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Steve Norris' Forecast



Mainly cloudy today with snow showers in the morning. High 32. More snow possible Saturday with a high of 42 and low of 25.

Obituaries

Mary Jane Bowser  
James M. Duncan  
Elizabeth Halverstadt  
Rilda Mae Wyatt

Upcoming meetings

The Crossville Tree Board will meet Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. at Crossville City Hall, 392 N. Main St.

The Crossville City Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11, for its monthly meeting, beginning at 6 p.m. The council will also convene as the audit committee at 5:15 p.m., hold a public hearing on a Community Development Block Grant at 5:45 p.m. followed by the beer board and solicitation board prior to the 6 p.m. meeting.

The building and grounds committee of the Cumberland County Board of Education will meet at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Central Services, 368 Fourth ST.

The L.B.J.&C. Development Corporation Board of Directors will hold their bimonthly meeting Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at the L.B.J.&C. Development Corporation, 1150 Chocolate Dr., Cookeville.

The Cumberland County Delinquent Tax Committee will meet Tuesday Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. in the conference room on the second floor of the Cumberland County Courthouse.

THP to hold sobriety checks

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will conduct a sobriety roadside safety checkpoint on Hwy. 70 at Brown-town Rd. Thursday, Feb. 13, beginning at 9 p.m.

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Trump acquitted of impeachment charges

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump won impeachment acquittal in the U.S. Senate, bringing to a close only the third presidential trial in American history with votes that split the country, tested civic norms and fed the tumultuous 2020 race for the White

House.

With Chief Justice John Roberts presiding, senators stood and stated their votes for the roll call — “guilty” or “not guilty” — in a swiftly almost exclusively along party lines. Trump, the chief justice then declared, shall “be, and is hereby, acquitted of the charges.”

The outcome Wednesday followed months of impeachment proceedings, from Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s House to Mitch McConnell’s Senate, reflecting the nation’s unrelenting partisan divide three years into the Trump presidency.

What started as Trump’s request for Ukraine to “do us a favor” spun

into a far-reaching, 28,000-page report compiled by House investigators accusing an American president of engaging in shadow diplomacy that threatened U.S. foreign relations for personal, political gain as he pressured the ally to investigate

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Flash Flood One dies in crash during storm



photos submitted  
The county closed Obed River Park Thursday after the river overflowed and left the walking trail under water. At right, a tree fell on this Creston Rd. residence following heavy rain and strong winds Wednesday night.



One person was killed in an I-40 crash, one trapped in a vehicle wrapped in live power lines and a section of I-40 close following a deluge of rainfall across the Cumberland Plateau since Tuesday.

Crossville meteorologist Mark Baldwin of WeatherTAP reported Thursday morning that he recorded 7.2 inches of rain falling at his residence in northern Cumberland County over the past 30-plus hours. It was still raining when he issued his post on social media shortly before deadline Thursday.

There were scattered reports of winds and rain-soaked earth causing trees to fall across county roads and into utility lines throughout the county. There were reports of electrical service interruptions in two sections of the county because of downed trees on lines.

There were also scattered reports of fallen trees causing damage to personal property. In the Mayland and Cow Pen Rd. areas, citizens were reporting to the Crossville/Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency that there was damage to house and to a barn caused by high winds.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol reported Donald Monday, 62, Crab Orchard, was driving a 2000 Toyota Camry east on I-40 near the 306 mile marker around 2:30 p.m.

THP Trooper Jack Alderman wrote Monday’s vehicle suddenly veered sharply to the left, traveled across the left lane and into the median. The vehicle then struck two trees and landed on its top.

The crash occurred during a rain-

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You are the help Until Help Arrives

When an emergency happens, the first step is to call 9-1-1.

Know your address or where you are, and the dispatcher can get help on the way faster.

But people can do even more to provide care while they wait for help to arrive.

“Secure the airway, stop bleeding and CPR — Do those three things, and you can save lives,” George Abels, shift

The Heartbeat of

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Part THREE of THREE | By Heather Mullinix

supervisor with Cumberland County EMS, said.

Cumberland County reports an

average response time of 9 minutes, 11 seconds from the time they receive a dispatch of a medical emergency to their arrival on scene. Those first minutes can change the outcome for the patient.

Abels noted Seattle has one of the highest rates of survival with CPR, quite possibly because the state requires everyone to earn their CPR certification when they get their driver’s license.

“A lot of people may not know CPR, but they would jump in if they knew what to do,” he said.

Paramedic Chris Kemmer is a CPR instructor. The department offers trainings on request, usually from organizations or businesses. The department offers the outreach as a service, though organizations do have to pay a fee for a CPR certification card.

“CPR is where it starts,” Kemmer said. “The numbers show anything over 10 minutes, the chance of reviving someone decreases.”

When someone’s heart stops

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8 candidates seek Property Assessor post

By HEATHER MULLINIX  
Chronicle editor

Eight candidates are seeking election as the next Cumberland County Assessor of Property. All candidates will be on the Republican Party primary ballot March 3 and the winner unopposed in the August general election.

Early voting begins Feb. 12.

The Tennessee Constitution establishes the elected office. The assessor is responsible for discovering, listing, classifying and valuing all property in the county. This includes land and buildings along with machinery and equipment used by a business.

Property must be properly classified as residential, commercial, farm, personal, utility or exempt.

Each classification has a different assessment level, such as 25% of the value of residential property and 40% of the value of commercial property.

The assessor must also maintain maps and inventory of property within the county and complete a reappraisal every five years to insure property values reflect current market value.

The property assessor does not set that tax rate. That responsibility falls to the Cumberland County Commission and the city of Crossville. The office also does not collect property taxes or send the tax bills. The county trustee and the city of Crossville are responsible for those tasks.

Property taxes are due by Feb. 29 for Cumber-

land County. The city’s property tax deadline was Nov. 30.

Six of the eight candidates introduced themselves during the Jan. 21 meeting of the Cumberland County Republican Party. They are listed in the order in which they spoke following a random name drawing.

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# HELP: CPR, first aid courses help people respond

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beating, it stops circulating oxygenated blood to the brain. The compressions in CPR help to circulate oxygenated blood. Kemmer said blood has about 8 to 10 minutes of oxygenated blood that needs to be circulated using chest compressions.

And, if someone forgets how many compressions (30) or how many breaths (2) they should be doing, the dispatcher on the other end of the phone can walk them through it.

“There is someone who can calmly tell you what needs to be done,” Kemmer said.

Dan Linskens, safety manager for the Fairfield Glade Community Club, has trained more than 1,000 residents and employees on CPR, automated external defibrillators and first aid since 2017.

In 2012, he was a participant in a first aid class. The class took eight hours, required for American Heart Association certification,

but was designed for people in the medical field.

“We just wanted to be community rescuers and know what to do in those first five minutes,” Linskens said.

He found a course that better fit their needs and he started offering it to employees in 2013. In 2017, the Community Club expanded the courses to include residents. The course covers CPR, bleeding control and using an AED. It also covers how to respond to various medical emergencies, like allergic reactions, stroke, heart attack, diabetic emergencies, head, neck and back injuries, choking, stroke, and heat- or cold-related emergencies.

“We talk about signs and symptoms so you can recognize something before it becomes a life-threatening situation,” Linskens said.

He also explains a person’s legal responsibility and the Good Samaritan Law, which protects people who take reasonable action in an emergency.

The Community Club has helped promote the training with mannequins and the free sessions, offered to residents a few times a month. EMS can also offer training for organizations.

“A lot of people came to our classes because they witnessed an incident, and they didn’t know what to do,” Linskens said. “Knowing what to do makes you confident.”

The county has now launched a First Responder program through the Cumberland County Fire Department. So far, about 30 volunteers have completed the training. Cumberland County Fire Chief Trevor Kerley administers the program.

“When it reaches its full potential, it will be a huge asset for the county,” said Kemmer.

The city of Crossville has long offered first responder services. Several city firefighters are also paramedics and can provide emergency medical care. They answered 127 EMS calls in



Rebekah K. Bohannon  
Beeler/Chronicle  
**Cheryl Luhrs observes while Dan Linskens, Fairfield Glade Community Club's safety manager, shows proper technique for chest compressions.**

November, about 70% of the calls the fire department responded to.

Cumberland County Mayor Allen Foster praised the city’s program.

“They get out there quickly and

are very helpful to our EMS,” Foster said.

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## General Sessions Court

(Editor’s note: Information for the Cumberland General Sessions Court docket is obtained from court records and printed as is. Readers are cautioned some names published may be similar to or the same as other members of the community. The Crossville Chronicle reminds readers that often cases are reduced or dropped for a variety of reasons, and that everyone is innocent until found guilty in court.)

The following is the Cumberland General Sessions Court docket for Feb. 3, Special Judge Kevin Bryant presiding.

- Ricky Allen Blevins, vandalism of more than \$1,000, dismissed.
- Allen Ray Bohannon, public intoxication, fined \$50, to pay court costs and placed on probation for 30 days.
- Isaac C. Collins, theft of merchandise of up to \$1,000, continued to Feb. 13 under terms of VORP.
- Steven Nicholas Crutcher, theft of merchandise, motion to allow community service granted and continued to March 9 for tracking.
- Nikita Blu Dimeck, theft of merchandise, continued to Feb. 6 under terms of VORP.
- Brenda Houston, allowing dogs to run at large, continued to Feb. 6 under terms of VORP.
- Natalie Marie Howard, hunting violation, dismissed by the arresting officer.
- Cyril Thomas Melton Jr., theft of merchandise, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to appear; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Michelle Renee Pope, theft of merchandise, continued to Feb. 13 under terms of VORP.
- Shawn Paul Price, violation of an order of protection, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to appear; ten days in jail and bond set at \$1,000.
- Curtis D. Reynolds Jr., theft of merchandise, continued to Feb. 13 under terms of VORP.
- Add-on docket
- Bruce Andrew Barison, public intoxication, fined \$50, to pay court costs and placed on probation for 30 days.
- Raynauld Edwards Watkins III, simple possession, to pay court costs by Dec. 14 and placed on probation for 11 months and 29 days.
- To pay docket
- Daniel V. Clower Jr., converted charge, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Tara Elizabeth Cox, no driver’s license, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Timothy Dana Crass, no driver’s license, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Justin Lee Hale, no driver’s license, fine and court costs waived.
- Ronald Scott Holsonback, public intoxication, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Joshua Doyle Kerley, no driver’s license, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- James Lucas Lilly, domestic assault, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Jackie L. Martin, criminal impersonation, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Adam Ray Miller, no driver’s license, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Andrew Paul Pendergrass, simple possession, fine and court costs waived.
- Kristina Kathle Roddy, theft of merchandise, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Justin Dylan Weaver, no driver’s license, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Skylar Bruce Withers, simple possession of methamphetamine, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to pay; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Community service
- Leaha C. Davenport, driving under the influence, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to perform community service; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Bobby Lee Dixon, no driver’s license, completed 23 hours of community service, fine and court costs waived.
- Bonnie Ford, driving under the influence, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to perform community service; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Leslie Dewayne Martin, theft of merchandise, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to perform community service; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Blake Lee Nelson, no driver’s license, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to perform community service; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- William Bruce Phillips, driving under the influence, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to perform community service; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.
- Daryl Wayne Roberts, possession of drug paraphernalia, forfeiture and attachment issued for failure to perform community service; ten days in jail and bond set at \$500.

## Missing man found after 8-hour search

A missing Browntown community man was found in a wooded area in the area from where he disappeared Monday afternoon and was taken to the hospital for an evaluation after his ordeal.

The Cumberland County Rescue Squad, Sheriff’s Office, Emergency Medical Services and Crossville/Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency were involved in the search that ended around 2 a.m. Tuesday with searchers leading

the missing man from the woods.

James Dicintio, 49, of the Browntown Rd. and Red Rd. area in western Cumberland County, was last seen when he left his W. Fork Rd. home around 11:30 a.m. Monday, according to CCEMA.

He left walking with his pet black labrador dog and had not been seen or heard from when emergency personnel were notified around 4:30 p.m.

According to a CCEMA press release, a “Ready

Op” message was sent out to residents within a five-mile radius of Dicintio’s home, alerting residents that a man was missing.

CCEMA and the sheriff’s office also sent out notices on social media, alerting the public to be looking for the missing man while traveling in the area.

Around 1:30 a.m., rescue squad members alert-

ed sheriff’s deputies they thought they had heard someone in a wooded area just off Taylor’s Chapel Rd. in an area of a bridge and just west of Red Rd.

About 30 minutes later, Dicintio was led from the woods and transported to Cumberland Medical Center for evaluation.

No one was injured during the search.

## Testing finds elevated lead at Homestead

Testing of sinks and water fountains at Homestead Elementary School found two fixtures had elevated lead content.

The water fountains in the cafeteria and a nearby hallway have been removed from service pending repairs. Once repaired, the school system says they will retest to ensure water levels are below 20 parts per billion.

Testing is still planned at Pleasant Hill Elementary. The state requires all schools built before Jan. 1, 1998, to have drinking water sources tested for lead.

Jim Inman, 1st District representative, has also requested Brown Elementary be tested, though the school was built after that date.

The testing must be completed every two years. Testing at other schools required the replacement of three sinks in the boys bathroom at Pine View, the removal of a sink at Cumberland County High School, replacement of a sink in the library at North Cumberland Elementary and replacement of three sinks and one water fountain at Martin Elementary.

For more information about the lead testing program, parents may contact the school maintenance department at 931-484-5763.

## Documentaries shown in Pleasant Hill on Sundays

The Ecojustice Class sponsors documentaries on current and timely concerns on Sunday mornings in Room 4 of Pleasant Hill Community Church/UCC, Main Street and Church Drive, Pleasant Hill.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m. the group will view “Life and Death in Assisted Living.” Nearly 750,000 elderly are spending their later years in for-profit assisted living facilities. This loosely regulated, multibillion dollar industry is dominated by one company: Emeritus Senior Living. In a major year-long investigation, Frontline and ProPublica raise questions about fatal lapses in care, understaffing and a quest for profits within the company that operated more than 400 assisted living facilities across the country. (60 minutes)

At 10 a.m., the group will view “Patient Satisfaction or Experience” (TED, 17 minutes) and “Health Care Revolution: Empathy” (TED, 13 minutes).

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For further information, contact Don Clark at (931) 277-5467.

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