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# Community EVENTS Calendar

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**ONGOING:**  
**Now until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Toy and Coat Drive:** Cash Express, 263 W. Spring St., Cookeville, TN. They will be accepting cash, non perishable food items, new or like new clean toys, coats and clothing during normal business hours, M-F 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Saturdays from 9:30 am - 2 pm.

**Christmas in the Park:** The Christmas tree light show will continue nightly throughout the holiday season every hour on the hour from 5-9 pm.

**CHRISTMAS PARADES - December 7th:**  
The City of Gainesboro: December 7th at 5pm.

The City of Red Boiling Springs: at 6 pm.

The City of Monterey: at 6:30 pm.

**CHRISTMAS PARADES - December 14th:**  
The City of Cookeville at 6 pm.

The City of Granville at 3 pm.

The City of Livingston at 4 pm.

The City of Sparta at 4pm.

**December 6**  
**Baxter City Social**

**Location:** The Monarch, 301 3rd Ave North, Baxter, TN. **Time:** 5:30 - 8:30 pm. This event will feature high end food, wine and spirits tasting. Hosted by Happy Hour Wine & Liquor. Taste dozens of varieties of fine wine, unique whiskey, scotch and bourbon. Tickets are limited. Proceeds benefit CPMC Charitable Foundation and CityScape.

**December 7**  
**Christmas Craft and Bake Sale** **Location:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 640 N, Washington Ave., Cookeville, TN. **Time:** 9 am - Noon. Crafts for sale will include pottery, stained glass and wood items as well as baked goods. For more info contact Dale Ensor at 931-267-6555.

**December 8**  
**Putnam County's 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas on the Square** **Location:** Cookeville Courthouse Square and downtown. TN. **Time:** 2-5 pm. This event will coincide with the weekend of "Shop Small Saturday" to create a new holiday tradition in Cookeville. A grand tree lighting ceremony, complete with Santa Claus will be held at 5pm on the lawn of the Putnam County Courthouse.

**December 12,13,14**  
**A Christmas Murder Mystery: "A Slaying I Will Go."** **Location:** Good Neighbors Theatre, 8780 Hwy 111, Byrdstown, TN. **Time:** 7 pm. Tickets are available for pick up at Pickett County Chamber of Commerce (Welcome Center) 1005 Hwy 111, Byrdstown, TN. Or call 931-864-7195 to reserve tickets. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. This play is age appropriate for 16 or above.

**December 16-17**  
**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa's Workshop** **Location:** Hyder Burks Pavilion, 2390 Gainesboro Grade Rd, Cookeville, TN. **Time:** Mon: 10 am - 7 pm. Tues: 11 am - 4 pm. Featuring over 180 booths offering candles, wood working, clothing, soaps, lotions, jams and jellies, metal works, jewelry, home decor, leatherworks and more. **NOTE:** Not all booths accept debit/credit cards so bring cash. Proceeds are donated back to non profits in the Upper Cumberland. Admission is \$5 cash at door. Children 10 and under are free.

**CONTACT INFO TO PLACE YOUR EVENT CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE ~3~ IN THE INFORMATION HEADING. ADS WILL BE EDITED FOR SPACE CONSIDERATIONS.**



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## Tiny Home & 0.84+- Acres • Woodland • Private • Near City Lake

Bidding ends Monday Dec 9th 2pm

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## Home & 1.72+- Acres • 4 Tracts • Building Lots Zoned RS-10 • Utilities • Personal Property

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493+/- Acres - 2,472,800 BD. FT. Of Standing Timber

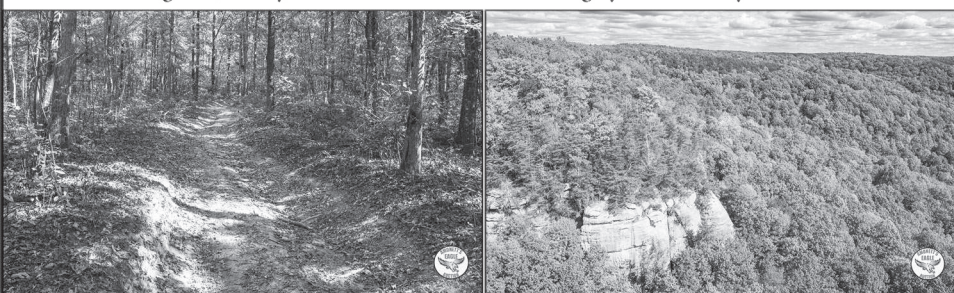


KY Hwy 200/Sand Mine Rd  
Wayne County, KY

BIDDING ENDS: TUESDAY • DECEMBER 10 • 12 NOON EST

Hitting the Auction block is a property that has been in the Koger family for generations and never publicly available until now! This 493 +/- acres stretches over a remote area of Wayne Co. Kentucky that offers 2,472,800 bd ft. of standing timber recently cruised by Gernt, Hudson & Associates at 12" DBH.

An existing trail system allows one to navigate this property with ease by atv/utv. A true recreational wonderland offering panoramic views, stunning rock outcrops and a tremendous amount of wildlife including deer, turkey, black bear roam the area. Selling by recent survey and offered in 1 tract!



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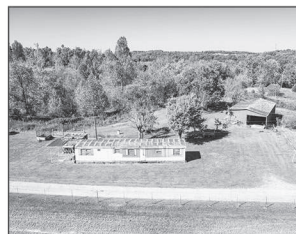


## 46.44+/- Acres Selling 1 Tract

ONLINE ONLY ABSOLUTE AUCTION



245 Cedar Ln. • Allons, TN 38547



BIDDING ENDS WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 11 • 11 AM  
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46.44 Acres improved with a Barn and Support Buildings offered in 1 tract.

This 46 acres is a balance of level hayground and sloping woodland offering a tremendous view. It has agricultural and residential appeal and is situated just off Hwy 52 in Allons. This is an intriguing piece of land in a good location, a short drive to Dale Hollow Lake and just outside the city limits of Livingston, TN.

It will be sold by a new survey and offered in 1 tract.



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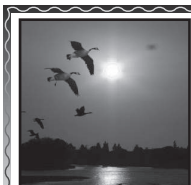


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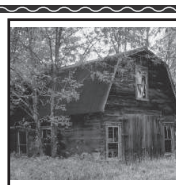


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# AUCTION SATURDAY

DEC. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM

**789 Roberts Cemetery Rd., Walling, TN**

**Estate of Charles Youngblood Plus Ben Lomand Surplus**

**Tractors, Trucks, Equipment, RV & more!**

**10% BUYERS PREMIUM**



**(2) Ben Lomand F-450 Bucket Trucks, (2) Kohler 45 propane powered generators, & a 2000 Chevy Impala w/ 76K miles from McMinnville Housing Authority**

**Tractors:** Ford 4000 w/front end loader 3321 hrs., Long 2510 4x4 1302 hrs., Ford 5000 2931 hrs., John Deere 2010 not running, Farmall Cub not running **Farm Equipment:** Stoll 26' tri-axle gooseneck livestock trailer, Oliver 520 square baler, Massey Ferguson Model 3 square baler, New Idea 456 round baler, Owatonna 83 Mixer & Mill, Hesston 5500 round baler, 3 pt. hitch boom sprayer, 6 ft. Big Bee rotary cutter, New Holland 256 rake, 3 bottom turning plow, cyclone spreader, boom pole, post auger, 3 pt. hitch log splitter, 2 disc turning plow, cultivator, Long 4' tiller, Zweegers disc mower, Gen-Y 3 pt. hitch adapter, (25) 8 ft. stock panels, electric corn sheller, tobacco stripper, (10) nearly new saddles **Other equipment:** 1979 Chevy dump truck, Vermeer 252 stump grinder, Ford 19-389 backhoe, Bucyrus Erie dozer grader, 2 ton Chevrolet winch truck, Miller Tilt Top heavy duty pintle hook trailer, straight truck log bed, 4 semi van trailers **Miscellaneous:** Vacationer Holiday Rambler RV (48K miles), Rockwood bumper pull camper, Multiple steel wheels, anvil, bumper pull utility trailer w/dove tail, Four Winns boat and trailer, lots of lightweight tubing, Howe Richardson platform scales, Toledo platform scales, Anco wiper display box, cast iron dinner bell, work bench w/ vise & planer

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# ABSOLUTE AUCTION

**Saturday**  
**December 14, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**663 NORTH EDGEWOOD DRIVE, SPARTA, TN 38583**

Directions: From West Bockman Way, turn onto N. Spring Street / State Hwy. 111, go 2.3 miles, turn right onto S. Edgewood Drive, continue around curve to 663 N. Edgewood Drive. Watch for signs!!!

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Not all animals hunker down. Some grow a dense winter coat, others migrate to warmer climes where food is easier to find and the odd few even shrink their bodies to get through the leaner months. Shrews and moles have a remarkable way to get through winter - they shrink themselves. In fact, shrews, *Sorex araneus*, can even shrink their skulls by as much as 20%, and they don't stop at the bones, they also shrink their organs and brain too.

In winter, shrews spend less time running around and more time eating, drinking and walking. Shrews use so much energy that they are constantly in need of food. If they don't find any food for two hours, they could die.



Moles, *Talpa europaea*, also shrink themselves, sometimes by up to 11% to save on energy. When the weather warms up, shrews and moles will expand their bodies and grow again.



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**DECEMBER 14, 2024 - 10:00 A.M.**



**LOCATION:** Auction will be conducted on site on Marys Lane just off of Union Camp Rd. From Lafayette take Hwy. 52 E. 4 miles and turn right on Butler Rd. (beside Lafayette Monument Co.), come to stop and continue straight across Union Camp Rd. onto Marys Lane. See auction signs posted.

**Real Estate:** consists of a Super Choice 29.38 acres that has been surveyed, platted and staked to be sold in 10 beautiful tracts! Tracts range in size from 1.09 acres to 9.96 acres fronting on 2 roads. Tracts #1 through #8 of this farm are some outstanding building lots along Marys Lane in the beautiful Hickory Ridge Subdivision! All tracts are open and level across the front providing excellent home sites! Tract #9 is 9.96 rolling acres with a gorgeous building site and is in a nice mixture of pasture and woods! Tract #10 is 7.52 acres and is improved with (2) 40X60 hay barns/equipment sheds and livestock barn. All tracts have city water and high speed internet available at the road and have also been soils tested and approved for septic systems! Have you been searching for a place to build that new home? Check out what these beautiful tracts have to offer! Great opportunity to combine multiple parcels and have a nice mini farm! Excellent location just minutes from the City of Lafayette and just off of Hwy 52!

**Tractor & Farm Equipment:** 4WD John Deere 6120M Cab Tractor w/loader with all the bells and whistles (1-owner with less than 500 hours! Like New!), 120 HP, rack and pinion rear axle, 6 rear remotes, recently serviced with all new filters, John Deere HX15 batwing bush hog, John Deere 702 V-hay rake w/kicker wheel, Krone 5.50/4x7T 4-basket hydraulic fold hay tedder, Krone Heavy Duty Easy-Cut 280 Disc Mower w/KMC 4760 hay caddy, 300 gallon boomless Ag

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**Auctioneer's Note:** Mr. & Mrs. Morgan have loved and worked on this farm for many, many years but have decided it is time to scale back from their cattle farming operation! They are now passing along a great opportunity to you the buyer to purchase some super choice land in an excellent location! Also, do not forget about the John Deere cab tractor and excellent line of equipment as well as other farm related items to be sold!

**Terms:** Real Estate - 15% down day of sale balance with deed. Macon Bank & Trust is offering the following Non-Qualifying Terms with buyer paying a total of 20% down, balance payable over 10-15 years (bank's discretion), interest rate to be 9.75% and to readjust each 3-years thereafter with bank's interest rate. For more information or questions about the bank terms, contact Ryan Cochran at 615-666-2121. **Tractor and Other Equipment:** Cash, check, or credit/debit card. There will be a 4% convenience fee added to any payments made with a credit/debit card. Out of state checks must be accompanied by a bank letter.

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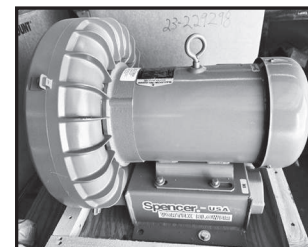
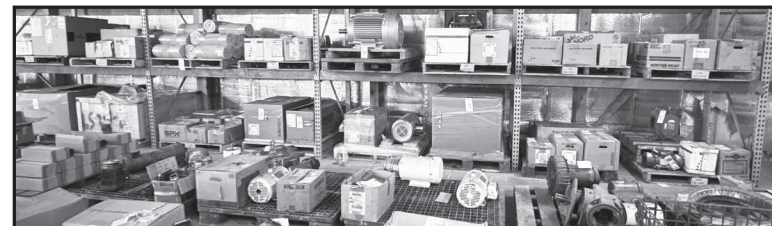
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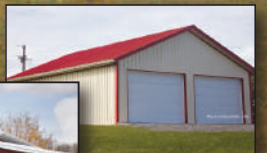
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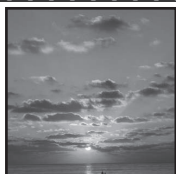
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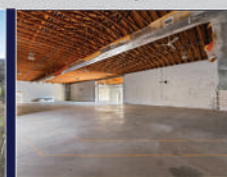
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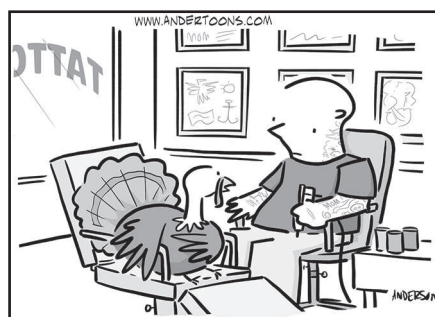
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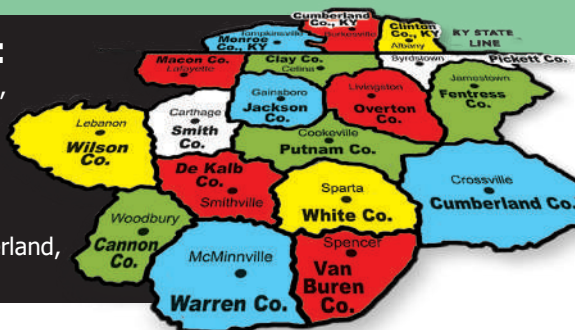


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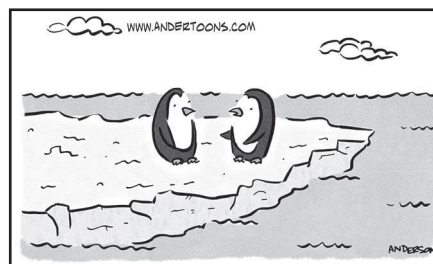
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Canned and jarred ingredients such as beans, stocks, soups and sauces may be slightly costlier than homemade, but the convenience more than compensates. Canned beans can be used in stews, salads and dips. Premade stocks and soups add flavor and complexity to sauces or casseroles. Jarred sauces provide a versatile base for pasta or rice dishes. While these items have a longer shelf life than fresh alternatives, they still expire. Check the dates on your pantry staples often and replace your stash when necessary.

It may come as a shock, but frozen vegetables are often better than their fresh counterparts for quick cooking. Items such as frozen corn, peas and broccoli are harvested at the peak of the growing season and are flash frozen to preserve freshness and taste. Throw frozen corn into a zesty tortilla soup, stir frozen peas into a creamy pasta dish or fold frozen broccoli into a cheesy rice casserole to boost vegetable count.

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- Many products that we buy which are imported from foreign countries are no longer made in the United States. If we want to purchase a product that is not made in the United States, our only available option is to purchase an imported version of that product. If there is a tariff added to that product, the seller of that product will simply add the 20% to 35% tariff to the price of the item. The tariff is essentially an additional tax that will be added to the purchase price.

- A large portion of products that are made in America contain parts that are imported from other countries. When an American manufacturer purchases imported parts to go into an American made product, that manufacturer will raise the price of that product

to pay for the additional cost of the tariffs. A tariff in this case is a tax that is baked into the cost of many products that we buy, and it is a tax on many American made products.

- Tariffs, simply put, raise prices of the products that Americans buy. When prices of goods rise, consumers buy less.

If consumers buy less, manufacturers are forced to lay off workers because they have less work for them to do. In

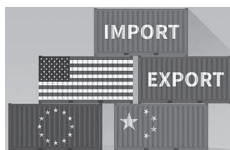
this situation, tariffs eliminate jobs instead of creating them.

- If the United States imposes tariffs on imports from Canada, Mexico, and China, those countries will also impose their own tariffs on American imports to their countries, raising the cost of American made products that we export to them. This will cause those countries to buy less American goods, causing a further loss of American jobs.

- We, as consumers, pay the cost of tariffs in the form of higher prices, and the Federal Government keeps all of the income from the tariffs. Tariffs are simply new, burdensome taxes on Americans.

As Americans, we need to be contacting our elected representatives in Washington, DC to demand that they DO NOT impose these damaging tariffs on things that we buy every day.

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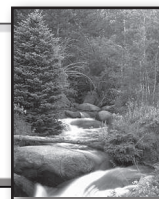
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## Christmas Waste by Lisa Luck



The holidays are the time of year when the most trash is generated and discarded than at any time of the year. Extra shopping – both online and in person – contribute to the increase. For decades, advertisements for holiday shopping have driven the desire for more and more stuff. Advertisements go something like this .... "Show your loved one how much you love them by buying (fill in the blank)." Feeling the love, it kind of seems like a good excuse to get into a shopping frenzy. Think Black Friday. All that pushing and grabbing really must prove how much you love everyone in your circle. All the spending on others also promotes unneeded spending on oneself, too. The attitude of, "Out with the old, in with the new," at this time of the year also promotes shopping. People discard their old stuff and replace it with the newest version. Other factors that contribute to an increase in waste is an increase over the holidays are food waste and the use of products that are single-use items such as decorations, plastic tablecloths, disposable dishes, cups and flatware.

Food waste contributes to an excess of waste. Cooking way too much food and being too tired after a big meal to organize leftovers is the main reason. In keeping with the holiday spirit, the focus on having "plenty" is exaggerated into "too much." The cost for buying food that is not consumed is estimated at around \$2,000 per year per family. Unfortunately, putting food waste into the trash causes food to release methane gas as it rots in a landfill. Methane gas warms the atmosphere and affects temperature and weather. The best idea is to refrigerate leftovers at once until they can be portioned out and frozen for later use.

Items needlessly discarded include massive quantities of packaging. Lots of cardboard and packing materials are discarded in the trash when they could be recycled instead. Even wrapping paper can be recycled as long as it doesn't have glitter or some other contaminant glued to it. Many county convenience centers and cardboard drop-off sites collect cardboard. Plastic packaging such as peanuts or bubble wrap can be recycled at any store that ships packages. Recyclables must be clean and dry.

While celebrating this holiday season – consider waste and reduce it as much as possible. Reuse Christmas bags, decorative boxes, bows and ribbons. Donate gently used items to those less fortunate. Prevent food waste by refrigerating or freezing leftovers promptly so you can enjoy delicious leftovers all week. Remember that you can show family and friends how much you love them in other ways besides buying a trinket. Nobody wants to keep dusting that "thing" that someone gave them that really has no use or real value. An afternoon at the movies, a long walk at the park, or a dinner out can give you time together and so you can show them how much you care. Holidays are perfect for bonding with those we love.

Lisa Luck is a writer and concerned citizen living in Cokeville, TN



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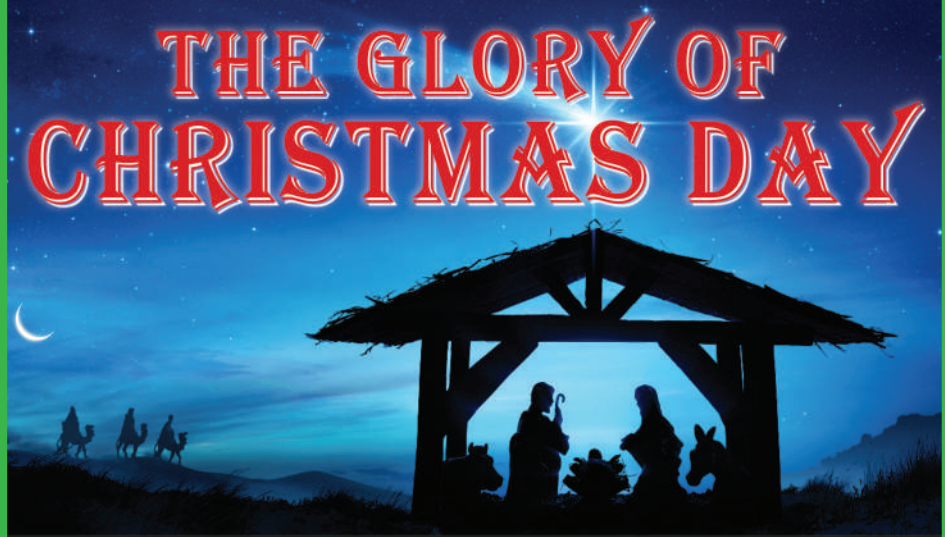
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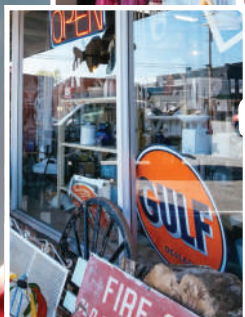
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