

The community reporter

Pickwick news

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Winter is here and many places around the U.S. are getting snow this week, maybe even our neighborhood, who knows? The kids would love it, perhaps even get out of school.

We didn't go to the Counce Christmas Parade this year. It was sooo cold that night that I shivered just thinking about it. But I heard we missed a very nice parade with lots of floats and pageantry and of course, Santa Claus. Maybe next year.

We did attend the Pickwick United Methodist Men's breakfast Saturday at the church. They had prepared a most delicious breakfast of hashbrowns, gravy, biscuits, eggs, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit and juice and coffee. We enjoyed hearing the speaker Charlotte Burns, CEO of Hardin Medical Center speak on the current health bill before Congress and its effect on our local hospitals. Amy Byrd and Sue Iverson entertained us with some Christmas music. Wonderful day!

The Pickwick U.M. Women had their Christmas Party last Monday night in Savannah at

Mollie Monday's. Mollie had the place decorated so pretty with candles and greenery on every table. Carol Wehrstein and Anne Trejo gave devotionals and we picked our new prayer partners. Charlene Baird passed out gifts to the ladies and made plans for our next meeting. The food was delicious but too much. I didn't get to try any of Mollie's famous desserts.

Fifteen or sixteen of the Pickwick Red Hats went to Nashville Wednesday for an overnight stay to see the Rockettes and do a little sightseeing. I bet they had a great time.

This is the big weekend of the season with Christmas in the Park Friday and Saturday Dec. 11 and 12. We really enjoy this event each year and look forward to seeing all our friends there. The ride through the park is amazing with beautiful light displays which grow bigger each year. There's carriage rides, and a train for the kiddies and Santa and his elves and hot chocolate and cookies and shopping for gifts and oh, so much fun. You gotta be there!

The Raise the Flag Organization has made up a huge basket full of goodies including lots and lots of gift certificates from local merchants and it will be

on display at the Christmas in the Park Holiday Mart this weekend at Pickwick Landing State Park. They will accept your donations at the park, Catamaran, and Pickwick Deli and other places. Proceeds will benefit the Shiloh Falls Garden Club to buy materials to landscape the new District Three Community Center. The basket will be given away Saturday evening at the Holiday Mart.

PLIC will have their Christmas Party at the Homestead House in Iuka Monday, Dec. 14. The ladies will meet at the church at 10:30am and carpool to the restaurant where they will enjoy a dutch treat lunch. Bring a \$20 gift and play "dirty Santa".

Happy birthday to Jerry Trejo and our daughter Cathy on Dec. 22, Grant Johnson on Dec. 23, David Young on Dec. 24, Owen Crosswhite on Dec. 28, Dwayne Greene on Dec. 30 and Bill McKinney on Dec. 31, my father's birthday.

We want to wish a happy anniversary to Jerry and Anne Trejo on Dec. 21.

Please remember to be prayer all our sick friends and family. God bless them all and God bless America

Having more network choices is one step closer

Ron Schaming ■ News Editor

A major step toward providing many Hardin County residents a greater choice of network programming options has been taken.

Last Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Satellite Home Viewer Reauthorization Act. The act includes language that Congressman Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) has long advocated - addressing local programming broadcast via satellite.

The issue is a safety concern to rural Tennessee, where many residents do not have access to local programming over the air and thus cannot receive urgent public safety information.

The matter came to a head in Hardin County a year ago when Charter Cable dropped the Nashville broadcast networks from its lineup, saying they largely duplicated NBC, CBS and other programming

from Memphis.

The Satellite Home Reauthorization Act will not restore the Nashville channels to the Charter Cable lineup.

It removes restrictions which have kept satellite providers from offering local networks to customers in much of Hardin County. Instead, those customers could receive only distant networks such as New York.

By correcting the "Grade B Bleed" issue and expanding the definition of "unserved areas," residents in the Jackson Designated Market Area, will be eligible to receive a distant signal from either Memphis or Nashville.

Speaking about the bill, Congressman Blackburn said, "To me, this is a vital public safety issue. Two years ago, devastating tornadoes swept through rural Middle and West Tennessee. By expanding the local programming options for Tennesseans who only have access to satellite broadcasts, we

expand the reach of important public safety announcements like tornado warnings."

Noting that further legislative action is needed before the bill can go into effect, she said, "This is an important correction to the statute and I urge the Senate to pass companion legislation quickly."

Claude Chafin, Blackburn's communications director, said he hopes to see the Senate move on the issue by the end of the month.

Yard Sale
Saturday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Corner of
Azalea Lane and
YMCA Lane in
Pickwick
Miscellaneous clothes, housewares, etc.

Yard Sale
Friday
9 a.m. - ?
385
Robinhood Lp.
Tools, furniture, etc.

Christmas
Open House
Sat. & Sun.
Inside Building
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Savannah, Tennessee
(behind Whites Elementary School)
sponsored by
Turkey Creek Baptist Church
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Huge Christmas Sale
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Open Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
East End Flea Market
Blue Room Booth
1090 Wayne Rd. • Savannah
New Auto-dark welding helmet - Retail \$215, Sale \$75, leather welding, work, and mechanics gloves at 70% discount, new tools 70% off retail, wool Pendleton blankets - Retail \$125, Sale \$40, antique oil lamps, cook books, gun books, videos, toys, poker sets, 60% discount or more.

Southgate Cinema Complex
410 Florence Road, Savannah, TN
Admission: Adults \$7.50 - Child \$5.00
Seniors & Matinee \$5.50
CLOSED TUESDAYS - YEAR ROUND
MOVIE SCHEDULE FOR
Friday, December 11, thru Thursday, December 17, 2009
The Princess and the FROG
(G)
FRI. & SAT. 7:10 & 9:20
SUN. 2:10 & 7:10
MON. WED. THURS. 7:10
Amelia
(PG)
FRI. & SAT. 6:55 & 9:15
SUN. 1:55 & 6:55
MON. WED. THURS. 6:55
NINJA ASSASSIN
(R)
FRI. & SAT. 7:00 & 9:10
SUN. 2:00 & 7:00
MON. WED. THURS. 7:00
The Blind Side
(PG-13)
FRI. & SAT. 6:50 & 9:30
SUN. 1:50 & 6:50
MON. WED. THURS. 6:50
Old Dogs
(PG)
FRI. & SAT. 7:05 & 9:05
SUN. 2:05 & 7:05
MON. WED. THURS. 7:05
TWILIGHT SAGA:
NEW MOON
(PG-13)
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SUN. 1:45 & 6:45
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