

# Big Sandy Newsletter

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## **Special events at Benton County Senior Citizens Center**

As director of the Benton County Senior Citizens Center I would like to share some special events for the month of August at the center. First we are located at 119 Cole Ave. behind St. Mary's Church. Our phone number is 584-4101 or 584-3627.

August 19th will be our annual 80 Plus Party. It will be at the center at 1:00 p.m. This party is held each year to honor all our seniors that have reached their 80th birthday. You need to call the center and get your name on list. Transportation will be provided if you need it.

August 23rd we will be having our Old Country Store. Remember going to the old stores and getting bologna, cheese and crackers. Oh, don't forget the RC Cola. This will start at 5:30 p.m. and cost will be \$4.00 each. Come join us and then stay for the music and games.

August 30th the WAT Club will sponsor the salad supper. Everyone brings their favorite salad and we all eat together at 5:30 p.m. Bring your salad and join us, then stay for music and games.

The center is a good place to attend activities during this hot weather.

Thanks, Opal Perry.

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## **Benton County, are you ready for change?**

Do you know why your taxes keep going up? Do you know why some of your family or friends don't have jobs? Do you know why businesses keep closing? Do you know why new business and industry isn't coming to this county? Were you aware of the illegal activities that have taken place by government officials at the courthouse? Do you care? Do you care about the future of children in Benton County? Do you know why more and more people in Benton County are having to get on welfare? Do you care that your property taxes could increase at any time? Do you want something different?

Benton County can not survive under its current circumstances. We need citizens who are interested in a major change in the local government, those who are interested in having a clean, law abiding government which will help Benton County to progress along the path to more jobs, more economic growth, more industry, and more tourism.

Change is necessary.

Change is certain.

Change will lead to a Better Benton County.

We can talk about change all we want to, but it's never going to happen if we don't become advocates of it and take action in demanding that our elected officials stand up and do the right thing.

If you're ready for a change for the better, visit [BentonCountyIssues.com](http://BentonCountyIssues.com) to become aware of the issues and take action today. This is a private and secure opinion forum.

## **Henry County man critically injured after running red light**

According to police reports, 33-year-old Christopher E. Snyder, was seriously injured in Paris, TN while traveling northbound on Highway 79 northeast of Paris. Authorities said Snyder ran a red light at the intersection of Highway 218 Bypass.

Authorities said that Leslie D. Evans Jr., of Puryear, was turning left onto Highway 79. Evans, driving an '84 Mercury Marquis had the green light, but did not see the other driver until it was too late.

Snyder was airlifted to Vanderbilt where he is listed in critical but stable condition at press time. Evans was not injured.

Authorities say that charges could be brought against Snyder, but are currently pending. - Submitted.

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## **Gas prices - Tennessee rated first in affordability among key competitors**

With gasoline prices climbing through the roof and closing in on a record high, many vacationers may look to stay closer to home this year. And, Tennessee is sitting pretty. The Volunteer State is situated within a day's drive of two-thirds of the U.S. population, which makes it a popular vacation destination with many locations from which to choose.

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## **Drivers license testing center may return to Paris**

Paris, TN - County Mayor Brent Greer told the Henry County commission that there may now be some progress on finally getting a drivers license testing center restored in the city of Paris.

Tom Moore, the assistant commissioner of the State Dept. of Safety will be inspecting the old Revel Enterprise building located on Tyson Ave. on August 23.

If the building is found suitable for the new drivers license testing center, it may have to share the building with Henry County's Agriculture Extension Service office.

The last time there was a license testing center in Henry County was in September of 2001. Many in Henry and surrounding counties have been driving as far as Jackson and Dresden to take their drivers license tests.

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## **Historical Photo**



James C Christopher. U.S. Navy  
(Sent by Shelley)

## **Being mayor of Benton County is a serious job**

The impact that the Benton County Mayor has on the lives of Benton Countians is very great. We cannot take a chance of being surprised by someone who says that he is " this way or that way and proves to be something else".

One solution is to have a series of three debates on the courthouse square or some other suitable place, with the local radio broadcasting live and with other media present.

We could have sponsors that provide the public with food and refreshments and a party atmosphere. In order to promote openness in government, we must provide the vehicle for people to learn who and what the candidates are about. Never, never again should the public choose a "pig in a poke" as their county mayor.

Being Mayor of Benton County is a very, very serious, important job that impacts the lives of every citizen of Benton County. - *By James Peach, Sr.*

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## **Benton County Animal Shelter**

The Benton County Animal Shelter is in need of your assistance this summer. You can donate dog and cat food, litter, and miscellaneous items necessary for the operation of the shelter to ensure that the animals in the shelter stay warm and fed this winter.

To make a donation please visit the Animal Shelter at 396 Hildon King Road in Camden. You can call the shelter and

leave a message at 584-3152. You can learn more about the Benton County Animal Shelter by visiting their Web site at [BentonCountyAnimalShelter.com](http://BentonCountyAnimalShelter.com)

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## **Big Sandy Little League signups**

Anyone interested in helping the Big Sandy Little League for the Summer of 2005 please contact Jeff Pruitt at 593-5901. Sign ups will be soon and we could use as much help as we can get. Also, anyone that would like to sponsor a sign to be hung on the outfield fence from March 1 to September 1. please contact Jeff at the same number as above.

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## **Live Band - Only in Big Sandy**

Come one, come all Thursday nights and listen to The Music Men. Enjoy live music and dancing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the American Legion - Post 228 in Big Sandy.

The Post will also be serving food during the break. No cover charge.

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## **Karaoke Night**

It's every Friday night starting at 8:00 p.m. The American Legion - Post 228 in Big Sandy, is looking forward to hearing your singing voice and enjoy the fun. No cover charge. Everyone should bring can goods to help those in need.

## **The Club Room**

Members of the American Legion - Post 228 in Big Sandy, is looking forward to watching football on teh big screen tv. The raffle winner for the month of September was Damon (Beaver) Cooke.

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## **Support for our Troops**

The American Legion in Big Sandy is selling car magnet ribbons for the Camden National Guard Family Readiness Group. They have four different types. Cost is only \$5.00 each. Buy them at the Post in Big Sandy or at the Bank of Camden Big Sandy Branch. Let's show our support.

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## **Legion Hall Membership Dues**

Please don't forget about your membership dues. Legion dues are only \$25.00, Ladies Aux. dues are \$15.00 and all SAL dues are \$20.00.

If you know of anyone interested in joining, they may contact the Club and leave information.

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## **Big Sandy Fire Department**

The Big Sandy Volunteer Fire Department is collecting aluminum cans to support their operations. Let's give them your support.

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## **Big Sandy Public Library**

Please help support your local public library. Visit the Big Sandy Public Library and show your support of the local community by purchasing or renewing your membership. The Library is a valuable asset to all within the community. Visit the Library's page on the BigSandyTN.com Web site at [BigSandyTN.com/library/](http://BigSandyTN.com/library/)

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## **Big Sandy, TN on the World Wide Web**

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