis walked on stage, he was wearing a long-sleeved bright blue velveteen shirt, with silver buttons, made by his mom, his feet clad in white buckskin shoes. As Elvis began to sing, a wave of fans, shrieking his name, rushed to the foot of the

stage causing reporters and photographers to scramble upon the stage for safety. Forty highway patrolmen and local officers had their hands full with 5,000 fans pushing their way through the throng, reaching for Elvis who managed to stay just out of their reach, some fainting and in danger of being trampled in the midst of the heat and the hysteria.



“The Alamo Girls,” (from left) Patsy, Gloria, Royce, Joyce and Elizabeth.

In 2006, (from left) Gloria, Elizabeth, Patsy, Joyce and Royce wearing their matching t-shirts created by Royce for the 50th anniversary of Elvis’s 1956 Tupelo, Mississippi concert.



Elvis halted his singing more than once, begging those crowded at the foot of the stage to return to their seats for the sake of everyone’s safety. The attendees would obey his request but soon return to shoving for space nearer where Elvis stood high up on the stage performing.

When the concert began, “The Alamo Girls” were seated in the

tenth row from the stage. The seven friends soon, however, found themselves transported to the very front of the fans crowding the stage. The crowd at their backs pushed them up against the stage, the heat from the footlights added to the warmth of the crowd, making the temperature almost unbearable and nearly burning the skin of those closest to

remained, stunned at what she had accomplished, emotional and weeping, but for only a moment before being pulled away by a guard who stood by her, restraining her for the remainder of the concert. Six police officers stood on stage with Elvis for the remainder of the show.

For the evening concert which the girls stayed for, the number of attendees swelled substantially to 20,000 but so did the number of those working in crowd control as National Guardsmen were brought in to assist bringing the combined number of soldiers and police officers to 100. Royce tells that the girls had no idea what repercussions might come as a result of Judy’s earlier spontaneous actions. However, Elvis actually invited Judy backstage following the concert that night. She got to meet Elvis, have a short conversation with him, and even received a kiss to her immense delight. Judy would later recall the brief encounter for reporters as, “even more thrilling” than she thought it would be. Margaret remembers her sister and her sister’s friends returning home and describing the wonderful and thrilling time they all had.

The following day, news of the concert made headlines with the picture of “The Alamo Girls” at the foot of the stage along with a picture of 14-year-old Judy sobbing onstage as Elvis continued to strum his guitar and sing. Terry Woods, of Tupelo, had covered the story for the press and had taken between 30 and 40 great shots of the event with his camera. Fox Studios included his picture of Judy in a Movietone Newsreel which was shown in movie theaters across the country, lauding the music and film career of Elvis. Judy became immortalized as “the anonymous fan” through this medium. This snapshot and the iconic picture of the group at the foot of the stage have been included in practically every videoed re-telling of the story of Elvis Presley.

As for “The Alamo Girls,” they have had a lot of fun with their “15 minutes of fame” that just seems to never end. While strolling through exhibits featured at Mud Island one afternoon, Margaret was sur-

them. Judy Hooper found herself desperately reaching towards Elvis. It was during the song, “Don’t Be Cruel” when, Judy later said, Elvis made eye contact with her. Judy recalled, “That was it! I was going up on that stage.” And she did. With others’ hands pushing her forward, Judy scaled the platform to stand at Elvis’s side where she

prised to come across the picture of the girls, identifying her sister in the crowd at the foot of the stage. A few years later, a granddaughter of Nandalee's was delighted to discover this same picture displayed at Mud Island. She quickly located the image of the grandmother she never knew in the photo.

Over the years, Royce, who recalls seeing "Love Me Tender" at the Trenton Drive-In, has collected coffee table editions of books containing the picture, including a fun pop-up-edition that features 3D pictures of Elvis during some of the most memorable moments of his career. When Royce's son, a pilot for Northwest Airlines, caught sight of a postcard featuring the photograph in the Nashville Airport, he purchased a copy, addressed it to his mom, and put it in the mail with a note, "I just couldn't resist." For Christmas, Royce's grandson presented her with a hip swiveling Elvis clock along with a picture-of-the-day calendar which displays a different picture of Elvis for each day of the year. There on

"July 9th", is THE picture. Royce has spotted the picture in a filmed biography on the life of entertainer and singer, Ricky Nelson, as well as in a documentary on rock-n-roll history made by British film makers.

In 2006, on the 50th anniversary of the Tupelo concert, the girls were invited back to the city to be a part of a discussion panel that included others who had been involved in the concert on the day Elvis returned to Tupelo. For the special occasion, Royce created t-shirts for everyone which sported the photograph along with the concert year, "1956", and the words, "Alamo Girls." Royce, Joyce, and Gloria attended. They invited Patsy to go and this time, she said, "yes," with no hesitation. Elizabeth Carter Edwards, another pal in the close circle of friends, made the journey this time as well. Judy Hopper was present, too. It was the first time the friends had seen her since high school. The policeman who had escorted Judy off the stage 50 years earlier was there



In 2011, a production crew working with Michael Rose Productions from Hollywood came to Franklin, Tennessee, to complete an interview with Royce and Gloria. Standing in front of Gloria's house are the production team of David Rogers, Jim Raines and Michael Rose with Gloria (on the back row) and Royce (on the front).

and he and Judy had their picture made together. The other girls have not seen Judy since. She is thought to live in Las Vegas where one of her three sons takes the stage as an Elvis Impersonator.

In 2011, Royce and Gloria taped an interview at Gloria's Franklin, Tennessee, home with a team who came from Hollywood to talk with them. The interview became part of a documentary, "Back to Tupe-

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Front row (from left) Donna Clement, APN; Karen Webb, APN; Kristin Byrd, APN; Lori Laman, APN; back row Megan Chapman, APN; Dr. Loren Carroll; Dr. Raymond Rhear; and Kylie Turnage, APN

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At left: Taken in 1956, Judy Hopper with policemen Bobby Norris, who removed her from the stage which she scaled to be near Elvis.



At right: Judy Hopper and former policeman Bobby Norris are reunited for a photo 50 years after he escorted her from the stage.

lo,” that has been broadcasted on A&E. Clips of the program can be seen on YouTube and the show, in its entirety, is available for purchase through Amazon.

In 1982, while hosting two exchange students from Japan for a weekend visit, Royce inquired of the girls if there was anything particular they would like to see or do. Not knowing their host’s connection to the story of the king of rock-

n-roll, their immediate reply was, “We would like to see Graceland.” It was the first time Royce, a retired educator who has traveled extensively in Europe, had made the trip herself.

Though they have lost contact with Judy, the other girls have remained close through the years. Another 14-year-old, Wynette Pugh, who they had unknowingly shared that row at the front of

the stage with so many years ago, would make her mark on the music world, as well, as country music singer, Tammy Wynette. Nandalee and Eleanor have both passed away. Royce, Joyce, Gloria, Fran, Patsy, Elizabeth, and Margaret have retired from life-long careers through which they served their fellow man. They have said goodbye to their parents and some have laid their spouses’ earthly remains

to rest, as well. The girlhood memories of the history of the pictures seen throughout the world have been passed down to children and grandchildren. The group will, however, always remain... the girls... “The Alamo Girls,” forever connected to one another by a picture – a piece of America’s rich musical history, and the rags-to-riches story of one of the world’s most beloved entertainers.



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AHS Class of '58 Enjoys Reunion

By Royce Byrd Harris

Alamo's Class of 1958 celebrated their 60th high school reunion at Rebecca's Event Home in Alamo. There were 12 members and three guests present.

Classmates in attendance were Royce Hardin Cooke, Helen Klyce Wilson, William Branch, Terry Reasons, Mike Hopper, Sonny Crutchfield, Royce Byrd Harris, Sandra Cox Kinzer, Jan Nanney Dugger, Shirley Holladay, Joyce Byrd, and Joan Cox Speer. Joanne Branch, Lloyd Speer, and Betty Reasons accompanied their spouses.

A special treat occurred when Alamo's Director of Schools Reecha Black and Principal Kelsie Henning brought the class's composite to surprise the group. Several of the class members enjoyed a visit to the school after having lunch and sharing high school experiences as well as later life experiences.

Royce Harris coordinated the event. Since the group's 10 year reunion at the (then) Alamo High School Cafeteria; they were anxious to once again hold their celebration in Alamo. Rebecca's Event Home was perfect for the small group. The food was prepared by those attending, and the event will be remembered as one of their most special reunions.

The 1958 class has many close friendships and has celebrated 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and now their 60th reunion! After the 50th reunion, the class became concerned about losing members and began a tradition of meeting every two years for lunch at the Old Country Store in Jackson.

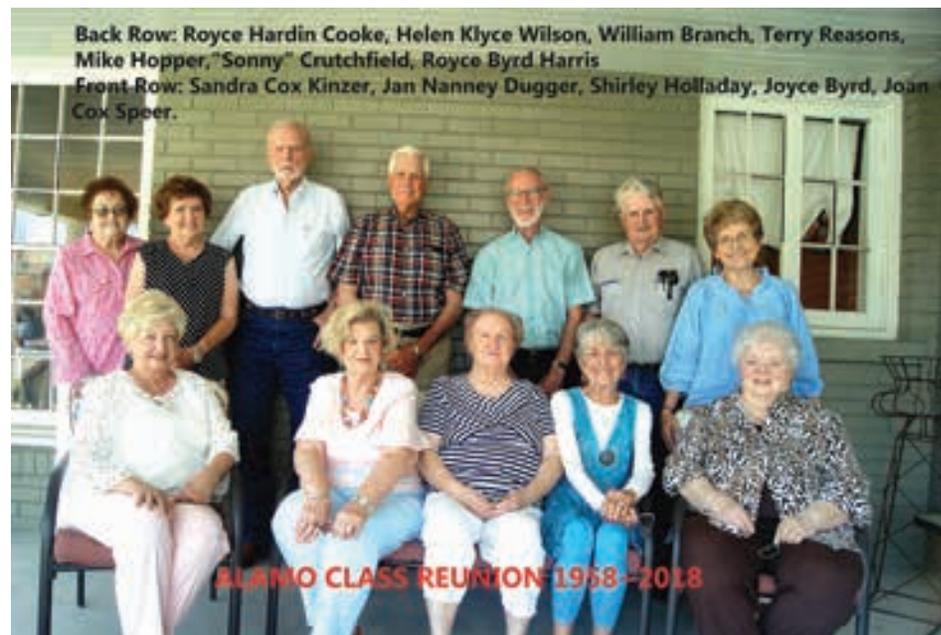
In this group, there are as many as 12 50-year marriages! The graduation class had 32 members and all members of the class, save one, have kept in touch over the years. The class members now have grandchildren and great grandchildren who still live in Crockett County. One member of the class, Royce Hardin Cooke, sang every word of the school's Alma Mater as Joan Cox Speer joined in! Some of those in attendance still remember high school "cheers" and football plays. As a matter of trivia, those attending admitted to having received a speeding ticket at some time in their lives.

Additional trivia concerning the class of '58 – The group remembers gasoline at 24 cents a gallon. A stamp could be bought for 4 cents and a Coke for a quarter. They were listening to Elvis, Conway Twitty, The Everly Brothers, and enjoying songs like "The Purple People Eater" by Sheb Wooley and "All I Have to Do is Dream" by the Everly Brothers AND going to drive-in movies.



All remember Court Square and the special experiences shared in their little home town. Those attending were especially thankful for their parents and the community and school, all of which have faithfully supported them through the years.

The class of '58 received a note of appreciation from Alamo Elementary School. "Thank you to the Alamo High School class of 1958 for the \$250 donation to our library... You are always welcome at Alamo City School!"



Back Row: Royce Hardin Cooke, Helen Klyce Wilson, William Branch, Terry Reasons, Mike Hopper, "Sonny" Crutchfield, Royce Byrd Harris
Front Row: Sandra Cox Kinzer, Jan Nanney Dugger, Shirley Holladay, Joyce Byrd, Joan Cox Speer.

GEMC Area Students Visit Capitol with Washington Youth Tour

This summer, seven students from Gibson Electric Membership Corporation spent a week in our nation's capital as delegates on the 2018 Washington Youth Tour. Silas Freeze, Obion County Central High School; Ashley Becton, Crockett County High School; Joshua Hairston, Gibson County High School; Hannah Causer, Hickman County High School; Presley Jones, Dyer County High School; Jacob Rhodes, Crockett County High School; and Summer Farley, Lake County High School were among 135 students sent from Tennessee's electric cooperatives.

The annual event, sponsored by Gibson EMC and the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association, provides young leaders with an opportunity to explore the nation's capital, learn about government and cooperatives and develop their leadership skills. Students were selected for the trip by writing winning short stories titled "Electric Cooperatives — Going Beyond the Wires" that explained how co-ops provide communities with much more than electric power.

"Gibson EMC is pleased to provide this opportunity for the young people in the communities we serve," says Cynthia McClure, Gibson EMC Key Accounts Representative and trip chaperone. "It is a great trip and a wonderful chance for these delegates to learn about history, government, co-ops and leadership."

"The investments co-ops make in Youth Tour pay real dividends for these young people and the communities where they live," said Dan Rodamaker, President and CEO of Gibson EMC and Gibson Connect. "They come home with a deeper understanding of history and government. More importantly, we want them to be prepared to have a positive influence on their hometowns and to consider leadership



In front of the U.S. Capitol are, from left, Silas Freeze, Ashley Becton, Joshua Hairston, Hannah Causer, Jacob Rhodes, Presley Jones, Gibson County High School English Teacher Donnie Bailey, Summer Farley and Gibson EMC Key Accounts Representative Cynthia McClure.

roles when the opportunities come along."

While in Washington, D.C., Tennessee's Youth Tour delegates saw the White House and memorials to past presidents Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt as well as monuments honoring the sacrifices of veterans of World War II and the Vietnam and Korean Wars. During visits to the museums of the Smithsonian Institution, the touring students saw and experienced natural, historical and artistic treasures. Other stops included historic homes of former presidents — George Washington's Mount Vernon and Jefferson's Monticello — as well as Toby's Dinner Theatre, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and International Spy Museum. Among other Youth Tour highlights was a solemn and sobering visit to Arling-

derbilt after graduation. I'm looking forward to encouraging next year's juniors to take advantage of the opportunity to win the trip of a lifetime."

Matthew Byrd of Tipton County, a recent graduate of Munford High School, was awarded a \$10,000 Cooperative Youth Ambassador Scholarship. Byrd was a 2017 delegate for Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation on the Washington Youth Tour. In the year following the tour, delegates who remain engaged with their sponsoring cooperatives and complete certain community service requirements are eligible for the scholarship. Byrd's name was randomly selected from 37 delegates from across the state who completed the requirements.

"The excitement that co-op leaders and chaperones have for these students tells the story," said David Callis, CEO of the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association. "These young people are the next generation of doctors and teachers and farmers in the communities we serve. We want them to be passionate about their communities and prepared to lead when those opportunities come along."

President Lyndon Johnson, then a senator from Texas, inspired the Washington Youth Tour in 1957 when he encouraged electric cooperatives to send youngsters to the nation's capital. In the years since, more than 6,000 young Tennesseans have been delegates on the Washington Youth Tour.

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ton National Cemetery where the group laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The group was welcomed to the U.S. Capitol by Sens. Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker and members of the Tennessee congressional delegation who posed for photos and answered questions.

While in D.C., winners were announced in the statewide competition for the Robert McCarty Memorial Scholarships. Silas Freeze from Gibson Electric Membership Corporation was awarded the \$3,000 first-place scholarship for writing the top-judged short story of the more than 10,000 papers submitted across the state.

"It was an overwhelming experience when I learned that I had won a scholarship by writing a short story," Freeze said. "It will be very beneficial as I plan to attend Van-

Seniors Bring Home Gold

Maureen Meeks and Joe Camp received gold medals at the Tennessee Senior Olympics State Finals during the last week of June. There were approximately 1,600 people at State Finals.

Miss Maureen received a gold medal for Bowling Women's Doubles in the 60-64 age group and fourth place in Shuffleboard. This qualifies her at the National level in above events and she qualified in Horseshoes and Bowling Women's Singles in the 80-84 age group.

Mr. Joe received a gold medal in Shuffleboard Singles 85-89 age group and Doubles 85-89 age

group. He also earned fourth place in Doubles Bowling in the 65-69 age group. This qualifies him for Nationals in above events.

They will go to Nationals in early June 2019 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. If you see them, congratulate them and wish them luck in June when they go to Nationals and for the upcoming District Senior Olympics that will start in August and run through October.

At right: Maureen Meeks and Joe Camp, gold medalists in the Tennessee Senior Olympics State Finals



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Crockett County Youths Go to TNStrong and TTI Conferences

Students from Crockett County High School recently attended both TNStrong and TTI conferences surrounding the topic of tobacco and substance abuse in teen populations.

Cindi Thompson, Gayla Mayfield and Kelsie Henning attended the conferences as advisors as well as the following students: Payton Newbill, Kelsie Laster, Brooke Prescott, Parker Bond, and Mariam Procopio.

conference was totally run by teens from the age of 14 to 24. All meetings were set up and led by the students,” Cindi Thompson stated.

The youth who attended the conference were given different realistic scenarios they may face in school and in life and had to come up with ways to prevent the event from happening again. For an example not wearing your seat belt or allowing your friend to drink and drive. This conference went beyond the day to



Crockett County High School students Payton Newbill, Kelsie Laster, Brooke Prescott, Parker Bond and Mariam Procopio recently attended both TNStrong and TTI conferences surrounding the topic of tobacco and substance abuse in teen populations.



Both events featured motivational speakers who addressed tragedies in their life that eventually led them to recovery from their substance of choice and urged them to become a better person and live a life of recovery.

“The best thing about the conference was not that the kids got to hear GREAT speakers, but that the

day activities of “having a designated driver.” The conferences really urged the students to step up and say something and gave examples of how to make that happen.

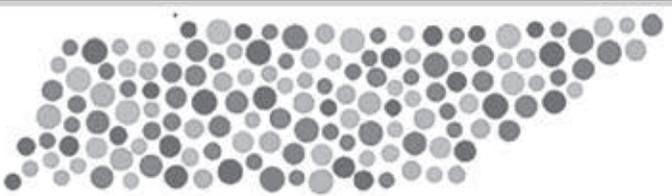
Crockett County students also designed a program to bring back to their school and Crockett County to teach one subject they learned about. Students at Crockett County

High School plan to have another block party like last year and instead of just talking about tobacco, they plan to cover many topics including seat belt safety, testing and driving, driving under the influence, substance abuse, and proper nutrition. The county-wide block party is scheduled for Monday, October 21st, 2018. The students are look-

ing forward to not only this event, but hopefully many others during the upcoming school year.

Payton Newbill, Parker Bond, and Mariam Procopio have applied to be conference leaders next year, so we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. No doubt Crockett County will be represented well.





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- Little Miss. 6-9 years 12:30pm
- Junior Miss. 10-12 years 1:15pm
- Teen Miss. 13-15 years 1:45pm
- Miss. Cotton Festival 16-21 years 2:15pm

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Rules: There will be a \$5 admission fee for anyone not participating in the pageant. No one is allowed on stage unless you are walking out on stage with the contestant. No men allowed in dressing room.

All divisions will have 1 queen and 3 alternates. Judges final decision. Queens only in 6-9,10-12,13-15,16-21 will be required to participate in activities designated by the West TN Cotton Festival committee. Those queens will be required to appear at the West TN Cotton Festival tractor pull August 11th, time will be given at pageant.

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Fishing Trivia

Note: Answers are at the end.

1. Which state harvests the most fish?

2. How can scientists tell how old a fish is?

3. What is the most popular seafood in America?

4. What is the largest fish in the world?

5. What is a recently hatched fish called?

6. What are the two mechanisms through which fish detect sound?

7. What two things influence the growth rate of fish?

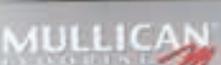
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1. Alaska. 2. Ear growth rings (otoliths). 3. Shrimp. 4. Whale shark. 5. A fry. 6. The inner ear and the lateral line. 7. Food supply and temperature.

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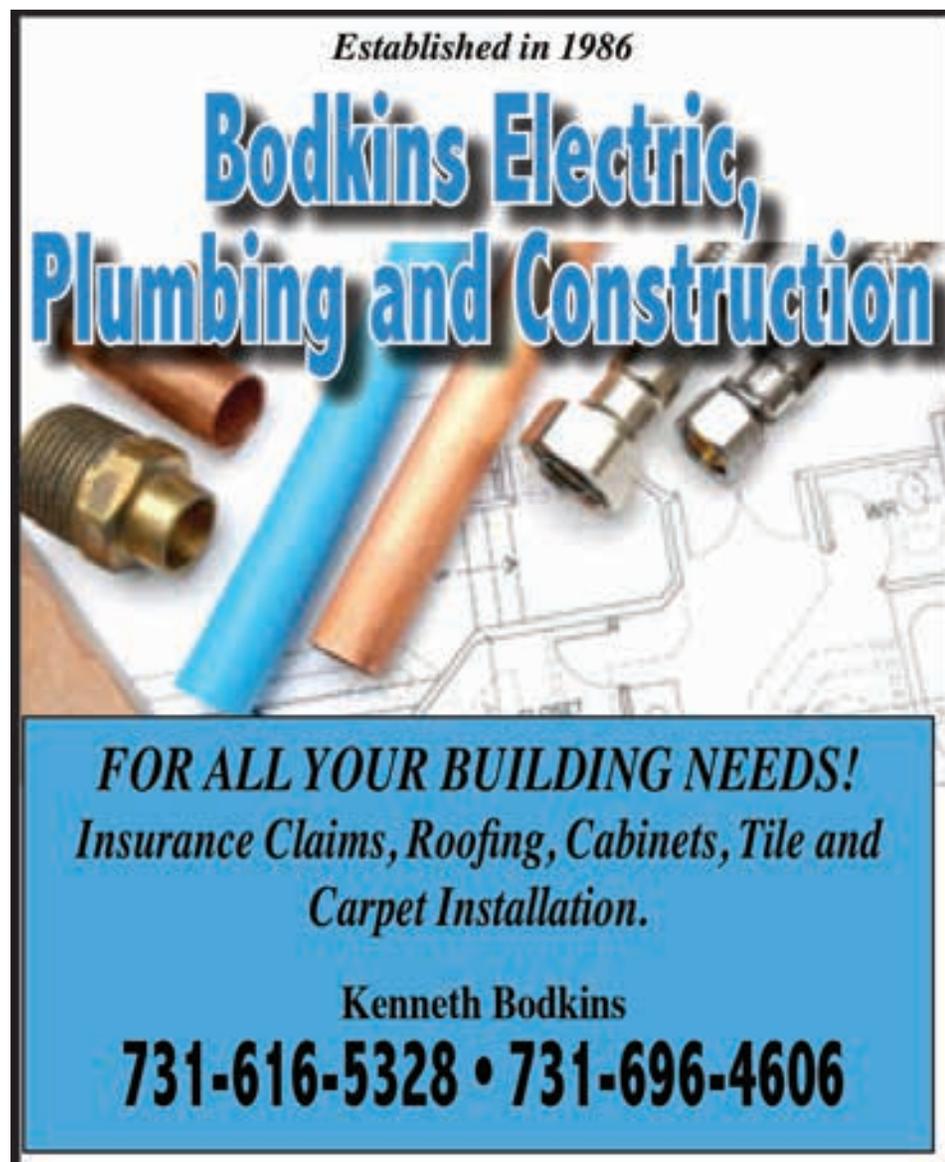
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Back to School Bash for Crockett County

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018, Crockett County hosted a Back to School Bash for all students in Pre-K through 12th grade in need of school supplies and backpacks.

The Back to School Bash was hosted by Crockett County Health Council and led by Sarah Poole, Crockett County UT Extension. Various partners within Crockett County and outside the county set up booths for all families and students to visit and receive information and giveaways.

Several businesses and churches donated money for school supplies during the months leading up to the Back to School Bash, and the NAACP donated backpacks and water bottles for each student.

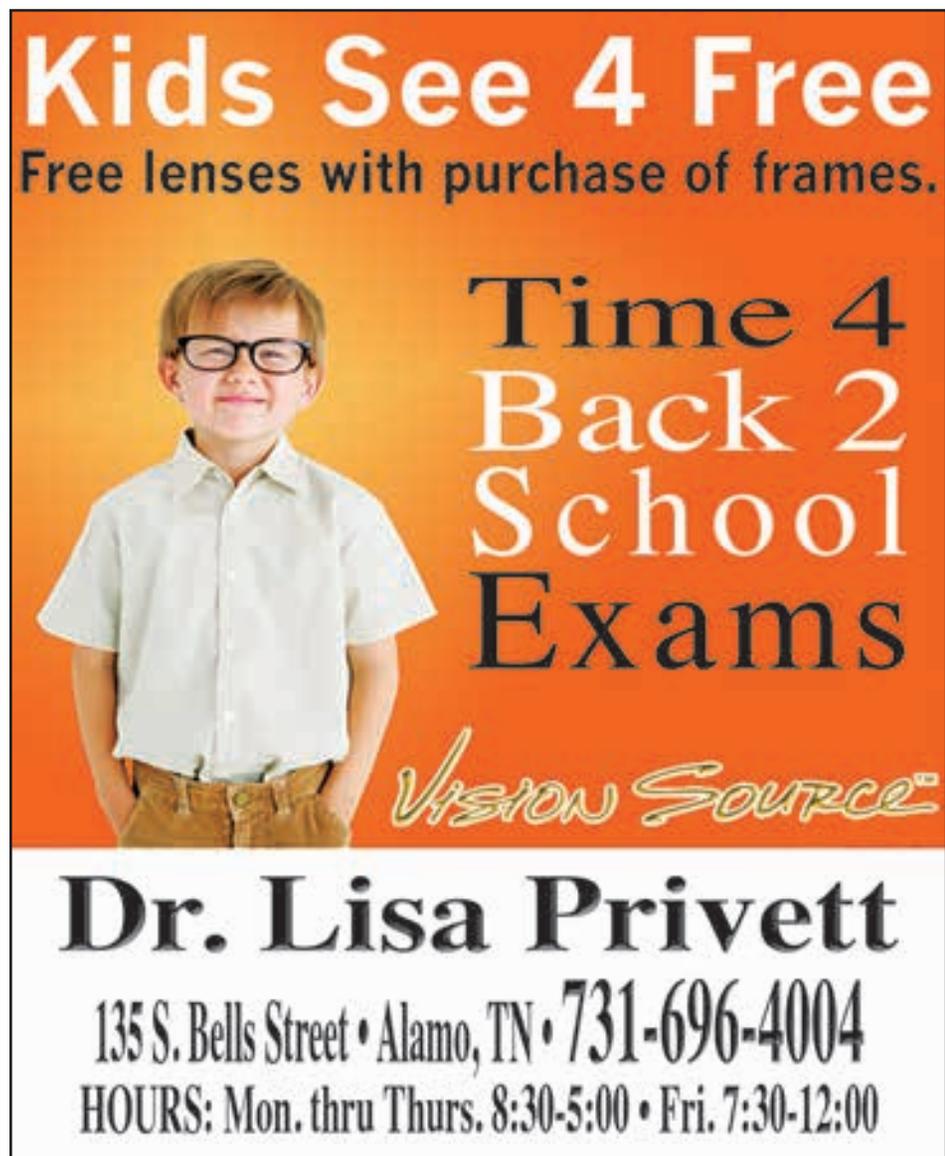
Overall, we were able to supply 400 students with a starter pack of school supplies and a backpack for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. More than 200 adults received additional information about resources available to their child and family both in Crockett and surrounding counties.

We are very thankful to Crockett County Middle School and Mr. Bobby Mullins for allowing the event to take place in the middle school gym. Also a special thanks to Sarah Poole, UT Extension, Kristi Sugg, Juvenile Court, and Emily Oswald, Crockett Health Educator for buying supplies and Juvenile Court volunteers Jeff Sills and Kristi Sugg of Juvenile Court, Emily Oswald and Darlene Burlison of Crockett Health Dept. and Tenn-care Kids, Mary Carol Green of Alamo City School Coordinator School Health, Brooke Parkey of Bells Elementary School Coordinator of School Health, Teresa Guardian of Crockett Resource Center and Crockett County Coordinated School Health, and Crockett County Head Start for packing backpacks.

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Learning to Be Nice and Ways to Prevent Suicide

Faculty and staff at Crockett County High School met for in-service Thursday, July 26, to learn more about a new program, Be Nice, presented by Emily Oswald, Health Educator for Crockett County, and Teen Suicide presented by Tosha Gurley of the TN Suicide Prevention Network and Megan Gaylord of Youth Villages.

Be Nice is a new program strictly faculty and student led. It is a way for students and faculty alike to hold each other accountable for their actions and how they treat people. Be Nice will be introduced at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and will include several keynote speakers, art and essay contests, various activities, public service announcements, and a concert all surrounding the topics of bullying, especially cyber-bullying, substance abuse, underage drinking, and teen suicide.

The CDC states that “youth who report both bullying others and being bullied have the highest risk for suicide-related behavior of any groups that report involvement in bullying.” For that reason, Tosha Gurley from the TN Suicide Prevention Network was asked to train all 75 staff at Crockett County High School to be better equipped to handle a situation if a student or fellow faculty member were to express suicidal ideations and need help.

If anyone is in need of help and reaches out for hope in a desperate situation please contact the crisis text line by texting “TN” to 741741 or visiting www.tspn.org for more resources near you.

God's Word is Truth



Almost every morning when I awake, there is a song running through my mind. Usually it is persistent, staying with me throughout the day, popping up when I am not deeply preoccupied with the activities of the day. About a week ago, at church we sang the song, "His Grace Reaches Me." Monday morning, this beautiful song had deeply attached itself to my mind and has stayed there ever since. After a couple of days of enjoying my mental radio, on my way to work I decided to play music from a jump drive on my truck's SYNC system to distract my mind. The third song was, guess what, "His Grace Reaches Me."

"Deeper than the ocean and wider than the sea is the grace of the Savior for sinners like me. Sent from the Father and it thrills my soul Just to feel and to know That His blood makes me whole." How wonderful is the reality of this! The apostle Paul expressed God's marvelous grace so well: "For

the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" [Titus 2:11-14].

The chorus of the song celebrates the wonder of His grace: "His grace reaches me. Yes, His grace reaches me And 'twill last thru eternity. Now I'm under His control and I'm happy in my soul just to know that His grace reaches me." Just as expressed by the inspired writer of Hebrews: "So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten Thee. As He saith

also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him ..." [Heb 5:5-9].

Verse 2 continues: "Higher than the mountain and brighter than the sun, it was offered at Calv'ry for ev'ry one." Also, as expressed in Hebrews: "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man" [Heb 2:10].

"Greatest of treasures and it's mine today. Tho' my sins were as scarlet,

He has washed them away." John writes: "John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood..." [Rev 1:4-5].

"Deeper than the ocean and wider than the sea is the grace of the Savior for sinners like me. Sent from the Father and it thrills my soul Just to feel and to know That His blood makes me whole." Thank You, Lord!

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Death Notice



Alpha Ruth Worrell
November 16, 1933 - July 11, 2018

Funeral services for Mrs. Alpha Ruth Worrell, age 84, were held on Friday, July 13, 2018, at Alamo First United Methodist Church with Stephen Sutton officiating. Interment followed in Alamo Cemetery. Ronk Funeral Home had charge of the services.

Mrs. Worrell passed away peacefully on July 11, 2018, at home. She was born on November 16, 1933, on State Line Farm in Hickman, KY to the late William Park Hudson and Alpha Roach Hudson. She was also preceded in death by her husband Ray Worrell.

Mrs. Worrell is survived by her sons, Neal Worrell (Lisa), Matt Worrell, Jon Worrell; grandchild, Michael Lipscomb (Lena); great grandchildren, Lexi and Evan Lipscomb; her furry companion, Levi.

Mrs. Worrell came to Alamo, TN, in 1955, as a Home Demonstration Agent. Shortly after she met and married the love of her life, Ray Worrell. She worked for the 4-H Extension Service and received her master's degree in home economics in 1984. Mrs. Worrell served as the District Supervisor for Home Economics in West Tennessee. She was actively involved in the Alamo First Methodist Church, Relay for Life and anything pertaining to her community. Mrs. Worrell and Wayne Whitby were founders for the Crockett Imagination Library.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to Relay for Life.

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Psalm 119:11 ESV



Friendship Faculty Reunion

Thirty-four teachers and staff members from Friendship Elementary School gathered at the home of former school principal Mary Marvin on July 14 for a reunion. This first ever reunion of coworkers was very fun.

Death Notice

Elizabeth Ann Lipford
 May 21, 1941 - July 26, 2018



Funeral Services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Lipford, age 77, were held Monday, July 30, 2018 in the Chapel of Ronk Funeral Home with Bro. Dan Camp and Bro. Don Barnett officiating. Interment followed at the Salem Church Cemetery in Gadsden, TN.

Mrs. Ann passed away, Thursday, July 26, 2018, at the Alamo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her family. She was born, May 21, 1941, in the Elizabeth community near Friendship, TN to Tommy Washington Robertson and Elsie Lee Medlin Robertson. She was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church. She was a factory worker, homemaker, and mother of nine children, but her favorite job was motherhood.

Mrs. Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Tommy and Elsie Robertson; brother, Luckey Ray Robertson; grandson, Brian Jones; former husband, Raymond Lee Lipford.

She is survived by six daughters, Sharon Cowan of Alamo, TN, Gail Vowell (Steve) of Trenton, TN, Vickey Horton of Scotts Hill, TN, Teresa Pool (Thomas) of Alamo, TN, Mary Chambers (Marty) of Newbern, TN; Pam Kail (Doug) of Newbern, TN; three sons, Tommy Lipford, Allen Lipford, and Timmy Lipford all of Alamo, TN; seventeen grandchildren, Daniel Jones, Regina Steele, Glenn Cowan, Nikki Cowan, April McCollum, Timmy Vowell, Tyler Vowell, Greg Lipford, Miranda Taylor, Ray Horton, B.J. Riley, Clint Riley, Ramsey Sullivan, Rachel Agee, Clay Chambers, Beth Hulme, and Tony Kail; twenty-two great grandchildren; sister-in-law and dearest friend, Pat Terry.

At her request pallbearers for the service will be, Marvin Cowan, Steve Vowell, Connie Ray Horton, Thomas Pool, Marty Chambers, and Doug Kail.

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Playing the Best Game in the World

By Judy Poston

Soon after graduating from Jackson State Community College this past spring, Josh Coburn (son of Mike Coburn and Deniece Caldwell) and a close buddy bid goodbye to their parents, climbed into their truck weighed down with their personal belongings, and headed up the highway, across the Mason-Dixon line, to the northern state of Ohio. The friends found lodging in an area of town that was not the most desirable, and, for the next few weeks, Josh would bed down on an air mattress at night. The days demanded of Josh hard work, but, he wouldn't have had it any other way as it was that work that had brought him to the city of Cleveland in the first place. Josh had the opportunity to train with men who were pros in their chosen field of baseball. He wanted to learn all he could from these guys in order for him to become the best he could be at the sport he loves.

For Josh, the game of baseball has been a life-long passion, beginning with his days in Little League when he was just a little guy and his dad, Mike Coburn, was both his coach and number one fan. (The latter has not changed.) You might say Josh has grown into his role of pitcher,



reaching his current height of 6'5". Josh pitched and played centerfield for his high school team, Haywood High's Tomcats. In college, he wore the green and yellow for Jackson State, and, again, stood on the pitcher's mound, throwing the ball for JSCC's Generals as he worked toward his Associate of Science degree.

With the coming of fall comes an opportunity for Josh to further his education at Kennesaw State University located just 11 miles from downtown Atlanta. A bonus is the opportunity to play baseball in the spring with the college's team. Josh's desire is to be ready to "hit the ground running," when he arrives in the college town of Kennesaw on August 10th. Hence, the reason for his month-long sojourn in the Buckeye State and his tenure of working with the professionals.

In Ohio, which holds the title of being home to the very FIRST professional baseball team, The Cincinnati Reds, Josh spent 5-6 hours in training each day, Monday-Friday, heeding the advice of his coaches, practicing his pitch, and completing exercises aimed at making his pitching arm stronger.

Working to improve his skills on the field is nothing new to Josh. The team Josh has always rooted for is The Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers' pitcher, Clayton Kershaw, has served as a role model for Josh. Both Kershaw and Josh are southpaws. Although the two left-handed pitchers do throw somewhat differently, Josh has watched videos of Kershaw on the field, studying carefully his stance and other elements of his pitching, looking for techniques that he, too, can employ to improve his own game.

Completing his training in Ohio, Josh has returned home to his



family's Johnson's Grove country home in Crockett County for the month of July. He tells that after a month without a real bed, his own felt amazing when he got home. Though there will be time for taking it easy before he begins his strenuous schedule in August, Josh has no intentions of letting himself get soft. He will continue to work out even in the July heat, stay in the habit of eating healthy, and push himself toward being ready to start practice with his team.

Josh says that when he visited Kennesaw, he loved the campus. His apartment will overlook the university's baseball diamond, a place where he hopes to forge a bond with the rest of his team and, in the process, create memories that will last a lifetime.

Josh will major in chemistry and plans to put the knowledge to good use working with a company his stepfather Dean Caldwell serves. The business involves working with steel mills throughout the southeast. Josh will be employed testing the water treatments used in the mills. Although he is eager to play ball, and will spend much time focused on the sport, Josh realizes that his studies must come first and knows, too, that between the two, he will have little time to devote to any other endeavors.

The legendary Babe Ruth once acknowledged that "Baseball was, is, and will always be to me, THE best game in the world." Best wishes to Josh as he moves forward with his dreams that include playing "the best game in the world." Have fun!

A Garden of Memories

By Judy Poston

Staff members carefully pushed their residents' wheelchairs, across the threshold, out into the bright afternoon light. For a few feet, the summer sun bore down upon them without mercy as they made their way over to the garden. Soon enough, however, those in their care were sitting bathed in the cool shade of the tall trees that spread their branches over Mansfield's Meadows; the older generation delighting in the laughter of the children as they ran and played.

It was the second annual "Back-to-School Bash" held for employees' children at Alamo's Crockett County Nursing Home. Administrator Barbara Park explained the event is a way to show appreciation for the facility's staff and their families.

As boys and girls began to arrive, many gathered around the corn row game boards to test their skills at tossing the bean bags towards their intended marks. As other children joined in upon THEIR arrival, the ones there first gladly began to share and make friends with the newcomers. Organizers planned games, music, and a cookout complete with grilled hot dogs, bags of chips, cookies, and cold sodas for the kids, their parents, and the residents. Mrs. Park expected between 50 and 60 children to take part in the afternoon's festivities.

Those planning the event, however, had even more in mind than just celebrating the return to school with fun, games, and food. They wished to do something to help insure a successful start to a new school year for students and to help make it a less stressful time for parents. So, they decided to help out a little with the back-to-school shopping.

A group of faculty members donated time, money, and supplies in order to prepare a package for each child, purchasing items from each one's school supply list created by each individual's teacher and school. Kids posed for pictures with their colorful bags, the contents of which often included crayons, glue sticks, pencils, and boxes of Kleenex tissues.

The "Back-to-School Bash" is not the only event held at the nursing home on a regular basis for the staff, their families, and residents to enjoy together. At Halloween, the entire community is invited to participate in trunk-or-treat. Last year, the event was host to some 200-250 children. It is a great treat for the residents to interact with the youngsters dressed in an array of costumes. National Nursing Home Week affords yet another opportunity for residents and employees to relax and have some extra special fun together along with family members of both residents and staff.



The employees and staff enjoy utilizing Mansfield's Meadows as often as possible, allowing everyone the opportunity to partake of fresh air and sunshine, all the while observing Mother Nature as she changes her dress for the different seasons. Mrs. Park, notes that just a little over a year ago, there was nothing here, as she looks around her at the decor of benches, landscaping, a yard swing, added pieces that create an inviting environment for relaxing and enjoying the great outdoors. Just a few days earlier, the group cooled off beneath the trees with delicious homemade ice cream, a summertime favorite sure to please all.

As residents, faculty, and the family members of both continue to make use of Mansfield's Meadows to create special memories and bonds between generations, surely time shared with one another will prove to be the most beautiful flowers of all grown in this special garden of memories planted at the Crockett County Nursing Home.

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Kaleidoscope Summer Camp: A Blessed Place to Be

By Judy Poston

Rev. James Luvane, pastor of Lighthouse United Methodist Church, shared with his friend Monola Patterson his dream of designing a unique program aimed toward benefiting the youth of Crockett County and their families. Monola told him, "Pastor, I share your vision." Now, at the commencement services held to celebrate yet another successful summer camp – the third camp since its inception – one grandmother attending, who said she picked up her grandchildren at the end of each day's sessions, remarked, "God surely sent this to our community."



Monola and her group of dedicated instructors and volunteers spent six weeks interacting with an excited and enthusiastic group of Crockett County's youngsters. Twenty-six children participated in activities designed to encourage and instruct them in successfully working together

in groups and as a team. Making delicious homemade ice cream and smoothies, interacting with the animals in a traveling zoo, fishing, learning important potentially life-saving information from the county's emergency workers, visiting a children's museum, and constructing a quilt filled with their colorful handprints – these are just some of the delightful adventures undertaken by the adults and their young charges.

Each year, leaders prayerfully choose a biblical theme for the program that is reinforced through lessons, crafts, songs, and other activities. Previous themes included The Fruit of the Spirit and The Ten Commandments. This year, the chosen theme revolved around The Beatitudes taken from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. Students were taught how to incorporate these important principles of life into THEIR everyday lives, allowing The Word to guide and direct them in the the daily decisions they will make both in childhood and as adults. Sue Campbell, the camp's supervisor, acknowledged she has seen the children grow and mature spiritually during the summer camp.

For the end-of-camp program, parents and grandparents, eager to see the children's performance, gathered at First Christian Church, in Alamo, phones in hand, ready to photograph and video-tape to preserve treasured memories of the evening. Professional magician, Mr. Magic, aka Kim Edmonds, drew laughter from his audience, as he entertained the adults during wardrobe changes, with his unique brand of magic.

Campers started the evening off with everybody joining together to sing, a rousing version of "It You're Blessed and You Know It." During the course of the evening, boys, dressed in Biblical costumes, portrayed Jesus delivering his Sermon on the Mount, with his disciples present.



The older girls performed a skit they had written themselves. "The Beatitudes Today" illustrated a variety of modern situations in which the principals learned could be applied making a better life for those involved. The younger girls sang, "Joy, Joy, Joy," a reminder of the blessings that come to those who apply the beatitudes to their lives. The program ended with all of the children returning to the stage to share the song, "We Are The World."

As the program came to an end, Rev. Luvane reminded those in attendance that the children are our future. "When we are faithful to sow God's truth in young lives," he said, "God will raise up leaders with integrity, individuals folks will love to have as neighbors... racism and crimes will dwindle... a lot of negative things in society will disappear." His greatest desire, Rev. Luvane shared is that "ALL children would be raised in loving homes where parents live out God's principals in front of their kids." "Teach them when they are young," he implored the parents present.

The Lighthouse's annual Kaleidoscope Summer Camp – a blessing to the children, the parents, and the community.

Cotton Festival Activities Will 'Boll' You Over

The 31st annual West Tennessee Cotton Festival will return to the Crockett Mills Community Center, 5156 R.J. Welch Rd., Friendship, in August.

The Tumbleweed Band will kick off the festival with a Community Center Dance on Friday, Aug. 3, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$10, free for ages 5 and younger.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, the Miss Cotton Festival Pageant will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Crockett Mills Community Center. Admission is \$5. Contestants can register at the door for \$45. Register by contacting Haley Jones at 731-345-0115 or Charlie Moore at 731-617-1784.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.

the USA Pullers Tractor and Truck Pull will feature \$10 admission for people older than 5. Admission for those 5 and under is free. For information about the tractor pull, please contact Otha Castellaw at 731-694-2090.

Prior to the adult's tractor and truck pull, the annual Kiddie Tractor Pull will be hosted by Young Farmers and Ranchers of Crockett County at the Crockett Mills Community Center. Registration is \$5.

Proceeds from the West Tennessee Cotton Festival go to the pres-



ervation of the Crockett Mills Community Center.



31st Annual West Tennessee Cotton Festival

August 3	Community Center Dance	7 pm - 10 pm
	<i>featuring Steve Hughes and The Tumbleweed Band</i>	
August 4	Miss Cotton Festival Pageant	10 am - 3 pm
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August 11	USA Pullers Tractor and Truck Pull	7 pm

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Sunbeatables Entertain at Summer Reading Finale

Four youth from Crockett County's Arts Council came together Thursday, June 28th, to perform a skit based on the Sunbeatables program introduced by Emily Oswald, Crockett County Health Educator, at Crockett Memorial Library for its Summer Reading Program finale.

Each of the four youth — Jay Love, Maddie Moore, Becca Butler,

and Izzy Yearwood — portrayed a different Sunbeatables character with a very unique sun safety power. The skit introduced their superpowers and took the Summer Reading Program participants on adventures to the mountains, cloud forest, and the beach to look at the importance of sun safety in different climates around the world.



Twenty-five kids and 10 parents enjoyed their presentation and had their picture made with the Sunbeatables characters.

Darlene Burleson, TennCare Kids Outreach Representative, gave out coloring sheets and information about being sun safe, staying active, and being hydrated during the Summer months.

Thank you to Linda Rice, library director, for letting us come as a small part of the library's Summer Reading Program finale. We look forward to working more with the Arts Council and its talented young actors/actresses in future projects with the TN Department of Health in Crockett County.

Overdose Prevention for Crockett County Schools

On Friday, July 27th, 2018, more than 200 teachers and staff in Crockett County School District came together to learn about overdose prevention.

Melesa Lassiter, Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist for Region 6 North, was contacted by Molly Rowe, a member of Crockett County's Health Council and school nurse for Crockett County School District, after receiving information during a Health Council meeting about Faith and Recovery in Crockett as well as Project Lifeline resource for those suffering from substance abuse.

Melesa offered a two-hour presentation and training on nalox-

one or naran and its availability to have on hand during an overdose situation as an opioid reversal agent that could possibly save a life.

All teachers and staff present are now certified to use naran in the event of an overdose and are better equipped to handle the rising opioid crisis that is making its way into the hands of young people and their families or peers. Crockett County is proud to partner with Melesa and her efforts and is very thankful for the knowledge, experience, and passion she brings to the table for an uncomfortable but needed conversation such as substance abuse.



Crockett County Prenatal Class: A Day of Fun Celebrating You!

Join the Crockett County Health Department on August 15, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gibson Electric Co. Meeting Room.



- Tennessee WIC Program, Strengthening Families for 40 Years
- Education for Successful Breastfeeding
- TennCare KIDS Program for kids up to age 21 well child health checkups: Check In, Check Up, and Check Back.
- Tennessee Department of Health, Child and Family Wellness division

Come and Celebrate!

The celebration starts at 10:00 a.m. with our key speakers on Successful Breastfeeding and Nutrition. There will be great door prizes, snacks and drinks. Information and goodies and much more! Family and friends welcome. The Gibson Electric Building is located on 402 Egghill Rd. in Alamo, TN. Call the Crockett County Health Department at 731-696-2505 for more information.

Services for the public

Come learn about all the different services that the Department of Health provides for expecting and new moms. Learn about new preventive measures that can improve the health and welfare of your family, so that we can have the healthiest community. Bring a friend and meet other pregnant and breastfeeding moms.

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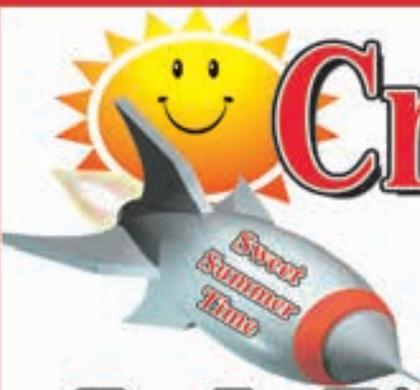


Where in the World is The Rocket?

From the northernmost parts of North America to one of the southernmost points of the continental United States and across the ocean, The Crockett Rocket has enjoyed its travels with our readers this summer.

At right:

Debbie Eison with Mary and John Marvin show The Crockett Rocket before walking up to kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland. The Blarney Stone is a block of Carboniferous limestone built into the battlements of Blarney Castle, Blarney, about 8 kilometres (5 miles) from Cork, Ireland. According to legend, kissing the stone endows the kisser with the gift of the gab (great eloquence or skill at flattery).

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The Crockett Rocket enjoyed getting some sun in the warm sands of Panama City Beach, Florida, with Cindy Porter, Heath Porter, Ada Johnson, Justin Conrad, Sarah Conrad, McKinley Conrad, Paisley Conrad, Peggy Loftis, Lynn Reece and Joan Gibbons.

To share your pictures of The Crockett Rocket from around the globe, please send them to rocketmail68@yahoo.com.

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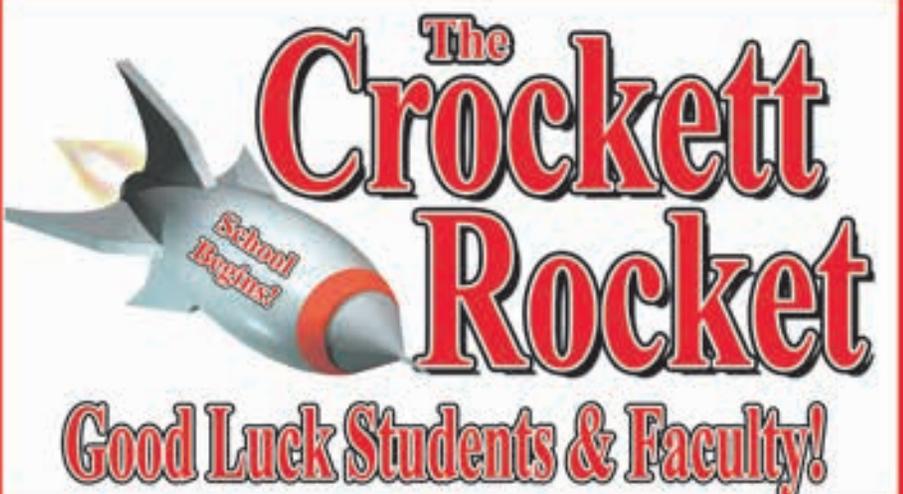
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