

Good times at The Hangar

The Hangar was the place to be Saturday night to enjoy a special evening of great music. The crowd enjoyed Raven and Red of Nashville, a classically trained folk-Americana duo whose music is acclaimed as "very entertaining with warm melodies and even a slight commercial edge."

Opening for Raven and Red was Decatur County's own Emily Keeton of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for District 8 VFW, performing many of the old standards and also including a couple of her own originals.

Event coordinators Mark Tubbs and Shane Bridges were well-pleased with the concert. "Raven and Red gave Parsons an awesome performance Saturday night. Their sets included a diverse range of songs that was sure to please everyone. What a great show! And, we were excited to hear Emily Keeton warm up the crowd with some old country and two original songs. We can't wait to have them back!"

Photos courtesy of Shane Bridges



Short elected President of Dept. of TN VFW Auxiliary

Daisy Short was elected President of Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for 2019-2020 year June 22, 2019. She will serve until July 1, 2020. She has held many positions at the local, district and state level. She has been Department of TN VFW Auxiliary Guard, Conductress, Chaplain, Jr. Vice President, Sr. Vice President before becoming the President. She was Dept. of TN VFW Auxiliary Chairman for Americanism and Legislative. She served as District 8 VFW

Auxiliary President for seven-and one-half years and is now District 8 VFW Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer. Daisy joined the VFW Auxiliary in 2006 on her brother Willie Smothers, who was a WWII Veteran and a Korea Veteran. She comes from a family of veterans with three brothers in WWII. Willie was wounded in Korea in 1950 and she had a first cousin (Sam Smothers) from Carroll County, Tenn. who was killed in WWII. Two of her grandchildren served in Iraq and her son Staff Sergeant Victor G.

Rich, US Army retired was in the Army and Army National Guard for 20 years. Her late father-in-law Jessie Durwood Short paid the ultimate price and was killed in WWII and is buried in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. He was 22 years old. Her husband Jesse Short Jr. was 11 months old when his dad

was killed. Her late son-in-law Robert Nolen served in Vietnam. She has a heart for veterans and their many needs. Seven of her family are Life members of Post 4971 VFW Auxiliary in Parsons. Daisy was born and raised in Carroll County, Tenn. and went to Huntingdon High School. For the past



20 years, she has resided in Parsons, where her husband and she are officers of the VFW Auxiliary 4971. She said she loves America and thinks it is the greatest nation on this earth as she has been in other countries. Freedom is not free and that she is blessed to be an American

Cub Creek Hall News

by Shirley Brewer



Bro. Mike and Ms. Carolyn Hays visited me and Charlie on Sunday. Eddie returned to work on Monday after being on vacation for a week. He and Tammy visited Mr. Marco and Ms. Rosie Espinoza at their home in Bemis for a while after work. They enjoyed being together. Randle went with them too.

Charlie, Shirley and Ann were in Jackson Wednesday for Charlie to have a yearly heart checkup with Dr. Rashid. We are praying for a good report.

Randle returned to work after being on vacation for a week. He enjoyed being off.

Charlie got a good report from his heart doctor but has to go back in six months. We were both well worn when we got home and took us a nap. I think I am ready to go to bed again. I didn't sleep well last night. Hopefully tonight I will be better. I sure hope and pray Ms. Carol Sue Pipken is doing good after her surgery.

Ann visited a while Wednesday evening. All the kids checked on Charlie. We love you all.

David visited me and Charlie Friday afternoon. It was good to see him. Thanks for taking our garbage off for us. I do appreciate all our kids do for us. Ann, thanks for bringing my meds to me. Love you too.

Ann, Sharon, Andrea, Kirra, Joe, Stella and Corali all visited Charlie and Shirley Brewer a

while Friday night. It was good to see them.

Ann, Charlie and Shirley were in Jackson at the Kirkland Cancer Center for Charlie to see Dr. Archie Wright. Please be much in prayer for Charlie and Dr. Wright and for God's healing hand on his body. He has a cancerous tumor in his right lung. We appreciate your prayers. God bless you all.

Eddie will keep an appointment with Dr. Adam Smith at the Bone & Joint Clinic Tuesday morning. Please pray for him that he will be healed.

Sincere sympathy to all who have lost loved ones by the death angel. May God comfort you in the sad days ahead.

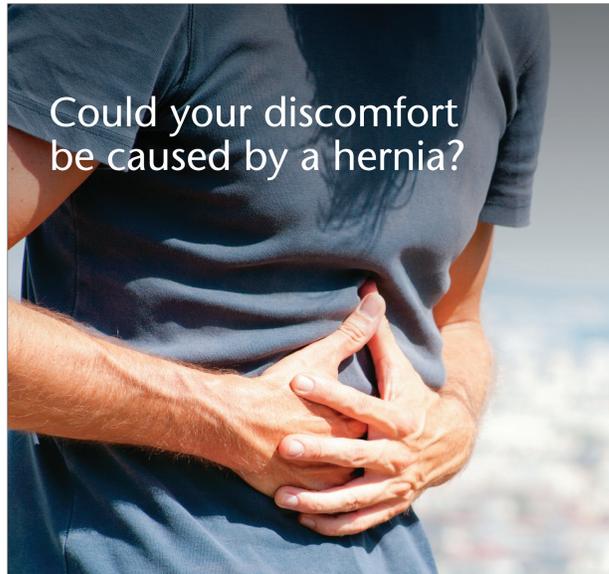
Get-well wishes to all who are sick at home in hospitals and nursing homes. God bless you all with better health.

It was good to hear from Ms. Carol Sue Pipken. She is back home after spending two days and nights in St. Thomas Hospital. She feels so much better after her surgery. Pain in her body is gone. I am so thankful for her healing. We do have a God who cares for us and gives doctors wisdom to know what to do for us. Thank You Lord!

Ann came up and ate watermelon Saturday evening. It was delicious. We enjoyed being together. Love you girl!

This is all I have for this week. Everyone take care and worship our Lord God.

God bless all.



Christopher Bratton, M.D. General Surgeon

If you experience a heavy feeling in your abdomen when you bend, pain when you lift heavy objects, or a lump that enlarges when you strain and disappears when you lie down, it could be a hernia. Having it treated may not only ease your discomfort, but can also help prevent the hernia from damaging internal organs. At Henderson County Medical Group, we provide surgical repair for all types of hernias. So don't wait.

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Who are these Yankees?

Geneta Taylor brought this picture of a youth baseball team by the office last week. The only problem is that little is known about the photo so we need your help. If you can identify any or all of those pictured above, call The News Leader at (731) 847-6354. If you would like to have a historical photo featured on this page, just give us a call or send to danny@readtheleader.com.

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Readers impressed by talent at The Hangar PAC

To the Editor,

My wife and I attended the live performance of Raven & Red and warm-up performance by Emily Keeton Saturday night. Being relatively new to the area, we like to participate in local events just to become part of the commu-

nity. We were blown away by the talent of Raven & Red. We had no knowledge of the performers beforehand. We were equally impressed with Emily Keeton. The audience response was good enough that Raven & Red announced a return engagement is in the future.

When they do return, attendance should be standing room only. We will be the first in line for tickets. A great asset to this live performance was the high quality of the sound system. The system is remarkable in fidelity and clarity for Raven's wonderful violin music. The

acoustics of the theater too is noticeably suitable for live performances. Thank you, city leaders and all who have worked hard to bring this theater to fruition.

Bill and Emanuel Milligan

The origin of Taps

By Elizabeth Nix

The origins of "Taps," the distinctive bugle melody played at U.S. military funerals and memorials and as a lights-out signal to soldiers at night, date back to the American

Civil War. In July 1862, U.S. General Daniel Butterfield and his brigade were camped at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, recuperating after the Seven Days Battles near Richmond. Dissatisfied with the standard bugle call employed by the Army to indicate to troops it was time to go to sleep, and thinking the call should sound more melodious, Butterfield reworked an existing bugle call used to signal the end of the day. After he had his brigadiers bugler, Private Oliver Wilcox Norton, play it for the men, buglers from other units became interested in the 24-note tune and it quickly spread

throughout the Army, and even caught on with the Confederates. Not long after Butterfield created "Taps," it was played for the first time at a military funeral, for a Union cannoner killed in action. The man's commanding officer, Captain John Tidball, decided the bugle call would be safer than the traditional firing of three rifle volleys over the soldier's grave, a move which couldn't be confused by the nearby enemy as an attack. As for the name, "Taps," the most likely explanation is that it comes from the fact that prior to Butterfield's bugle call, the lights-out call was followed by three drum

beats, dubbed the "Drum Taps," as well as "The Taps," and then simply "Taps," although this was an unofficial moniker, according to "Taps" historian and bugle expert Jarl Villanueva. He notes that Butterfield's bugle call was officially known as "Extinguish Lights" in American military manuals until 1891. Since that time, "Taps" also has been a formally recognized part of U.S. military funerals.

Submitted by Dale E. Long, VVA Chapter 1123

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Note: Thank you to all veterans for our freedom.

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