



Dyersburg City News

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THREE CHEERS FOR OUR HEROES!



Will Mc Bride, Nickey Lawson & Wayne Caldwell

There's a hero in all of us, but do we know it? On Thursday, December 5th there were 3 heroes in the Street Dept.; Nickey Lawson, Wayne Caldwell and Will McBride. This is to thank you for the super job you did.

While running the leaf machine, these three men found a little girl, a toddler, sitting in a yard, inadequately dressed for the 30° weather. Nickey took the child and wrapped her in his jacket next to him to keep her warm as the crew attempted to find her home by going door to door. Finally a neighbor pointed to a house and the crew went there to alert the resident and return the child. Nobody would come to the door so Nickey called the Police Dept. to make them aware of the situation. In the meantime, the child was brought to the truck to keep her safe and warm; comforting her while she was asking for her mama. Before the police arrived, the resident came to the door and claimed the child. Claimed her and shut the door without even a thank you. When the police arrived, they were informed of the situation and the crew returned to their job.

I would personally like to thank you, Nickey, Wayne and Will for keeping this little girl from harm, for taking care of her and seeing her safely home. You went far beyond the call of duty and your kindness to this little girl is very much appreciated, in fact; you are **HEROES** in my book. Job well done!

Dale

Mayor's Office

January is here!! It is hard to believe that a year has past since I first took office! I look forward to the coming year and the many opportunities that it will bring.

At this time I would like to recognize the following employees who have recently celebrated anniversaries of ten years of service or more with the City of Dyersburg:

Connell King – *Wastewater Treatment Plant* – 25 years
 Rodger Pleasant – *Gas Department* – 25 years
 James Lyons – *Wastewater Treatment Plant* – 20 years
 LeeAnn Hallum – *Emergency Operations Center* – 10 years

I appreciate each of these employees and their many contributions to the City. Congratulations on your anniversary!

As always, I appreciate all of the City employees and all that you do. If ever I can be of assistance to any of you, remember, my door is always open.

Mayor Holden

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Congratulations to Neal Hardin, Wastewater Treatment Plant employee, for passing the Grade I WW Operator exam. lp

WATER TREATMENT

Congratulations to Randal Hurst on passing his Grade III Water Treatment Test!

tlp

WATER/SEWER

Congratulations to David Rice & Jimmy Dudley on passing their Grade II Distribution Test!

AIM FOR ZERO INJURIES -

James Baltimore—Safety Director

All employees help each other stay safe, by working safe. Report all unsafe conditions to your immediate supervisor.

Safety Smarts-January

- Keep your area clean and clutter-free as you work. Avoid creating hazards whenever possible.
- Isolate areas with warning signs and barriers where unavoidable hazards exist.
- When walking, beware of conditions where your traction might change, such as when you step onto a damp or wet surface.

Safety Facts/Stats

- Injuries from falls forced 255,600 U.S. workers to take time off in 2004.
- About 167,000 of those work-related falls occurred on the same level.

The City of Dyersburg is an equal opportunity employer.

TIPS - GIS in Tennessee Public Safety

A statewide street centerline GIS digital database is being developed by the State of Tennessee. In 2007, the Office for Information Resources, GIS Services section (OIR-GIS Services) completed the initial statewide GIS data production through the Tennessee Base Mapping Program (TNBMP). The TNBMP data products included not only street centerlines, but digital ortho imagery, hydrography and drainage data, along with property (cadastral) ownership layer.

The Tennessee Information for Public Safety (TIPS) product is a comprehensive dataset that contains various Geographic Information System (GIS) data layers benefiting public safety agencies within state and local government in Tennessee. The core layer in this product is the digital, statewide street centerline database.

To sustain the long term use of these GIS data layers in a variety of State and local GIS applications, appropriate data maintenance roles and responsibilities must be established. Working with the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board (TECB), OIR-GIS Services is under contract to help facilitate the maintenance of the TIPS product. Working with local E9-1-1 districts, OIR-GIS Services will be consuming locally updated geometry and tabular information (street addresses, names, etc.) and integrating these local updates into a single, consolidated and standardized street centerline database. In turn, OIR-GIS Services will provide local E9-1-1 districts with the updated statewide centerline at no cost to the districts. The ability for local E9-1-1 districts to share and exchange data with OIR-GIS Services will allow the districts to effectively manage their operations and improve public safety.

The ability for OIR-GIS Services to effectively maintain this street centerline database and provide quality information to the E9-1-1 districts is dependent upon the willingness of each local E9-1-1 district to share their data with OIR-GIS Services. Moreover, data quality is based on the ability of OIR-GIS Services to develop and adhere to specific data maintenance standards.

Dyersburg and Dyer County E911 is pleased to be a part of this program to help ensure the safety of its citizens.



Carmen Cupples

Your Benefits Q & A

Question: With New Year beginning January 1st, what are our deductibles with our medical and dental insurance.

Answer: Deductibles apply per each year beginning January 1st. As for these employees with medical insurance, each covered person in the Network the deductible is \$500.00 per covered person or a maximum per family unit of \$1,000.00. For those covered persons who choose to go to a Non-Network Provider the deductible is \$800.00 per covered person or a maximum per family unit of \$1,600.00. Co-payments only apply to Network Providers. As for those employees with dental insurance, there is a calendar year deductible per person of \$50.00 with a maximum family unit of \$150.00. There is no deductible on Class A services which are preventative services.

Gas/Water/Sewer



Datamatic, LTD Field Representatives Tommy Sharp and Elijah Smith of Dallas, TX have been working with the Gas/Water/Sewer and Meter Reader employees to install the newest technology in meter reading. Fireflies are radio frequency instruments that read gas and water meters remotely.

Tommy complimented Mike Morgan and his team for doing a great job preparing for their return trip to install the new Fireflies. He also said that Dyersburg's gas and water systems are one the most well maintained systems he has seen in his travels.

Good job guys!

YMCA OF DYER COUNTY

With over 25,000 sq. ft. of program space, this volunteer-driven, membership based organization offers a full gymnasium with lockers and showers, a Nautilus/cardio/free weight room (13 yrs and up), an Aerobics Studio, Kids Zone (ages 5 yrs and up) and a Children's Area (ages infant – 5 yrs.). The YMCA also offers personal fitness trainers. The YMCA welcomes individuals and families of all races, religions, and socioeconomic levels. No one is ever turned away from an inability to pay.

Membership Rates are:

Type	Monthly	Annual
Student	\$12	\$144
(Full time student ages 25 are under-criteria for student rate)		
Adult	\$30	\$360
Couple	\$36	\$432
Family	\$41	\$492
Senior Citizen	\$23	\$276
Senior Couple	\$27	\$324
Single Parent	\$29	\$348

The majority of classes come with membership; a personal trainer is an added cost. There is a joiner's fee for all new members, a guest policy and financial assistance. For more information visit the YMCA at 120 E McGaughey or call 286-2050.

Many people make a New Year's resolution to get more exercise but most quit after a few workouts. However, if you can keep at it long enough to develop a habit, you are much more likely to continue with an exercise routine that can help you lose weight, feel better, and live longer. Generally it takes about 3 weeks to develop a habit.

Start by setting a specific goal, use inspirational passages from a book or a favorite music CD can be great motivation tools to help you stay on track. Set smaller, intermediate goals to provide rewards along the way. If you stay motivated, chances are you will not only reach your goals, but exceed them.

Make it fun! Do something you enjoy so you are likely to stick with it. Walking, swimming and biking are just a few activities that may come to mind but you might like gardening or playing basketball with your kids.

Develop a back up plan for those days when the weather doesn't cooperate, you can't leave your office or home or what ever makes it impossible to do your preferred exercise or maybe you're just bored stiff of the same old stuff. Ladies, if you don't have small dumbbells at home, pick up a couple cans of vegetables and use them; walk up and down your stairs, dance...be imaginative!

The most important thing to remember when you are beginning to exercise is that a little can go a long way. Do what you can.

Thanks to: Randy Butler-CEO

Parks & Recreation—Fitness Room info

Fitness and workout rooms free to all city employees.

- Family members of city employees pay standard fees.
 - Fitness room per day ages 16-61 \$2.00.
 - Fitness room per month ages 16-61 \$15.00.
 - Fitness room per day ages 62 & older \$1.00.
 - Fitness room per month ages 62 & older \$5.00.
 - Yearly Id Fee in city and county \$10.00.
 - Yearly Id Fee for out of county \$20.00
 - Yearly Id Fee ages 8-17 \$5.00.

 - Cardio room contains 9 Life Fitness treadmills, 4 Life fitness elliptical machines and 4 Life Fitness stationary bikes.
 - Weight machine room contains pin loaded Life Fitness exercise equipment.
- Free weight room contains flat benches, incline benches, and smith machine with all weight you can lift.

DAC wood floor and Winter basketball info

- ◇ Come check out new hardwood floor at the Dyersburg Activity Center. Hardwood floor was put down in September . Come shoot around or just walk/run laps at the Dyersburg Activity Center.
- ◇ **Gym and weight room hours same Monday thru Friday 6:30am to 8:30pm; Saturday 1:00pm to 8:30pm; Sunday Closed; Closed on Holiday's.**
- ◇ **37th Annual boys and girls 9 thru 18 basketball league starts January 3 till second week of March.**

Congratulations!!!



Wayne Caldwell, Street. Dept. employee and previous Habitat recipient, congratulates John Murray, W/S Supv./Const. Insp. on his recent installation as President of Habitat for Humanity.

John asks that if you know anybody who lives in sub-standard housing in the NW TN area, that may qualify for a house to be built by Habitat for Humanity that they call 287-7600.



*Santa and Tucker Sims,
son of Amy and Eddie Sims.*

*"Santa, what do you mean you've been
watching to see whose naughty or
nice?"*

New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions; when do we actually start thinking about them? In March and April to trim our bodies for summer wear, in November so we can eat all we want during the holidays so we think January sounds good?

What are the most popular resolutions? Well, there's getting in shape or losing weight, quit smoking, reduce debt (after you've charged up your charge cards to give everyone on your Christmas list everything they want; because who really says I can't afford it anymore; even though you CAN'T—right?). How about getting a better education so you can get paid better? Here's another one...let's get organized...that's right, organized so you can find what you're looking for, spend quality time with your family, balance your checking account, get your job done more efficiently. How about finding that "someone special" or working on the relationships you have with friends, family, co-workers (this is a big one because you must learn to communicate to better your relationships; we'll talk more about that later)?

While they are all fine ideas, do we really understand what a "resolution" is? I looked it up in the dictionary; to resolve is to make a firm decision to DO something, to have a firmness of mind or purpose, be determined and steadfast, to have tenacity, stand firm and persevere. Wow, just thinking about that is tiring.

We spend a lot of time at our jobs, we chauffeur our kids back and forth from one after school activity to another, we help them with homework, go to church, cook supper, do laundry, vacuum floors, scrub the toilet, plan the next day, the next week, etc. When do we take care of us so we can take care of others? I don't think you have to put sweat equity into a personal resolution, but heart equity helps, for what's in your heart is where you really come from. Do you need a heart check up? Do you need to see the heart doctor? Or can you do your own checking? Resolutions are about reaching inside.

I think sometimes, it's just best to resolve to think about ones self to find that inner peace to find who we are...and what we really have to offer, to breathe in deep and breathe out slow. It's not about what size you are, how big your house is, what label is on your clothes, how many Christmas parties you've been invited to.

I spend a lot of time in the car, (it is a 65 mile drive to work one way); I find this is the best time to pray, do some meditation and make resolutions. I say resolutions *now*, after looking up the word and digging deep. During my ride I see so many things of beauty. The sky and clouds, the horizon in the morning, again in the evening, I see green for miles around me, wheat blowing in the wind, fields of poppies, deer a plenty, ponds, trees, miles of fencing and an eagle most every day...it makes me *feel* grateful for so many things. Fresh air, *freedom* to voice my opinion, to make choices *freely*, to pray *without retribution*, I'm thankful for my children and grandchildren, my health and theirs, a good relationship with my husband...I could go on and on. I would like to return to one item of *thanks, of gratefulness of appreciation* and that is the *freedom* I received just by being born in the United States...what a HUGE word freedom is. I don't know why I was blessed by God to be born in the land of the free, the home of the brave...but I was and I am *thankful* for that.

The next few pages contain faces and a little bio of the death of the brave men from Tennessee who have given their lives through November 27th, 2007.in the war on Iraq. I was shocked to see how many lives have been given from just our state; nobody other than the United States stands up for injustice like we do. I don't know if getting into this war was right or wrong, but I do know we are in it. These men and their families deserve our recognition and our thanks.

This year, let us resolve to be *thankful* for our freedom and to *remember the families* of these men and the men and women not mentioned who have *sacrificed* to prevent another terrorist attack on our soil and on others' soil. Keep this newsletter and open it to these brave soldiers occasionally. Hold these pages close to your heart while you ask the Good Lord to watch over their families, to provide and protect them from further anguish. Remember to pray too, for our country, for God's guidance to bring peace to the world, our world.

Happy New Year everybody, God Bless You and your Families and God bless the Families of the men on the following pages, they'll be spending the next year without them.

	Spc. Dustin M. Adkins	22	Group Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group	Finger, Tennessee	Killed along with a U.S. Marine and a U.S. airman when the Marine CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter they were riding in made an emergency water landing in western Anbar Province on December 3, 2006
	Staff Sgt. Nathan J. Bailey	46	1175th Transportation Company, Tennessee Army National Guard	Nashville, Tennessee	Died from a non-hostile gunshot wound in Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, on November 12, 2003
	Cpl. David A. Bass	20	Combat Logistics Battalion 7, 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Nashville, Tennessee	One of six Marines killed when the seven-ton truck they were riding rolled over in a flash flood near Asad, Iraq, on April 2, 2006
	Sgt. David T. Weir	23	1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division	Cleveland, Tennessee	Died of injuries suffered when he encountered enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenade and small-arms fire during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on September 14, 2006
	Cpl. Rusty L. Washam	21	Headquarters & Service Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Huntsville, Tennessee	One of two Marines killed when a suicide car bomber attacked their vehicle near Qaim, Iraq, on February 14, 2006
	Spc. Robert W. Tucker	20	3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Hilham, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Ad Dujayl, Iraq, on October 13, 2005
	Pfc. Harry A. Winkler III	32	2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division	Clarksville, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle during combat operations in Samarra, Iraq, on November 12, 2006
	1st Lt. Frank B. Walkup, IV	23	2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division	Woodbury, Tennessee	Died on June 16, 2007, in Kirkuk, Iraq, from injuries sustained when a roadside bomb exploded near his position during dismounted operations in Rashaad, Iraq
	Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher E. Watts	28	Coastal Patrol Ship USS Firebolt	Knoxville, Tennessee	Killed when the small boat his seven-man team boarded exploded near Iraq's Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal in the Persian Gulf on April 24, 2004
	Spc. Luke C. Williams	35	A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division	Knoxville, Tennessee	Killed when the Humvee he was riding in accidentally rolled over into a ditch in Baghdad, Iraq, on September 5, 2005
	Sgt. Paul W. Thomason III	37	G Troop, 2nd Squadron, 278th Regimental Combat Team, Tennessee Army National Guard	Talbot, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his heavy equipment truck in a supply convoy outside of Kirkuk, Iraq, on March 20, 2005
	2nd Lt. Richard Torres	25	Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division	Clarksville, Tennessee	Killed when his convoy, while on combat patrol, was struck by a roadside bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, on October 6, 2003
	Sgt. Shannon D. Taylor	30	3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Smithville, Tennessee	One of three soldiers who died on August 14, 2005, in Tuz, Iraq, of wounds sustained a day earlier when their Humvee was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire during a mounted patrol in Tuz
	Sgt. Morgan W. Strader	23	Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Crossville, Tennessee	Died as the result of enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq, on November 12, 2004

	Chief Warrant Officer Michael T. Blaise	29	B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division	Tennessee	Killed when his OH-58 Kiowa Warrior helicopter crashed while returning from a combat mission near Mosul in northern Iraq on January 23, 2004
	Pvt. Jeremy S. Bohannon	18	59th Military Police Company, 759th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade	Bon Aqua, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed by enemy indirect fire in Baghdad, Iraq, on August 5, 2007
	Pfc. George D. Harrison	22	293rd Military Police Company, 3rd Military Police Battalion (Provisional), 3rd Infantry Division	Knoxville, Tennessee	Killed when his Humvee was attacked by enemy forces using small-arms fire in Mosul, Iraq, on December 2, 2004
	Lance Cpl. James D. Hirston	21	2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Murfreesboro, Tennessee	Killed while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on August 23, 2006
	Pfc. Travis F. Haslip	20	1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division	Ooltewah, Tennessee	One of six soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated near their vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 19, 2007
	Sgt. 1st Class James D. Connell	40	Company D, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division	Lake City, Tennessee	One of five soldiers killed when their patrol was attacked by enemy forces using automatic fire and explosives in Taqa, Iraq, on May 12, 2007. Two other soldiers in the patrol are listed as Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown.
	Sgt. 1st Class Stephen C. Kennedy	35	D Troop, 1st Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Killed along with another soldier when their patrol was attacked by enemy forces using small-arms fire in Balad Ruz, Iraq, on April 4, 2005
	Staff Sgt. Morgan D. Kennon	23	Company C, 3rd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division	Memphis, Tennessee	Killed when his post guarding a bank in Mosul, Iraq, came under rocket-propelled grenade attack on November 7, 2003
	Capt. Robert M. Secher	33	3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force	Germantown, Tennessee	Died of wounds received while conducting combat operations against enemy forces in Anbar province, Iraq, on October 8, 2006
	Tech. Sgt. Joey D. Link	29	39th Airlift Squadron	Portland, Tennessee	Died of natural causes at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, on August 5, 2007
	Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin L. Sebban	29	5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb exploded near his unit in Baquba, Iraq, on March 17, 2007
	Staff Sgt. Victor P. Lieurance	34	Howitzer Battery, 3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Seymour, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated near their Humvee during patrol operations in Samarra, Iraq, on August 22, 2005
	Sgt. Kenneth W. Harris Jr.	23	212th Transportation Company, Army Reserves	Charlotte, Tennessee	Fatally injured in a two-vehicle accident that happened when a supply convoy came under small-arms fire southeast of Diwaniyah, Iraq on August 20, 2003
	Cpl. Robbie G. Light	21	1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division	Kingsport, Tennessee	Died of injuries sustained when a roadside bomb detonated near his M1A2 Abrams tank during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 1, 2006
	Staff Sgt. David L. Loyd	44	Detachment 1, 1175th Transportation Company, Tennessee Army National Guard	Jackson, Tennessee	He experienced severe chest pain while on a mission and was pronounced dead at a Kuwaiti hospital on August 5, 2003.

	Lance Cpl. William D. Spencer	20	3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve	Paris, Tennessee	Killed during combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on December 28, 2006
	1st Lt. Andrew K. Stern	24	Company B, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Germantown, Tennessee	Died from injuries received due to enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq, on September 16, 2004
	Gunnery Sgt. Terry J. Elliott	34	2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force	Middleton, Tennessee	Killed while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on February 1, 2007
	Sgt. Eric A. Fifer	22	3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division	Knoxville, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed when their dismounted patrol was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire in Haqlaniya, Iraq, on October 7, 2005
	Spc. Thomas A. Foley III	23	Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division	Dresden, Tennessee	Killed when a grenade exploded inside his Humvee in Iraq on April 14, 2003
	Staff Sgt. Brock A. Beery	30	Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor Regiment, Kentucky Army National Guard	White House, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his Light Medium Tactical Vehicle followed by enemy small-arms fire during combat operations in Habbaniya, Iraq, on March 23,
	Spc. Rickey L. Bell	21	4th Squadron, 6th U.S. Air Cavalry Regiment	Caruthersville, Missouri	One of 14 soldiers killed when their UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter accidentally crashed while returning from a combat mission in Multaka, Iraq, on August 22, 2007
	Sgt. 1st Class Richard J. Herrema	27	Team member assigned to U.S. Army Special Operations Command	Jackson, Tennessee	Killed when he came under enemy fire during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on April 25, 2006
	Sgt. Eric A. Fifer	22	3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division	Knoxville, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed when their dismounted patrol was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire in Haqlaniya, Iraq, on October 7, 2005
	Lance Cpl. Jeffery A. Bishop	23	3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Dickson, Tennessee	Died of wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on April 20, 2007
	Staff Sgt. Mark O. Edwards	40	Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Unicoi, Tennessee	Died from a non-combat related cause at his forward operating base near Tuz, Iraq, on June 9, 2005
	Sgt. 1st Class William M. Bennett	35	Company C, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)	Seymour, Tennessee	Died of wounds received when his unit conducted a raid in Ramadi, Iraq, on September 12, 2003
	Spc. Justin R. Blackwell	27	59th Military Police Company, 759th Military Police Battalion, 89th Military Police Brigade	Paris, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed by enemy indirect fire in Baghdad, Iraq, on August 5, 2007
	Staff Sgt. Asbury F. Hawn II	35	3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Lebanon, Tennessee	One of three soldiers who died on August 14, 2005, in Tuz, Iraq, of wounds sustained a day earlier when their Humvee was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire during a mounted patrol in Tuz
	Sgt. 1st Class Gregory B. Hicks	35	Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	Duff, Tennessee	Killed when the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter he was onboard was shot down during a medical evacuation mission in Falluja, Iraq, on January 8, 2004

	Lance Cpl. Steven C. T. Cates	22	Company B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Mount Juliet, Tennessee	Died due to enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq, on September 20, 2004
	Spc. Ervin Caradine Jr.	33	Company B, 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division	Memphis, Tennessee	Killed when his convoy vehicle hit a roadside bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, on May 2, 2004
	Pfc. Nathan B. Clemons	20	2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Winchester, Tennessee	Died of wounds sustained when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle during combat operations against enemy forces near Ar Rutbah, Iraq, on June 14, 2005
	1st Lt. Michael A. Cerrone	24	2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division	Clarksville, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle during combat operations in Samarra, Iraq, on November 12, 2006
	Lance Cpl. Lance M. Clark	21	1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Cookeville, Tennessee	Died of a non-hostile incident in Anbar province on September 7, 2007
	Pfc. David L. Potter	22	Company B, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division	Johnson City, Tennessee	Died of non-combat related injuries in Baghdad, Iraq, on August 7, 2004
	Lance Cpl. William C. Koprince Jr.	24	3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Lenoir City, Tennessee	Killed during combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on December 27, 2006
	Sgt. Joseph D. Hunt	27	3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Sweetwater, Tennessee	One of two soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated near their Humvee during patrol operations in Samarra, Iraq, on August 22, 2005
	Sgt. Dustin D. Laird	23	913th Engineer Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Tennessee Army National Guard	Martin, Tennessee	Died during combat operations in Rawah, Iraq, on August 2, 2006
	Chief Warrant Officer Alexander S. Coulter	35	Headquarters Company, 124th Signal Battalion, 4th Infantry Division	Tennessee	Killed when his vehicle ran over a roadside bomb in Baquba, Iraq, while in a convoy traveling to Tikrit on November 17, 2003
	Pfc. Rush M. Jenkins	22	1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division	Clarksville, Tennessee	One of three soldiers killed when enemy forces engaged their unit with small-arms fire and a roadside bomb in Salman Pak, Iraq, on October 30, 2007
	Lance Cpl. Tyler R. Overstreet	22	3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve	Gallatin, Tennessee	Died while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on October 23, 2006
	Staff Sgt. Todd E. Nunes	29	1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division	Chapel Hills, Tennessee	Killed when his convoy was attacked with small-arms fire and a roadside bomb in Kirkuk, Iraq, on May 2, 2004
	Sgt. John M. Sullivan	22	2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division	Hixson, Tennessee	Died of wounds suffered when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle while on combat patrol in Baghdad, Iraq, on December 30, 2006
	Lance Cpl. Timothy R. Creager	21	Company D, 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Millington, Tennessee	Died due to hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq, on July 1, 2004

	Cpl. Brad P. McCormick	23	Company I, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve	Overton, Tennessee	Died from hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq, on August 19, 2004
	Sgt. Stephen R. Maddies	41	473rd Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar Platoon, Tennessee Army National Guard	Elizabethton, Tennessee	Died of wounds suffered from enemy small-arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq, on July 31, 2007
	Staff Sgt. Don S. McMahan	31	1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division	Nashville, Tennessee	Killed when individuals using rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire attacked his convoy in Baghdad, Iraq, on April 9, 2004
	Master Sgt. Michael L. McNulty	36	Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command	Knoxville, Tennessee	One of two U.S. special operations soldiers killed their unit was attacked with enemy small-arms fire during combat operations in Qaim, Iraq, on June 17, 2005
	Pfc. Brian J. Schoff	22	2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division	Manchester, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on January 28, 2006
	Lance Cpl. Jeremiah E. Savage	21	2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Livingston, Tennessee	Died of wounds received due to hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq, on May 12, 2004
	Spc. Michelle R. Ring	24	92nd Military Police Battalion	Martin, Tennessee	Died of wounds sustained from enemy mortar fire in Baghdad, Iraq, on July 5, 2007
	Spc. Brandon M. Read	21	125th Transportation Company	Greeneville, Tennessee	Killed when his convoy came under attack by hostile forces using a roadside bomb in Qayyarah West, Iraq, on September 6, 2004
	Pfc. James W. Price	22	Battery B, 4th Battalion, 5th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division	Cleveland, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb hit his convoy vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq, on September 18, 2004
	Staff Sgt. Terry W. Prater	25	1st Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division	Speedwell, Tennessee	One of four soldiers killed when a roadside bomb exploded near their unit during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on March 15, 2007
	Spc. Gary L. Reese Jr.	22	3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard	Ashland City, Tennessee	One of three soldiers who died on August 14, 2005, in Tuz, Iraq, of wounds sustained a day earlier when their Humvee was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire during a mounted patrol in Tuz
	Spc. Cory M. Hewitt	26	705th Ordnance Company	Stewart, Tennessee	Killed when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive inside the mess hall at Camp Marez in Mosul, Iraq, on December 21, 2004
	Spc. Marco D. Ross	20	Company A, 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division	Memphis, Tennessee	Killed in a mortar attack on his camp in Baghdad, Iraq, on August 25, 2004
	Sgt. Alfred B. Siler	33	Headquarters Troop, Support Squadron, 278th Regimental Combat Team, Tennessee Army National Guard	Duff, Tennessee	Died when his Humvee hit another vehicle in Tuz, Iraq, on May 25, 2005
	Lance Cpl. Richard A. Buerstetta	20	3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division	Franklin, Tennessee	One of two Marines killed during combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on October 23, 2006

	Lance Cpl. Adam R. Murray	21	3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force	Cordova, Tennessee	Died while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on July 27, 2006
	Senior Airman William N. Newman	23	Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron	Kingston Springs, Tennessee	Died of wounds suffered from a roadside bomb south of Balad, Iraq, on June 7, 2007
	Capt. Brent L. Morel	27	Company B, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force	Martin, Tennessee	Killed by hostile fire in Anbar province, Iraq, on April 7, 2004
	Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Morris	28	1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division	Clinton, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Judia, Iraq, on November 25, 2006
	Lt. Col. Kim S. Orlando	43	Headquarters, 716th Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade	Nashville, Tennessee	A group of soldiers were attempting to negotiate with a group of armed men who had gathered near a Karbala, Iraq, mosque after curfew on October 16, 2003. The Iraqis opened fire, killing Orlando, who was the battalion's commanding officer, and two other soldiers.
	Staff Sgt. Marcus A. Golczynski	30	3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve	Lewisburg, Tennessee	Died of wounds received while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq, on March 27, 2007
	Sgt. James D. Stewart	29	57th Transportation Company, 10th Mountain Division	Chattanooga, Tennessee	Killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his military cargo truck in Ar Rutba, Iraq, on June 21, 2005
	Spc. James D. Carroll	23	Company A, 230th Engineer Battalion, Tennessee Army National Guard	McKenzie, Tennessee	Died when a roadside bomb detonated near his Humvee near Baghdad, Iraq, on July 31, 2005

January Questionnaire:

If you could do anything in 2008 to make the world a better place to live; what would you do?



"I would have tighter security measures for people coming into the U.S., better background checks, etc. I don't mind people coming into the U.S. I just think that they should have to follow the rules like we have too."—Jeff Moore - WTP



"I would convince as many people as possible that living a worldly life will not get us into the gates of heaven, no matter how righteous we think we are. Trusting in Jesus Christ is the only way and we as Christians should stand up for what is right, regardless of how unpopular it might be!" - Thomas Mullins -Codes



"We need to get back in church. We don't love one another anymore; our young people are involved in drugs and crime. A man's handshake used to mean something."-Wayne Caldwell—Street Dept.



"I would make the laws stricter, benefiting the victim and not the criminal."-Rickie Tidwell - DPD



"I would find a cure for cancer, so many families locally and worldwide are not affected by this dreadful disease."- Dwight Paschall - DPD



January is National Soup Month!

A fast-food first! Soup has been so popular throughout time that it's actually considered one of the first fast foods. There is documentation that as early as 600 B.C. the Greeks sold soup as a fast food on the street, using peas, beans and lentils as main ingredients. Before there was soup, there was broth, which people used to pour over a piece of bread in a bowl. That bread was known as sop, and from sop came the word soup.

Chicken noodle soup is believed to have a mild medicinal effect on colds. It is believed to contain an amino acid similar to a drug used to treat some respiratory infections. And I just thought that it made your nose run, thereby opening up your sinuses so you can breathe! Who knew? I guess that's why I'm a secretary and not a doctor. But I'll tell you one thing, when cold season begins I make lots of home-made chicken noodle soup. Here's my recipe, it's not exact, I throw in what I have, but it's always good!

Ingredients:

- 1) Chicken, of course, either whole; cut up, or a package of thighs, or boneless, skinless, chicken breasts; what ever you like or you have on hand. How much? Right now I'm using boneless, skinless breasts to cut back on fat. I use about 5. I would use about 6 thighs if that's what I had on hand.
- 2) Onion-I use 2, cut into large chunks
- 3) Celery- about 5 stalks, cut into large (1/2"?) pieces
- 4) Carrots- 5-6 cut like the celery or a couple of cans, I don't drain if I use cans to maintain the nutrients that are in the juice.
- 5) Chicken broth, either canned, the broth granules or you may have enough broth from cooking the chicken.
- 8) Salt & pepper to taste.
- 7) Egg noodles-16 oz. Choose the type of egg noodle you like, right now I'm using whole wheat for the purpose of eating healthier.

Note: Never let anyone tell you that you can't grow with the City of Dyersburg. I've been with the City almost 4 years and I have grown and grown! Now you see why I am using "skinless" chicken and whole wheat pasta. Boy, people say the Good Lord has a sense of humor. I don't know...I think if He had a REALLY GOOD sense of humor, chocolate would have been filled with fiber and fried chicken skin would be filled with protein instead of the meat. Oh, don't get me wrong, I love chicken meat, especially the thigh because the meat is moist. But I LOVE the fried skin, For Christmas I hoping for a Popeye's Fried Chicken franchise in Gleason, TN. Anyway...

Directions:

In a large Dutch oven (5-8qt pan)

- 1)Add chicken [wash chicken first (with the skin or without, depends on your dietary needs)]
- 2)Add onion, celery and carrots and salt & pepper, or preferred spice.
- 3)Cover with water (I use a lot because I use it for the broth,) and bring to a boil. Then turn down and simmer until the chicken is tender.
- 4)Once chicken is tender; remove from pan and let cool so that you can remove the skin and de-bone it, then cut into bite size pieces. You may also want to remove the fat from the broth if you cooked it with the skin. The fat is what bubbles up while it is boiling. You may want to put your broth in the fridge so the fat will harden on the top, making it easy to remove. Or you may not want to take the fat out at all! It' up to you.
- 5)Return your broth to the stove; add additional broth by can or granules if you like until you have the desired amount of "soup". Remember, you're adding pasta and that will really soak up the broth. I like a lot of broth, so it is "soupy". Bring to a boil and add egg noodles and return your chicken and cook as directed on egg noodle package or until noodles are done.

Pour in a bowl, add a nice chewy piece of bread, like oatmeal bread or a crusty French bread and enjoy. Keep those tissues beside you, you're gonna need them! Yum Yum!

Golden Rules

Simple Guidelines for Happiness from a Wise Old Man:

Free your heart from hate
 Free your mind from worry.
 Live simple.
 Give more.
 Expect less.

What everyone needs to know and live by:

Happiness is something that you *choose* in advance; regardless of your circumstances. Life depends on how you *choose* to see it. You get to make the *decision* to be happy every morning when you wake up.

Be a Friendlier Person: from Dale Carnegie's Golden Book:

Don't criticize, condemn or complain.
 Give honest, sincere appreciation.
 Arouse in the other person an eager want.
 Become genuinely interested in other people.
 Smile.
 Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language.
 Be a good listener. Encourage others to talk about themselves.
 Talk in terms of the other person's interests.
 Make the other person feel important – and do it sincerely.

Cultivate a Mental Attitude that will bring you Peace and Happiness: From Dale Carnegie's Golden Book:

Fill your mind with thoughts of peace, courage, health and hope.
 Never try to get even with your enemies.
 Expect ingratitude.
 Count your blessings – not your troubles.
 Do not imitate others.
 Try to profit from your losses.
 Create happiness for others.

As a young person I was brought up in an oppressed atmosphere. I did not make decisions, they were made for me. I did what I was told. My circumstances were less than desirable. I spend all of my childhood and much of my adulthood disheartened and sometimes despondent. I did not know I *had the right* to make choices. I read books, sought counseling, and did a lot of praying and nothing seemed to work. I tried to give an impression on the outside that all was well, but inside my heart continued to sink. I watched other people and other families trying to figure out what it was that made their lives so different in my eyes. How did they become so "*happy*"? I even tried to be them, to imitate the women I most admired. Well, that just didn't work. I'm only me. I do not recall what sparked the idea that it was up to me, but somehow I learned that happiness was a *choice*. *By not making a conscious decision, I was still making a decision! So why not make the one that's good for you?*

I now and have for several years been making conscious choices. My choices are to listen well, be thankful, to *give of myself*; to *love others* deep in my heart and *let them know* and finally make decisions that are *good for me*. When someone asks me what makes me happy, I always respond: "I'm just happy to be happy". And that's the truth. If life isn't exactly what you expected, won't you make the decision to *be happy* today? You'll be glad you did.

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Board Meetings—1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
To be placed on the agenda for a meeting you must call 288-7600 before noon on the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on channel 4. The agenda and minutes of the Board meetings are on the City's web site. www.dyersburgtn.gov

Lifeline Blood Mobile is at Dyersburg Electric the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives; Give blood.

January 1st—New Year's Day—Offices Closed

January 21st—Martin Luther King Jr. Day— Offices Closed

NATIONAL BRAILLE LITERACY MONTH

Mr. Louis Braille was the inventor of Braille, which is a world wide system used by blind and visually impaired people for reading and writing. Braille is read by passing the fingers over characters made up of an arrangement of one to six embossed points. It has been adapted to almost every known language.

Mr. Louis Braille invented the Braille system at the age of 15, in 1824. The first book in Braille was published in 1827. The significance of the Braille system was not identified until 1868, which was sixteen years after Mr. Louis Braille had died. Now many years later, Braille is the primary system of written communication for visually impaired persons around the world.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Connie Sentell
Kyle Caton
Robert Gonzales
Corinthian Walker
Tyler Hammett
Rodger Pleasant
Mike Henson

Shawn Wells
Ronnie Wilson
Donny Hutcheson
Cody Pierce
Connell King
Heath Ennis
William Pierce



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285-1212**



DYERSBURG GAS SYSTEM

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"The pleasures of what we have
is lost by wanting more."*

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Our Sympathies to:

*Teryll Holland and Family
Johnson Family
Susan Davis & Family
in their time of loss*



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