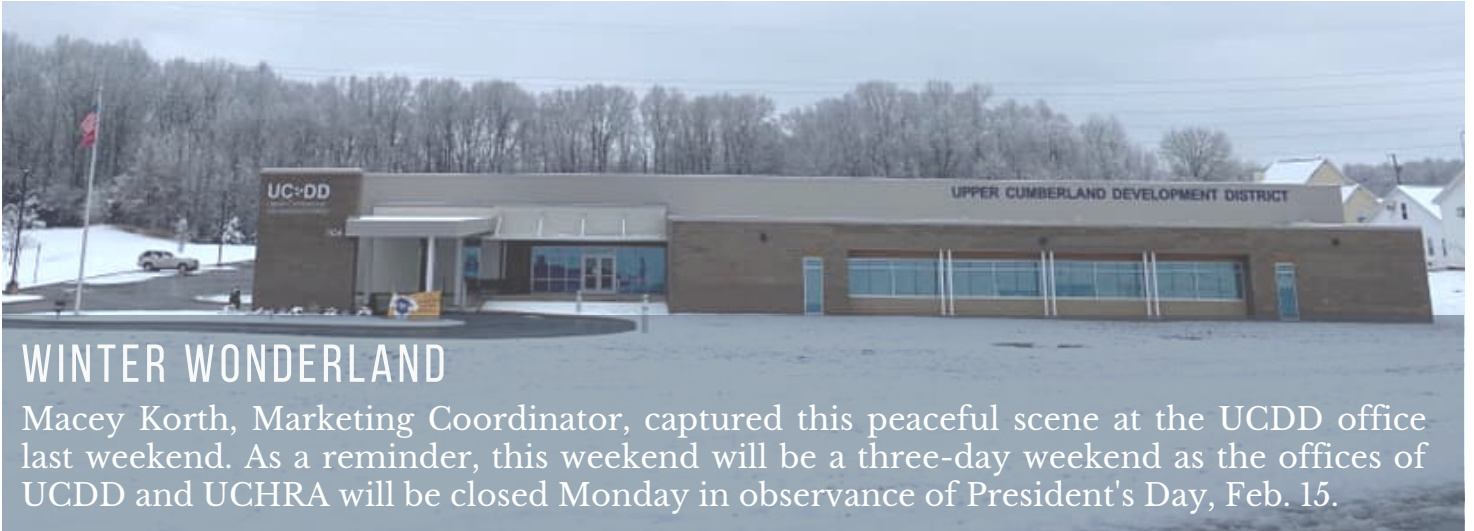




A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day



WINTER WONDERLAND

Macey Korth, Marketing Coordinator, captured this peaceful scene at the UCDD office last weekend. As a reminder, this weekend will be a three-day weekend as the offices of UCDD and UCHRA will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day, Feb. 15.

Out in the Field

WELCOME ABOARD: UCDD, UCHRA WELCOME SEVERAL NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Pictured, from left: Megan Templeton, Community Development Planner; Sherry Bilbrey, UCHRA Central Office Manager; Terri Whited, Public Conservator.

Welcome to the team, all!

AAAD ANI-MEALS PROGRAM CONTINUES, R.U.F.F. FUND ESTABLISHED FOR PETS



Animeals, once a grant-funded pilot program, will continue beginning this month. The program has transitioned to a sponsorship-program, running off of public donations of \$500 per month, which covers approximately 25 pets in Putnam County.

AAAD, Area Agency on Aging and Disability, has already received enough sponsorships to cover four months of service. Recipients of assistance through Ani-Meals are Home-Delivered Meals recipients. In addition, the AAAD team has announced the launch of The R.U.F.F. Fund (Reba's Unique Furry Friends). A small portion of the \$500 monthly sponsorships will go towards this fund to help cover veterinary expense costs for HDM clients or assist with the adoption fees of a new fur family member for someone.

AAAD has also established a partnership with Cookeville PetSmart to receive 50 percent off Purina One pet food. Sara Martin, AAAD Family Caregiver/Evidence-Based Assistant, and Jeff Hodges, CHOICES Manager, will coordinate the program, with the help of local volunteers to deliver the monthly pet supplies each month.

The companionship a pet offers enhances the physical, mental, and overall well-being of individuals. Often seniors choose between feeding themselves and feeding their pets.