

LIBRARY NOTES

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“That’s the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet.” — by Jhumpa Lahiri

What’s happening at the library: Check us out on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest E-Books, E-Audios, E-Comics, Movies and much more can be checked out on Hoopla

Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30 will start back January 8th

Check out our website: www.jlslibrary.org

All our Cadiz Records and Trigg County High School Yearbooks are available on our website

The library will be closed December 31st and January 1st for the New Year’s holidays.

Pam’s Pick this

week is: “Fire on the Horizon” by Wilbur Smith, this is the story of two families torn apart, caught up in a battle for the heart of a country at war with itself.

New Fiction: “Stuart Woods’ Golden Hour” by Brett Battles, and “Catch and Keep” by Erin Hahn.

New Christian Fiction: “I Think I was

Murdered” by Colleen Coble, “A Healing Touch” by Suzanne Woods Fisher, and “A Truth Revealed” by Tracie Peterson, this is the third book in the Heart of Cheyenne series and in large print.

New Mysteries: “Hide and Seek” by Beth Adams, this is the second book in the Mysteries of Cobble

Hill Farm series, and “Robert B. Parker’s Hot Property” by Mike Lupica.

New Biography: “Tiger, Tiger: His Life, as It’s Never Been Told Before” by James Patterson.

New Non-Fiction: “The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore” by Evan Friss, “Fun Foods of America”

by Susan Benjamin, and “Birnbaum’s Walt Disney World 2025.”

New Audio Book: “Clive Cussler Desolation Code” by Grahan Brown.

New Movies: “Someone Like You” and “White Bird: A Wonder Story.”

New TV Season: “All Creatures Great & Small” season 3.

Seasons Reading!

LOCAL BRIEFS

FNB donates to local charities

FNB Bank made a combined \$1,000 Christmas donation to two charities this month on behalf of their customers and community members. The Way Christian Youth Center and Beta Nu each received \$500 donations to assist in fulfilling their daily missions.

“Both organizations assist so many in this community and we hope these donations help them further their efforts of making a positive impact on Cadiz and Trigg County,” said Kyle Hensley, FNB’s Trigg County Market President.

The local youth center

is a place where sixth-through 12th-graders can enjoy games, food and other activities in a safe, disciplined environment. For more information about The Way or to donate, please visit thewayforteens.org/.

Beta Nu is the Trigg County chapter of the international philanthropic sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha. This local group of women organizes fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for programs and organizations within the community. The women are sponsors of the annual Christmas Angel Tree and the Math-a-thon at Trigg County Elementary

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Submitted Photo

Youth participate recently in educational programs at the Genesis Express Community Center.



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Trigg County Public Schools Superintendent Rex Booth (right) stands with a young participant of the programs at Genesis Express.

JUDGE

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rebid in 2025, hopefully with support from local businesses that will provide better bids.

Additionally, the judge wants to bid out a new rescue facility for the county in the new year, and he wants to work with the Pennyriale Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., to find funds to continue to install fiber in the community.

“There’s such a big area that does not have it,” said Humphries, noting he doesn’t expect the local fiber project to be completed in 2025.

In the new year, the judge-executive wants to continue to grow the community and lower taxes; he expects that property taxes in Trigg County will be the same or lower next year.

YEAR MAKES IMPACT

As he considered his plans for the year ahead in Trigg County, Humphries also looked back on the past year, on its accomplishments and on the things that made an impact in the county.

Speaking from his office in the Trigg County Courthouse, the judge recalled the Memorial Day storm that he said left a lot of homes in the community torn up and was one of the bigger issues for Trigg County this past May.

The storm started the pace for the year.

Trigg County and other areas were hit hard, the judge-executive said, making it possible for the county to utilize funds provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“We’re still ongoing with debris pickup as we speak, and we’ll finish it up hopefully the first part of January,” Humphries observed.

Earlier in the winter the county received word that the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Lyon County would no longer be handling the county’s recycling, and the judge-ex-

ecutive noted that Trigg County has yet to receive any bids on a request for proposal.

“We are still having to move our own recycling to different locations,” he said of the matter.

Humphries also observed that the county has experienced turnover with various local agencies, from the retirement of Elisha Kite at the Pennyriale District Health Department to the departure of Bill Stevens at Trigg Tourism.

Beth Sumner took over tourism in the community, leaving a vacancy at the Trigg County Chamber of Commerce that was filled by Tara Rhodes Hall of the 400 Mile Sale.

FOURQUEAN IS NEW AGENT

Likewise, David Fourquean returned as the Trigg County extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, replacing the departing Graham Cofield; and Ashley Tyler came on board to replace Kite at the health department.

Additionally, 2024 saw the community taking a look at solar farming and ultimately deciding to adopt a solar ordinance for Trigg County.

The county has gone through numerous paving projects on county roads this year, and supported paving projects on some of Trigg County’s rural secondary roads; in 2024, the county spent \$1.6 million on road paving, about on par with previous years, the judge said.

He further noted that the county lobbied hard for funds to be put in the state budget for a study supporting improvements on Interstate 24.

That study hopefully will begin in 2025.

Trigg County also worked on two separate bridges, the Stone Road and Ed Mitchell bridges that the judge said are open for traffic again.

In other matters, Trigg County passed more than \$1 billion in assessments as it set its tax rates this year, the judge-executive noted.

“We were able as a

county to reduce the property rates from 7.9 (cents per \$100 of assessed valuation) to 7.2 (cents per \$100 of assessed valuation),” Humphries said.

He noted that hospital and ambulance taxes were reduced from 8.5 cents to 7.6 cents.

COUNTY HELPS WITH VAN

This past year also saw the county join forces with the Cadiz Rotary Club and city of Cadiz to purchase a van for the Trigg County Senior Center; the van has been purchased from Wildcat Chevrolet at a cost of about \$110,000.

Wrapping of the senior

van is set to be complete by the first week of January, with the vehicle to be in use shortly after that.

“It’ll be theirs to use as they kind of see fit on some extra trips and stuff to take place,” Humphries said of efforts to purchase the van.

The judge also pointed to a medical cannabis referendum that passed overwhelmingly in the county during the November general election.

The county this past year worked to acquire property west of Cadiz that will be used as a veterans memorial, and officials plan to have the first

memorial in place before the second anniversary of the Blackhawk crash that took place on March 29, 2023, killing nine soldiers.

Lastly, Humphries mentioned the recent announcement of funding for improvements to the Lake Barkley State Resort Park.

“That’s one of the last kind of things that probably has been done, not necessarily by the county, but in the county,” the judge said.

As the old year draws to a close and a new year is on the horizon, Humphries notes that county government will continue to do the things that government does, things like

paving, keeping government moving in the community and supporting the hospital, ambulance service, library, extension service and soil conservation.

The judge-executive predicts that taxes in Trigg County will remain the same or decrease in 2025, given what he described as continued growth and continued growth of assessments.

“We do all these things in our community, and we still want to try to grow our community and lower taxes,” he noted of the work of the county.

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PET TRIBUTE

For many of us, our pets are important members of our families. The Cadiz Record is now offering a way to commemorate the passing of our companions. Pet tributes include the name of the pet, a photograph and up to 250 words about their life

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Click on Forms on the menu bar and then click Pet Tributes.

Tributes run in color and cost \$95.

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PET TRIBUTE

Simba

March 4, 2010 - January 11, 2024

I adopted Simba, a adorable little 2-month-old kitten from Precious Paws in the summer of 2010. I had another cat, Richard, and I thought that he would enjoy the company of a kitten. That was a good decision as they got along great.

Simba matured from a very playful kitten to a most entertaining adult. Always curious to what might be on the other side of a closed door ... he would open the door to find out. He also loved to watch over everything from the top of the fridge and cabinets. He and Richard loved to chase one another around the house and then snuggle together on the couch.