

# Congratulations



McKayla Ann Campbell

## Welcome to the World

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Jonathan and Nichole Campbell announce the birth of their daughter, McKayla Ann Campbell. She was born January 23, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

McKayla is the granddaughter of Bob and JoAnn Eller of Mountain City, and Ricky and Millie Campbell of Mountain City. Great-grandparents are the late Bell and Nell Eller, Olive Johnson and the late Bruce Johnson, Gladson and Bertha Capps of NC and Samuel Campbell and Gladys Henson.



Katie Widener

## Katie Widener turns three

Katie Widener recently celebrated her third birthday with a party at her home. Katie is the daughter of Jeremy and Brandy Widener of Limestone, TN.

Her grandparents are Larry and Cindy Widener of Laurel Bloomery and John and Jan Maddux of Greeneville.



Autumn Rose Roark

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Billy and Sonya Roark announce the birth of their daughter, Autumn Rose. Autumn was born November 10, 2009 at Sycamore Shoals Birth Center.

She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Autumn is the little sister of Rebecca Bishop, Alexis Jessee and David Roark.

Grandparents are Annis Jessee, Lois Presnell and the late Boyd Roark, all of Mountain City. Great-grandparents are Bruce and Belva Simcox of Mountain City, the late James and Sally Jessee of Wise, VA, the late Aaron and Atry Roark and the late Noel and Bessie Roark, all of Creston, NC.

## Thompson celebrates 90th birthday

Edith Thompson celebrated her 90th birthday January 20th. Cards may be sent to 131 Thompson Circle, Landenberg, PA 19350.



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## 2010 Johnson County Historical Society Officers

Elected to serve as officers in the Johnson County Historical Society for 2010 are, left to right, Malcolm Howard, president; Grace Davis, Vice-President; Kathy Terrill, Secretary; and Sue Howard, Treasurer.

# Johnson County is home to published authors

Tucked deep in the Appalachian Mountains, in the far northeast corner of Tennessee, Johnson County serves as a backdrop for people of many talents: artists, poets and authors. Several local authors and poets are becoming known outside of the county as they have recently had their works published.

Dewayne Landers of Mountain City has won honorable mention for his poem entitled "Grasping the Dream of a Green Earth" in a poetry contest for 2009. His work was chosen to be published in "Great Poems of the Western World." This year's 17th anniversary edition is a collection of the greatest contemporary poets of our country. A certificate of excellence was presented to Landers for his work.

The following poem is printed with the permission of Dewayne Sanders.

"Grasping the Dream of a Green Earth"  
We start our life as being born in a  
World we must see when we open our eyes.  
A world of lushes trees, flowers and  
Green grass as far as we can see.  
Flowers swaying back and forth as of  
Praising us as gardeners of this land.  
Our breath of air in a clean atmosphere  
No more polluting destroying our planet.  
Bio healthy earth, corn from tall  
Green stalks fueling our automobiles.  
Solar windmills and panels generating  
Power for our factories and homes  
Our green planet thrives once again  
As in the beginning, abundance of life.  
If we as people can make a change  
Our universe as on watchers will be  
Grateful in the least.  
Hand by hand together by hope and  
Caring we can grasp the dream of a green earth.  
Our last great hope is in our hands.

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The following is a Christmas poem, written by Bonnie Wright, that the Wrights sent to their many friends at Johnson County Senior Center. It is printed with the permission of the author.

"Merry Christmas"  
It's the time we enjoy this holiday  
In our memories we remember  
Our joy and excitement  
At our church as they talk  
Who's that great son  
There is a great mother  
Whose name is Mary  
She has her son laying in a manger  
Joseph smiles and tells everyone  
Look! This is my son, Jesus.  
Everyone comes to see this Child  
Here's three wise men  
Each one has a gift  
Happiness and laughter  
For it's a great honor for all  
Singing begins in the crowd  
Away in the Manger  
Silent Night, Holy Night  
All is come and all is bright  
With a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year to all  
Harold and Bonnie Wright  
12-8-09

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In May of 2008, Shelia Campbell of Johnson County had her very first book published. "Lemon Days and Strawberry Nights" is based on a true story, telling the story of Sunnie and Rae, a young couple who begin life together madly in love. It is a tale of their life together, both the good and the bad.  
Sunnie is a young girl of 15 living in Johnson County who meets Rae for the first time while picking strawberries. It soon becomes apparent that they are head over heels for each other, and by the end of bean season, Rae and Sunnie have their first date. By homecoming game that fall, Rae asked Sunnie to be his bride. Sunnie was barely 16 years old when they married.  
Life was difficult for Sunnie and Rae as they struggled with finding work and raising children. Rae began to come home later and later, staying out with his friends. Sunnie loved Rae and was willing to forgive him time after time. Rae's late night ventures began to include womanizing. For years, Sunnie wanted to believe and hope for only the best in her husband. "Lemon Days and Strawberry Nights" will leave you reading into the late night as you yearn to find out what happens to Sunnie, Rae and their family.  
Campbell is currently working on another book, but this time it is a fictitious story. "I have always loved to write," said Campbell. As Campbell now works full-time, she can only work on this new book a little bit at a time. "Lemon Days and Strawberry Nights" can be purchased at Family Book and Card Shop in Mountain City, or you can go online to [www.amazon.com/](http://www.amazon.com/) to purchase Campbell's book.

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Bonnie Wright has overcome many challenges throughout her life. Stricken with polio as a young girl, Wright was one of the first cases of polio in her hometown of Mabel, North Carolina, just across the state line in Watauga County.  
Wright was one of 13 children. She reminisced, "We didn't have a lot, but we had love." Wright has been writing poetry all of her life. "It's relaxing for me," said Wright. In 2004, Wright wrote a poem and sent it into the National Enquirer. It was the start of her poetry writing career. According to Wright, she has been published in New York, France and England. Wright's work has also appeared in "Who's Who in World Poetry." She has received many awards, including four bronze medals for her work, all in the poetry genre. Additionally, Wright also took first place in the 2004 First Amateur Poetry contest. In 2008, Wright composed "The Mystery Man," which tells the story of the birth of Jesus and His life. Through Wright's work, she reaches out to many people, including prisoners in Greenville, South Carolina. "I'm told in my work I'm witnessing for God," said Wright.  
Bonnie and her husband, Harold Wright, settled in Mountain City approximately 15 years ago. Bonnie met Harold in Cleveland, Ohio, where she had gone to help her sister with her newborn baby. "I spotted a man who got my attention," she said. These days, Bonnie continues to write as she cares for her husband, who has been bedridden for the past five years.

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Margaret Click



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## Calvary ladies give party for Margaret Click

Following a recent meeting of the Calvary Ladies Circle, Margaret Click was surprised with a 50th year anniversary party. She received many nice gifts as tokens of their love for her.

Happy 3rd Birthday!

Happy Birthday to our Angel Desirea Alexandria Robinson on February 1, 2010. You are a blessing from Heaven to our family. We love you very much!  
Love, Daddy, Mommy, Danielle, Dalton & Family

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