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HAPPY EASTER





Many people have been getting ready for Easter Sunday this weekend. These are just a few examples of things that have been happening around the community. Left: Himesville Church of the Nazarene held it's yearly Easter Egg Hunt recently, see more photos page 12A. Right: A friendly Easter Bunny visited with children in Wartrace.

SPEED CHANGE NOTICE



Dixie Doodle Candles & Décor opens tea room

By DAWN HANKINS

Dixie Warrick, owner of Dixie Doodle Candles and Décor in Unionville, is entering her 11th anniversary as a small business owner. To honor the occasion, lately she's setting out fancy teapots and little girl crowns. This is something new for Warrick.

The home décor spot right off 3631 Highway 41A North is now hosting tea parties-"Doodle-style." Warrick says her business can host a child's birthday party or just an occasion for fun.

"We're giving you the experience of a tea party the way my girls grew up having them," says Warrick. "One recent tea party was themed, Tea with Princess."

Food is currently catered. But Warrick says she's thinking of new ideas and the sky's the limit regarding themes from fairy princesses to Christmas stories.

"We provide everything they need such as the hat or tiara feather boa lace gloves and pearl necklace (which they get to keep and take home with them when they leave,)" says Warrick. "The princess has tea with the children then they move to the couch sitting area where she reads them a story which we wrote ourselves. It's about being a princess and being priceless in God's eyes and the story is about how you are enough, how you are worthy and how you are loved."

There is an area where visitors can take a picture with her before they leave. Most is done within an hour, she says.

"We're looking to also do crafting classes . . . done a few ladies luncheons for Bible studies where we provided the food for one and the other brought pothuck so there's a

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Dixie Doodle Candles and Décor, 3631 Highway 41A North, has lots to offer in the way of spring décor this season.



Dorris Turrentine recently received her 50-year award and pin as a dedicated member of Liberty Family and Community Education (FCE) Club.

Dorris Turrentine: 50 years of FCE

'Happy is as happy does'

By DAWN HANKINS



DORRIS TURRENTINE

Dorris Turrentine says all she ever wanted to do in life was be a good wife, mother and homemaker. Suffice to say, she's accomplished all that, and more, based on her recent 50-year recognition by Family and Community Education Clubs.

The presentation was made last week at the Bedford County FCE Achievement Night at the County Extension Office.

For the record, Dorris, who is known in Bedford County for having an amazing "green

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With growth, public works falls short

By DAWN HANKINS

While growth seems to be inevitable for Shelbyville, the City's public works department is already behind on manpower. So, growth could be a hardship for that particular department, the director said recently during a community growth development meeting.

Buck Vallad said during his departmental report, "One of my employees, every week, will have touched every mile within the City between trash . . . potholes, every week."

He stated during that recent growth meeting, which included City planning commission and council members, that in 2006, Shelbyville's population was 16,218. Using the current Census numbers, it is now 23,560.

"I don't think any of us believe that is true," said Vallad of the Census numbers.

He said in 2006, public works had one employee for every 386 residents. He said currently, public works has one employee per every 673 residents.

Vallad said everything has grown in the City except for the public works department. Currently, he has 35 employees. Based on the current City needs (1 employee per 500 people), he said his office should be at 47 employees.

"We have three one-arm garbage trucks," said Vallad. "Really, we should be at 4. We have 8,000 stops right now we make, every week, as far as garbage."

Every 1,000 homes, he said, equals 3,000 residents on average. And per every 3,000 residents, public works should have 6 employees, Vallad advised.

Vallad said he always hears about the need for improving City roads. "We have 150 miles of road. Right now, we spend $4,000 per every mile of road. Really, we should be at $10 to $12,000 per mile of road. Vallad said a planning grant recently allowed his department to study the condition of all the City roads. The result was that 40% of all City roads are in poor condition.

"In order to keep all our roads at 70%, we need $1.4 million of paving," said Vallad.

For every mile a road is widened, Vallad that means another $7 to $15,000 in paving costs. He said that is just paving costs. In addition, there's right of way acquisition and other costs.

He said everyone wants turning lanes and the widening of Fairfield Pike. He said the City of Springhill did a similar project-one which caused $30 million. He said it sounds easy just to "widen a road." He said more goes into such projects, especially displacing people and buying rights-of-way.

"We're for growth but I think we need to be for growth all the way down . . . more houses, more employees to take care of those houses and more equipment, so we can better serve."

Vallad said he's not sure what the response time is currently for public works. But he knows his department, based on growth trends, is way understaffed.

"We want growth. We want the right growth. But the growth has to be from the top to the bottom [in order to take care of everything.]"

He's 12 people short in his department right now. Vallad said the construction of another 1,000 homes puts him another 18 public works employees shy.

"If we come up with a number-1 employee for every 1,000 residents-I can build to that . . . give you thresholds to that. Right now, I don't think we really have a good number."

He said of course more was done 10 years ago. He said the employee to resident ratio was a lot less 20 years ago.

Vallad believes there's a lower level of service coming out of public works right now, due to City priorities and his department being understaffed. "If I have 47 employees, they would be busting out the seams of my department."

So, there's City buildings to consider. He said the majority of City buildings were built in the 1960s, likely a time when there wasn't as much growth predicted for the future, as today.

"One of the biggest things that we need to do is not Shelbyville at 25,000 but Shelbyville at 50,000 and have a map to get there."

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> **- Buck Vallad, Shelbyville Public Works director**



School projects on schedule

By DAWN HANKINS

Prior to Bedford schools being dismissed for a week of spring break, Bedford County Board of Education discussed several school projects.

The board agreed during its monthly meeting on Thursday to move forward with an athletic field house proposal at Liberty School. As part of a "community partnership," the field house will be sponsored by Phillip White and Associates, it was reported during the meeting.

Board members were complimentary of this

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TAKE A DRIVE OUT TO M&L

M&L Greenhouse on Benford Road has some lovely tulips this spring. See their ad in our upcoming Spring Home section. They're home town folks who know what Bedford people want in their gardens.

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FCE Clubs celebrate achievements

Bedford County Family and Community Education Clubs celebrated their many 2023 achievements.

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lot of potential for this place. We try to keep it reasonable."

The tea room is adjacent to Dixie Doodle Candles and Décor, which recently relocated to a farmhouse. Warrick said moving into the farmhouse has given the business extra square footage.

Warrick and staff are known for their exceptional arrangements of candles and florals. There might even be a hilarious sign around the corner-perfect for a whimsical touch in a kitchen or on a front porch.

As for her home decor business, there are lots of spring accents this season to beautify local and area homes. Warrick has candles in all shapes, colors and scents, birdhouses and fine dishware. And of course, tea pots.

And as if she's not busy enough, Warrick and team are sponsoring an "egg hunt for savings" from 10 a.m. to noon at the store this Saturday, March 30. Shoppers can pick up an egg to find their discount.

A business that sort of started out as a "whim" has morphed into a place of warmth and décor for local residents and for tourists. It's a familiar spot to many these days.

Warrick says if you have time, please take a moment to chat. The staff love getting to know about their customers.

See the Dixie Doodle Candles and Décor ad in today's Spring Home section for store hours and more!



Bedford County Government Photo

A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO PROTECT KIDS

Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham recently signed a proclamation in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Tennessee Child Abuse Prevention Network, and the Tennessee Children's Trust Fund, are sponsoring several events throughout the month to heighten public awareness of abuse and neglect in communities around the state. Millions of children in the United States are reported to be abused each year.



Left to right: Samantha Peyton, Kinsleigh Blackburn, Ansley O'Brien, Pat Marsh, Rileigh Brē Cole, Katie Knight

On the Hill with State Rep. Pat Marsh

On Wednesday, March 13, I had the pleasure of meeting with Bedford County's 4-H members and talking a little bit about what I do as a state representative. It is always great to see our future leaders and to see folks from Bedford County, here in Nashville!

We also had a big day on the 19th as it was Agriculture Day on the Hill! Ag day actually began 16 years ago, and this year included competition like corn shucking and hay bale tossing, and in the past, there has been wood chopping and cow-milking. On top of the fun agriculture style of events, there are farm animals on display like cows, sheep, and horses, as well as tractors. The purpose of Ag day is to recognize the small percentage of Americans that produce most of the food that we all eat.

Ag day is a fun day of celebration, but we learned some of the facts about a lot of the figures revolving around agriculture. Soybeans were the most valuable crop of Tennessee and in 2023 $1.09 billion worth was produced. On top of that, in 2023 there were 63,100 farms in Tennessee according to the USDA. These operations yielded crops and livestock worth $4.5 billion! According to Farm Bureau, 39.6% of the state is made up of farmland. It is very promising to live in a state where agriculture is taken so seriously, and we are very blessed for all of the farmers that call Tennessee their home!

I'm honored to serve as your state representative! Please call or email me if I can ever help. 615-741-6824, rep.pat.marsh@capitol.tn.gov.

You are also welcome to come to the Capitol and stop by my office at 610 in the Cordell Hull building.



Bedford County Government Photo

MISS SHELBYVILLE TEEN VISITS COURTHOUSE

Miss Shelbyville Teen Lydia Hope Sanders stopped by Bedford County Courthouse on Monday. A contestant in the Miss Tennessee Teen pageant, Lydia is using her spring break to visit various Shelbyville offices. Lydia was greeted by Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham. Miss Tennessee Teen is a preliminary to the Miss America Teen pageant, which is operated by the Miss America organization for young women ages 13-18.



Bedford County Government Photo

GRANT FOR SAFETY-RELATED ITEMS

Tennessee Risk Management Trust, a member-owned insurance trust which serves public entities in Tennessee, recently presented a $13,609 grant to Bedford County Highway Department. The grant will be used for safety-related purchases such as yellow reflective jackets, shirts, eyewash stations, barricades and signage. Mark Bilyeu of TRMT (center) made the presentation to County Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton, left, and Mayor Chad Graham.

SCHOOL BOARD

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and other such community partnerships.

Board chair Michael Cook stated during this meeting that he wanted to make sure it was understood that dollars being spent on athletic needs at schools are just that-needs, not wants. He said the school system is greatly behind on upgrades.

Bedford County Director of Finance Robert Daniel advised that proof of liability insurance will be needed.

The group will follow the financial procedures of Bedford County Government, according to school superintendent Tammy Garrett. She credited Liberty football coach Zeke Tomaselli for his dedication and serving as a role model for his students.

Available dollars

Garrett advised school board members that included on the agenda was a budget amendment request-one she said they've been expecting.

"We previously had the same amendment for Cascade High School-$150,000-that we were able to secure for each of our high schools to upgrade athletic facilities. I would appreciate support for being able to amend this so they can move on with their projects at each high school."

The board unanimously approved this budget amendment. There were no comments.

At this point in the meeting, Garrett said the board was dealing with some "very exciting stuff." She then moved into Bid 24-30 for Thomas Magnet and Liberty School improvements.

A letter has been received from the architect on the lowest bid for construction at those particular schools, according to superintendent Garrett. "It is actually lower than what we originally budgeted. So, I would appreciate an approval tonight, to recommend to the finance director, that we go with OLG Services.

Garrett said because the bid came in lower than originally budgeted, she had talked to Jeff Sweeney, project manager, about possibly adding a CDC bathroom at Thomas.

Board member Glenn Forsee asked about the timeline for starting these projects. Garrett said a completion deadline of December 2024 was in the bid and therefore some companies declined to bid, due to not being able to meet that deadline.

The new areas are expected to open in January 2025. The board unanimously approved the bid.

School board discusses capital projects

By DAWN HANKINS

During a recent retreat, Bedford County Board of Education members discussed potential capital projects. Those discussions were brought to the open table during the regular meeting last Thursday.

Director of Schools Tammy Garrett talked about "growth money," less than half a million, that the system has received from the state Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) which can be used for various projects.

Outcomes funding, as it is known at the state level, provides districts with additional funding based on student academic performance. Outcomes funding is 100 percent state-funded and does not require a local contribution.

Reoccurring expenses are not recommended with those growth funds. (Student scores "meets expectations" or "exceeds expectations" on the 3rd grade ELA TCAP; or - student scores "approaching" or "below" on the 3rd grade ELA TCAP in the prior year and improves by at least one performance level on the 4th grade ELA TCAP.)

Garrett asked that the board approve an HVAC at Eakin as well as awnings at Learning Way and Cascade Middle School. She said other capital projects can be discussed at later date.

Those funds can be rolled into a fund balance and budgeted next year, she said. But she said she really felt strongly about the projects she had just mentioned and their approval during Thursday's meeting.

The board will continue to discuss others, including possible improvements to the school transportation garage, she advised.

The board unanimously approved Garrett's recommendations for the awnings and HVAC system. She said those projects are estimated to cost around $700,000 and will be bid.

Chairman Michael Cook asked Daniel if any additional athletic upgrades need to be funded, will another motion have to be made. Daniel said as long as the board stays within prioritized projects/budget, they will not. If board goes over budget, then they will be in line for another amendment.

Board member Brian Crews noted he would like to see the board reconvene during some budget sessions and prioritize each project, so that the board is certain to be making the best use of funds for the growth being experienced.

He said the board needs to keep in mind the responsibility it has for the safety of its students. And, as well, he said the board is responsible for quality of education within environments conducive for learning.

Crews said the board needs to take care of some of the system's "critical needs" and then reassess "wants" that might not be so critical. He said in the end, the board should strive to best utilize the funds available for the citizens and students.

He said the board has also discussed the need for school security cameras and some needs for further enhancing safety at the schools. "I know this money will probably not cover those needs . . . , said Crews."

Garrett said feasibility and cost estimates will be conducted the next week. She said hopefully, costs will be better defined for security projects.

The superintendent advised if the school board is able to reimburse the general-purpose budget for the cabling for the technology for Cartwright, she said that can be done in this year's budget with cameras and servers.

Chairman Cook said items discussed earlier are those which are overdue. "We're trying to catch up, luckily with some money that has come available."

County finances

Bedford County Finance director Robert Daniel said during Thursday's school board meeting there aren't any unusual financial items to report this month from his office.

During the monthly tax analysis, Daniel said the county is a bit behind on property tax collections-$35,000-compared to last year. There's still another month of collection, Daniel advised.

Sales tax is slightly up for the month, he reported.

School board member Glenn Forsee asked Daniel about the estimated timeline for accounts payable to be paid out on the Cartwright Elementary project.

Basically, Forsee said he wanted to know the final cost of Cartwright Elementary project versus what was borrowed by the County.

"When we get the billings from the contractor, we draw the money down and we pay it within 10 days," said Daniel. "There's really not a long-term payable there."

Daniel said those final cost projections will be known around the time the keys to Cartwright Elementary are turned over to the County.

The finance director said the estimated cost of Cartwright was $41 million. With some "savings" the number is estimated at $39 million.





FCB Photos

FCB HOSTS EGG-STRA SPECIAL DAY
First Community Bank held its 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. It was a great crowd! The big winner of the day seemed really pleased as well.

PENCIL SHAVINGS

Easter: A memorable day

By DAWN HANKINS

Easter is a beautiful and exciting time here. Let's be safe in the process of going shopping, to egg hunts, worship or to grandma and papa's house.

There were a couple of wrecks this week off Highway 231 North and Highway 82 to Bell Buckle. Many have wanted a light there for years. Talks have progressed. Still nothing.

The thing is, having traveled Highway 231 North of Shelbyville, I believe speed is a big reason for so many accidents out there. Have you noticed the rate of speed people change lanes?

Of course there are always mitigating circumstances for accidents. But the stats show speed is usually the culprit in your more serious events.

Pulling out of Highway 82 onto Highway 231 North is not for the faint of heart. Still, if people have control of their vehicles, that is keep a nice level on the gas pedal, I believe it can make a difference.

Instead of speeding up and trying to keep people from pulling out onto the highway, anticipate! Give people a break!

There's a case in criminal court right now where a young man was doing 30 miles over the speed limit in Shelbyville. His speeding was deemed by the state as partly responsible for a vehicular homicide.

This young man's life has been changed, no matter the outcome. He has to live with the consequences.

Then, couple speed with texting or talking on the phone and it can be deadly. Hey and combing your hair and putting on makeup-even changing shirts, while going down the road, is just as bad. And for heaven's sake, don't look in the back seat!

Taking your eyes off the road for a split second can make a difference in the rest of your life or that of your family.

Many have said this week that the alcohol establishments on Highway 231 are contributing to accidents. Of course this can certainly be true. But there is also free will-the right to make our own decisions, choices.

When we make poor decisions, is it fair to potentially take another life? Is it fair to rob a family of their loved one this Easter or the next?

Perhaps we've gotten really too selfish in our thinking. Do people give one another a break on the road anymore? Instead of road rage, why not put yourself in another person's shoes.

Many people will indeed treat Easter like any other day, immersing themselves in alcohol or illegal drugs. Again, that is a personal choice. But please drive responsibility and keep off illegal drugs.

While I do not prefer to spend my day this way, again, this is personal choice.

No matter how you spend it, please be safe this weekend. With the right choices, Easter 2024 can one of great memories.

See page 4 for an Easter prayer.



Traditional home hallmarks

A home can say a lot about its inhabitants. Perhaps that's one reason why renters and homeowners alike spend so much time and expend so much effort on the various design components of their homes. Spring is a great time to begin anew.

See our upcoming Spring Home insert, featuring Farmers Home Furniture and "all things spring" they have to offer at 108 Lane Parkway, Shelbyville.

Home styles are as diverse as the people who live in the homes. Each design style has its proponents, but traditional style homes are among the most enduring designs. The popularity of traditional style homes has endured for centuries. And though homes built in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries might be vastly different from those constructed in the 1600s and 1700s, they still include characteristics of homes one might have found back in colonial times.

But it's also important to note that the notion of Traditional has changed, and some may now see homes built more than 50 years ago as traditional. That's an important distinction to keep in mind when working with contractors and interior designers, as homeowners who prefer traditional should not hesitate to share how they define that style.

As individuals shop around for new homes or seek inspiration before redesigning their existing spaces, they can consider these hallmarks of traditional-style homes.

• Color: According to the home renovation experts at HGTV, traditional-style homes are not typically associated with the muted color palettes common to more modern design schemes. Traditional styles utilize color throughout the home, and each color of the rainbow can be utilized if individuals so desire. Though neutral colors are found in traditional-style homes, Architectural Digest notes they are typically accompanied with pops of bold colors in jewel tones.

• Classic decor: It might be an oversimplification to suggest modern and traditional are at opposite ends of the design spectrum, but traditional-style homes lean on classical decor like chandeliers and bookcases, each of which is unlikely to be found in a modern home.

• Architectural details: Certain architectural details also are commonly found in traditional-style homes. Wainscoting and crown molding, which harken many backs to the style's centuries-old roots, are some hallmarks of the traditional style.

• Defined spaces: Open concept floor plans have become very popular in recent years, but traditional-style homes do not feature open floor plans. Living rooms and dining rooms (which are used exclusively as dining rooms) are defined spaces in traditional-style homes, which also tend to have all bedrooms on the second floor or higher.

The traditional design style has endured for centuries. That serves as a testament to the appeal of a style that will seemingly always have a place to call home.





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WORKIN' IN THE SUNSHINE
Carriage House residents enjoyed some sunshine recently and got in a little spring planting. These folks aren't afraid of a little dirt. Their task was complete and beauty was all around.

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thumb." But this award means she's completed everything for five decades that has ever been asked of her, club-wise.

She's a life-long member of the Liberty FCE Club, which was formerly Pleasant Grove Homemakers. "When they built Liberty School . . . original homemakers were about gone," she advises. "So, we decided to name it Liberty."

She says with sadness, that the Liberty club, which she originally joined when she was only 29, now only has about 7 active members. She notes how 3 members died in about a 3-month period, which was really tough.

"I said when my 50 years was up, I'm done. But I'll be there until the club closes because I thoroughly enjoy it."

She would love to see younger members carry on the legacy of the club. She's spent her whole life building up Liberty FCE.

Dorris was recognized for her efforts in 2010 as the Central Region FCE's "Best of the Best." Lynn Wilhelm wrote in her nomination letter, "I have known Dorris for over 40 years and she is a credit to her club and all who attend are inspired by her dedication to make life interesting, pleasant and simple. She never tires and always has a project of some sort in the works."

From working with the Lions Club to Share fairs, she was recognized as the epitome of what it means to belong to FCE.

Today, Dorris has a notebook with the letters which were written on her behalf for "Best of the Best." It's the little things, she says, which mean much.

In addition, she's never wavered at working by her husband's side on their 200 plus-acre farm.

Dorris even had a story written about her in DREMC's "Tennessee Magazine" in August 1975 for her sewing skills. When her two sons and daughter were young, she created tailor-made clothes for her entire family.

"I made my little boys' pants, zippers, sports coats," she recalls. "I made my daughter's clothes until she started college."

Dorris admits that today it is not as cost-effective to make your own clothes. Still, she's proud of having accomplished this for her family, even if her kids did grow up in that polyester era.

She laughs.

She may not sew clothes now but rest assured, she smocks little girl dresses. She and her sister, Barbara Norton, of Murfreesboro, have also made custom draperies in the past.

"I bet there are 150 houses in town that have custom draperies we've made," Dorris advises.

She says the climbing associated with drapery work can be dangerous. She has a screw in her thumb as the result of one accident.

"I got to where I couldn't hang them by myself, so I don't do that anymore."

Over the years, she's also mastered the skills of renovating her own home. "I have a big house. I've redone my house from one end to the other. I've knocked out walls, put ceiling tiles on the ceiling and wallpapered."

What good FCE member doesn't know how to grow flowers and vegetables, right? Dorris still gardens and loves working in flowers.

She's also bit of a writer, taking numerous state and local awards all through the years with FCE. This year, she was awarded for her devotions. She says she tries to write words that mean something to people.

She's as dedicated to her church community, which she says is also growing smaller. Dorris is a life-long member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

"I've been going to the same church since I was 5 years old," she says.

As part of her life-long achievement, this Liberty FCE member recently received a 48% (100 percent member) recognition. Dorris says she thought for a minute upon receiving this honor.

How was it just 48% participation, when she was getting her 50-year pin? Then she realized that out of all those years, she probably missed a meeting or event due to family needs. There were likely those times, she says.

Still, Dorris reveals how she gave birth to her daughter and was able to attend her next month's FCE meeting without missing a stride.

Dorris' skill-set is unbelievable. Over the years, she's created Christmas carolers out of Coke cans, painted murals on her porch and even taught her granddaughter how to make biscuits.

She enjoys oil painting and crafts, collects tea pots, still mows and tends her own lawn and cares for a prayer garden at her church she made in memory of her mother-in-law.

Dorris has even had a fish pond and made bird houses over the years.

She has helped her husband, Alvis, on their certified Angus cattle farm, which is now 300-head. But he does that work now that he's retired as an engineer from ARO, Inc. after a 49-year career.

"I fed for 15 years . . . checked cows," she notes. "Sometimes I would carry 25 buckets a day."

How did she do it all?

She has always been an avid walker. But now there's a lot of traffic in her neighborhood, so she tries to walk with her friend during times of less traffic.

She has truly worked hard all her life. But she enjoys staying busy.

That may have been inherited from her mother, who was a local hairdresser. Her mom, she recalls, was also a proud homemaker and club member.

As a little girl, Dorris went with her mother to meetings of the Richmond Home Demonstration Club, which was held in an old school.

Dorris would later take her own daughter, Julie, with her to FCE meetings and taught her to sew.

Julie now lives in Knoxville and owns Julie Ann Originals, which is a clothing business that can be found via Etsy.

Dorris is so proud she and her husband were able to provide a home of warmth and stability for her family.

Well, another spring has come for Dorris. The day of this interview, she was off to weed her flower garden and make it beautiful for spring and summer.

Last year, the Bedford County gardener furnished 12 people with large Coleus plants.

Despite a past health problem and eyesight issues, Dorris says she's now doing well. The Lord, she says, has given her great strength in heart and mind.

Did we mention Dorris just turned 80?

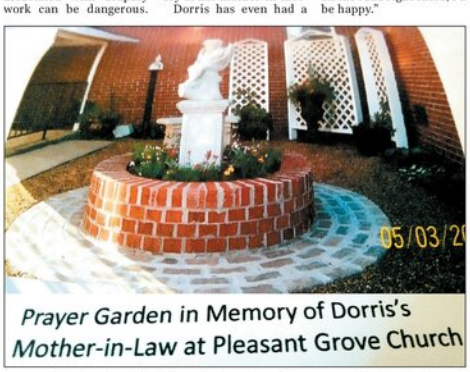
"I just try to live my life, every day, pleasing to The Lord, and pleasing to me and my family. And when I go, it's my time. I don't worry about it. If I fell out on the road right there, I'd be happy."



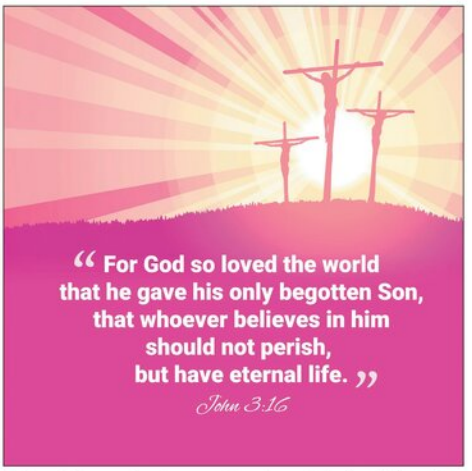
Flowers in Back Yard

Submitted Photos

As a 50-year FCE member, Dorris Turrentine has taken a lot of her flowers to shows and meetings. She still spends time in the yard.



As a promise to her church, Dorris Turrentine takes care of the prayer garden at her church created in memory of her mother-in-law.



Significant days during Holy Week



Holy Week is a time for faithful Christians to celebrate their faith in advance of Easter Sunday.

Each year in early spring, Christians across the globe celebrate their faith on Easter. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, an event which is described in the Bible.

Mass on Easter Sunday annually attracts millions of the faithful. However, many days during the week preceding Easter Sunday, often referred to as Holy Week, also bear significance to faithful Christians.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week and commemorates the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Upon entering the city, Jesus was greeted by crowds waving palm branches. That is why Christians receive palm branches or palm crosses during Palm Sunday Mass.

Holy Wednesday

Holy Wednesday services may feature Tenebrae, a religious service characterized by the extinguishing of candles. That portion of the service is meant to symbolize darkness, which is what Tenebrae means in Latin.

Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper is commemorated on Maundy Thursday, which also commemorates the Washing of the Feet (Maundy). The Last Supper was Jesus's final meal with his apostles before his crucifixion. According to Christian scripture, Jesus predicted one of the apostles present at the meal would betray him. This also was when Jesus foretold that Peter will deny knowing him three times before the next morning. According to Trinity College, Maundy Thursday reminds Christians to love others as Jesus loves them.

Good Friday

Good Friday commemorates the trial of Jesus and his resulting death sentence, torture, crucifixion, and burial. It is upon the cross that Jesus died for the world to save all from their sins. (John 3:16.)

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday concludes Holy Week. On Holy Saturday, Christians may attend a late-night Easter Vigil service that includes a liturgy and the celebration of the Eucharist. The two-part celebration commemorates the Eucharist as symbolic of the emergence from darkness into the light.

Easter Sunday

Many Protestant churches celebrate the Risen Savior on Easter Sunday. Three days following his death, he arose to victory over darkness.

The hymn "He Arose" is sung mightily at churches on Easter Sunday. The lyrics below by Robert Lowery in 1874 sums up the Christian celebration of Easter.

[Key: F]

Verse 1

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, With His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Verse 2

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior; Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

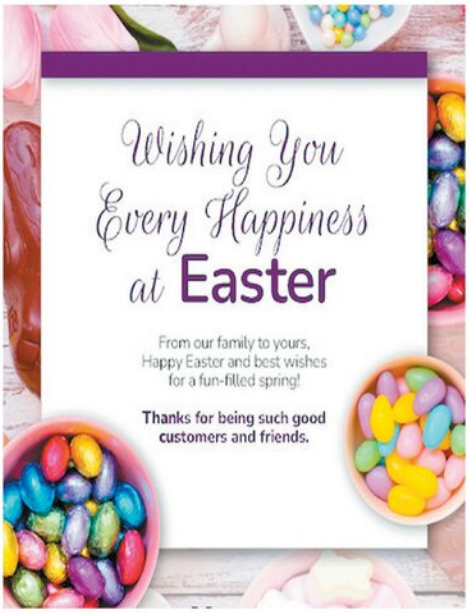
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Verse 3

Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Chorus

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, With His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!



FCE Clubs celebrate achievements

By WHITNEY DANHOF, EXTENSION AGENT

Bedford County Family and Community Education Clubs celebrated their achievements for the 2023 club year with the theme "Vintage Bedford.". Chase Clanton, a local musician, shared his musical journey and played and sang for the audience.

President Mary Frances Gordon of the Fairview Club presided over the evening with Cindi Lindsey of the Butler's Creek Club giving the devotional. Around 70 members and guests enjoyed refreshments served by the committee.

Extension Agent, Whitney Danhof, recognized Dorris Turrentine for 50 years of membership with a certificate and pin.

Seven members participated in the Certified Volunteer Unit (CVU) program recording which is at least 500 hours of volunteer service for the year. Recognized were Debbie Crosslin,

Vicky Faulkner, Susie Henderson, Cindi Lindsey, Louise Moore, Janet Regynski and Melissa Turrentine.

Three members were recognized for their participation in the creative writing competition. Dorris Turrentine placed first in the Central Region with her devotional in the miscellaneous category. Melissa Turrentine placed second in the Central Region with her poem.

Cindi Lindsey received first place award in the Central Region for her newspaper article and placed second in the region for her short story. Her short story went on to the state competition where it placed first.

Twenty-three members received reading certificates with Marie Spence receiving the top reader award for recording 203 books.

For the first time since the pandemic, master clubs and 100% members were recognized with 54 members receiving the 100% ribbon for attending 12 meetings, practicing 5 programs, participating on the club program and attending one county event. Five clubs received the Master Club Certificate for 2023. The clubs and their presidents were:

Butler's Creek with Vicky Faulkner, Four Corners with Tammy Brown, Heart of the Home with Marie Spence, Shelbyville with Babs Chicoine and Town and Country with Janelle Douglas.

The planning committee of Vicky Faulkner, Mary Frances Gordon, Susie Henderson, Brenda Joyce, Judy Smith and Sandra Smith put together and fun and memorable evening.

The FCE clubs invite anyone interested in joining one of the 8 Bedford County clubs to contact the Extension Office at 684-5971 for more information.



Top Reader-Marie Spence



Chase Clanton, entertainment



Creative Writing-L-R: Cindi Lindsey and Dorris Turrentine, who also received the 50-year FCE award. (See story on page 1 today.)



CVU Recipients-L-R: Susie Henderson, Janet Regynski, Cindi Lindsey, Vicky Faulkner and Debbie Crosslin



Master Club Presidents-L-R: Vicky Faulkner, Butler's Creek; Marie Spence, Heart of the Home; Tammy Brown, Four Corners; Janelle Douglas, Town and Country; and Babs Chicoine, Shelbyville





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CCA EGG HUNT

Cooper Christian Academy on Madison Street recently held its Easter egg hunt. Principal Steve Bowers got in on the fun with students.

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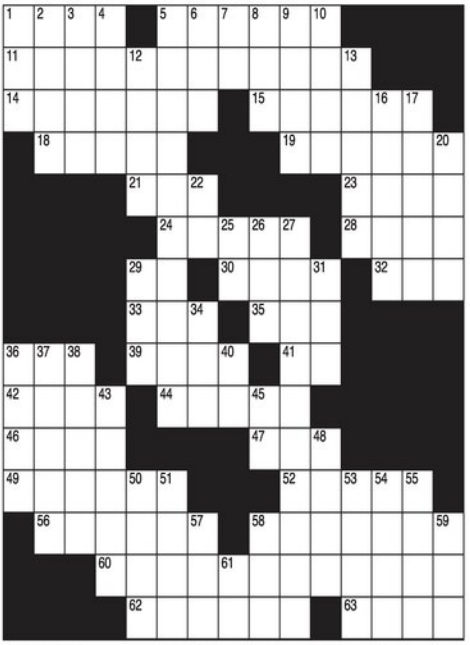
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Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. A minute amount (British)
5. Mystical or magical
11. Shortening
14. More satisfying
15. Other side
18. Philippine island
19. More unnatural
21. Mutual savings bank
23. Famed designer Chanel
24. Makes less wild
28. At some prior time
29. The cops who investigate the cops
30. Immune system response
32. Distress signal
33. Engine additive
35. 'No Scrubs' trio
36. Very fast airplane
39. A reward (archaic)
41. Commercial
42. Spots where golfers start
44. Polite form of address (Indian)
46. French river
47. Reduce the light
49. Blood-sucking fly
52. A way to categorize
56. Procrastinates
58. Tall slender tower
60. Where researchers work
62. Office of the Pope
63. Office furnishing

CLUES DOWN

1. Possesses
2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
3. Ancient Syrian city
4. Clip
5. In a way, misleads
6. Human gene
7. The Golden State (abbr.)
8. Lizard genus
9. Parasites that invade the skin
10. Took apart
12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
13. S. California town
16. Suffix plural
17. Painting technique
20. Small Eurasian deer
22. Mr. T character
25. Microsoft
26. Shock therapy
27. Able to be sold
29. A doctrine
31. These three follow A
34. Pulse
36. Quantitative fact
37. Doctor __: children's book author
38. Hebrew calendar month
40. Designated hitter
43. Norther Poland village
45. A passport is one form
48. Hand (Spanish)
50. Hit with the open hand
51. Actor Idris
53. Shakespeare's nickname 'The __'
54. Northern U.S. lake
55. Marvin and Horsley are two
57. Soak
58. Partner to cheese
59. Expression of disappointment
61. College dorm employee

CAR CARE WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AIR PRESSURE
ALTERNATOR
ANTIFREEZE
BELT
BRAKES
CABIN
CAR WASH
DIESEL
ENGINE
FLUIDS
HOSES
INTERVALS
MECHANIC
OIL CHANGE
PLUGS
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ROTORS
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WIPERS

SUDOKU

Here is how it works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Intermediate

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Level: Advanced

Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Grit and guts will get you what you deserve this week, Aries. You may have an opportunity to make a good deal of money, so give this plan careful consideration. Ask for advice if the need arises.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, there has been change in your life and you may want to blame the stars. Things will move out of your comfort zone and you will have to sharpen your ability to adapt.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you may be questioning the relationships in your life at the time being, but don't worry too much. If you hit a rough patch, things will clear up in a few days.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
A big shift in your perception and attitude will bring new components to your life that you may not have anticipated. This week you'll certainly have a few eyes-wide-open moments.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
There will be no hiding out this week, Leo. You will soon learn that things will come your way at a rapid pace. Do your best to keep up, mighty Lion, as it's bound to be exciting.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you might be willing to throw caution to the wind and get away on a moment's notice. There are affordable ways to do this if you are willing to do your homework.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, even though some drama may be swirling in your universe, you find it tolerable because it's coming at you in small portions. Just stay on the sidelines as much as possible.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if boredom has set in, it's better to look to new experiences instead of doing something rash just for the thrill. See which classes you can take or find new restaurants to explore.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Self-care and healing are what you should focus on right now, Sagittarius. You may have been pushing your needs to the side lately and you need to make this a priority.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
You are not normally characterized as 'impulsive,' Capricorn. But you may surprise everyone this week. An opportunity to travel or another adventure could drop in your lap.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Try to create some tranquil spaces at home, Aquarius. You can use a haven, especially when a lot of stuff is thrown at you outside your home.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you may be on a mission this week to get things done. Don't rush in your efforts to complete everything or you are bound to make mistakes that are not easily fixed.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS
MARCH 31
Christopher Walken, Actor (81)
APRIL 1
Randy Orton, Wrestler (44)
APRIL 2
Pedro Pascal, Actor (49)
APRIL 3
Paris Jackson, Model (26)
APRIL 4
Robert Downey, Jr., Actor (59)
APRIL 5
Hayley Atwell, Actress (42)
APRIL 6
Peyton List, Actress (26)

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ENTER this the 4th day of March, 2024.
Honorable Charles Rich
Bedford County Juvenile Court

NOTICE

JEANNIE GORDON:

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a petition against you for dependent and neglect and for change of legal custody of **VICTORIA WELLS, DOB: 03/26/2009** It appears that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in Bedford County Juvenile Court on the 6th day of May, 2024 to answer this. If you fail to do so, a default judgment will be taken against you pursuant to Rule 55 of the Tenn. R. of Civ. P. for the relief demanded in the Petition. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently file legal documents at the Bedford County Juvenile Court Clerk, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Further questions may be directed to: Elizabeth G Spurbeck, Associate Counsel, State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, 1400 College Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401, 931-777-9022.

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David Mann, assistant professor of exercise science, teaches students how to cast a fly rod during a class in Tech's Memorial Gym.

Tech teaches P.E. teachers fly fishing

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. - For some, gym class may conjure up old memories of dodgeball games gone awry. Faculty in the Exercise Science Department at Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, however, are pioneering a new program to expand the physical education curriculum and train future P.E. teachers on a valuable skill for Tennessee's open waters. Tech is now the first university in the southeast to teach its P.E. teacher-licensure students how to instruct fly fishing in K-12 schools using a curriculum from the National Fishing in Schools program. Already, 15 students in the program have become certified fly fishing instructors. It follows Tech's earlier success as the first university in the state to certify P.E. teachers in archery. Both undertakings have been of personal importance to David Mann, assistant professor of exercise science at Tech, who says the curriculum enhancements are ultimately about instilling in younger generations a love of the great outdoors. "My fear is that, if students don't learn to appreciate what we have here in Tennessee, this will be a generation that may not work to protect it," said Mann. "We know our lands and natural resources must be protected. My hope is that we can teach these candidates how to teach fishing so that, when they go into their professions, they can teach their students how to get outdoors, enjoy being outdoors and therefore appreciate and preserve it." Mann is a fly fisherman himself. He explains that his father taught him as a young child. By empowering future P.E. teachers to teach their students the sport, Mann hopes to see more Tennesseans adopt a lifelong skill they can share with others. "It's something entire families can do," Mann added. To bring the curriculum to Tech, Mann worked with Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) staff including David Lowrie, R3 fishing program coordinator, and Matt Clarey, assistant chief of the outreach program. Clarey, himself a 1998 Tech graduate, praised the university's leadership in teaching students outdoor sporting skills that promote conservation. "The connection they're making with these students is phenomenal," said Clarey. "That's what this is all about – connecting people to nature. I think we're getting away from that more and more every day, so there's a huge push to get these kids outside, help them understand what conservation is really about and tell them why we're here. It means more than something on a phone or a computer." A P.E. teacher licensure isn't the only way Tech students can gain experience with a fly rod, though. Mann has also channeled his passion for the sport into his service as faculty advisor for the university's fly-fishing student organization, "Tech on the Fly." The club recently hosted ESPN Outdoors fly fishing gold medalist Chuck Farneth for a free casting demonstration open to the public. "We've got something pretty amazing here in Tennessee when it comes to our rivers, lakes and streams," said Mann. "We want to teach students to appreciate and preserve it." Learn more about the Exercise Science Department at Tech by visiting www.tntech.edu/education/exercise-science/.



Blackberry-Glazed Ham

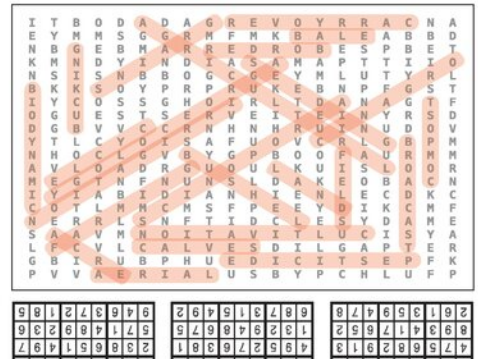
MAKES 6 TO 8 SERVINGS

Ingredients
¼ cup water
1 (10-pound) spiral-cut ham
1 (10-ounce) jar seedless blackberry preserves
1 cup dry white wine
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1 clove garlic, minced
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
Garnish: fresh thyme sprigs, fresh blackberries

Instructions 1. Preheat oven to 325°. Line a 13x9-inch baking dish with aluminum foil. Pour in ¼ cup water. 2. Place ham in prepared pan and loosely cover with foil. 3. Bake on lowest oven rack until an instant-read thermometer inserted into center registers 165°, about 45 minutes to 1 hour. 4. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, stir together blackberry preserves, wine, mustard, thyme, garlic, and pepper until smooth. Bring to a gentle boil over medium heat. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened and coats the back of a spoon, 15 to 20 minutes. Let cool slightly. 5. Uncover ham and brush with half of blackberry mixture. Bake until caramelized, about 10 minutes more. Remove from oven and brush with remaining blackberry mixture. Let rest 15 minutes before serving. Garnish with thyme and blackberries, if desired.

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ANSWER: Level: Beginner



ANSWER: Level: Intermediate

ANSWER: Level: Advanced

Community CALENDAR



Karly Walls, 5-year-old daughter of David and Kayla Walls of Unionville, is all set for Easter.

Government Office Closings

County and City government offices will be closed Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fair Haven Baptist Church, 2726 Highway 231 North, will have an Easter festival, Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities include an egg hunt, games and a bounce house.

Education

Teacher Recruitment Fair-April 4, 2024, Shelbyville Central High School Theatre Lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Airport Activity

Shelbyville Municipal Airport will sponsor "Aviation Day" on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free admission and parking. Vintage planes. Food vendors on site.



John C. Bomar



John Cornelius "Jack" Bomar, Sr., retired attorney and lawmaker, died on March 15th after an extended illness. Born September 25th,1938, in Bedford County Tennessee, he was the son of William Henry Bomar II and Ruberta Coop Bomar of Bell Buckle, Tennessee.

As a young boy on the family farm, Jack was impressed with the comings and goings of the soldiers training for WWII army maneuvers under General George Patton, which undoubtedly influenced his passion for public service later in life. In his job as town paper boy, he learned hard work and commitment to his community; also, this job helped him fund his classical education at The Webb School where he graduated with academic (cum laude) and athletic honors in 1956. Jack then graduated from University of the South, Sewanee, with a B.A. in history, followed by completion of his J.D. degree from Samford University.

Jack became a partner of the law firm Bomar, Shofner, Bomar, and Irion which his cousin, James L. Bomar, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives and Lieutenant Governor, founded. In 1970, Jack's own political aspirations led to his election to the House of Representatives serving Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore counties as a floterial representative, then to his election as Majority Whip of this body. In this role he sponsored numerous pieces of legislation including being prime sponsor of bills establishing the vocational education system in the state of Tennessee. He served on and led numerous boards and committees including co-chair of the local Office of Economic Opportunity with Mr. Will Porter Martin. Other close political friendships included governors Buford Ellington and Frank Clement.

In 1974 he was appointed as part-time assistant district attorney while still practicing in the law firm, prior to becoming a full-time state prosecutor in 1982. A warrior in the court room, Jack was praised by his peers for his electrifying cross examination skills and persuasive final summations.

He was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to serve as a special general sessions judge toward the end of his career.

Jack served as Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church of The Redeemer in Shelbyville. After moving to Mooresville, he became a member of the Lewisburg First United Methodist Church. He was a lover of land and tradition with lifelong interests in family genealogy, natural and political history, and hunting and fishing. He and Anna Marie Wagner Bomar, his wife of 62 years, enjoyed their Shelbyville farm as well as their Mooresville Farm in Pickens Hollow, once owned by his relatives in 1807.

He is survived by his wife Anna Marie Bomar, daughter Dr. Sara Bomar Davis (Dr. George Davis, Ph.D., J.D.) of Brentwood, Tennessee, and son Dr. Neil (Julie) Bomar of Franklin, Tennessee; his sister Sara Bomar Horton of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; grandchildren Anna Vaillancourt Davis, Coleman Bomar, and Will Bomar; step grandchildren Jennifer Davis (Morgan) Anderson, Taylor (Becky) Davis, and Kelly Davis; step great-grandchildren Luke and Tommy Anderson, and Cooper, Hunter, and Tanner Davis. Pallbearers include Neil Bomar, George Davis, Wesley Sellers, Mason Sellers, Randy Clark, Bob Martin, and Shannon Cook.

Honorary Pallbearers are Arthur Bogardus and Donna Wagner, Kathy Emerson, Olivia and James Harrell, Kathy and Mark Knight, Baker and Lisa Harrell, Liz Sellers, Samantha Sellers, Chrisopher Horton, Larry Morphis, David Thomas, and Andrew Thomas.

Finally, the family wants to express their sincere thanks to the outstanding staff at NHC Place Cool Springs and the Caris Hospice caregivers.

Memorials suggested by the family include Caris Hospice, Youth Town of Tennessee, and the Lewisburg First United Methodist Church.

The funeral will be held at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel in Shelbyville, Tennessee on March 26th at 11 am, with visitation at 10 am. Interment will immediately follow at Willow Mount Cemetery. Reverend Brad Holliman will officiate.

Funeral pre-planning can ease later anxiety

The death of a loved is difficult to confront. Emotions are elevated and grief is prominent. which can make it hard to make important decisions. Quite often several people need to come together to make decisions necessary for a family member funeral arrangement. There also is a financial component to consider.

According to Lincoln Heritage Life Insurance Company, the average funeral costs between $7,000 and $12,000, which may or may not include viewing, burial, transport, casket, and other fees. Surviving family members responsible for planning a funeral may be asked to contribute a portion of these expenses if other arrangements have not already been made, which can exacerbate stressful feelings during an already difficult time.

Funeral pre-planning is a good way for individuals to make a difficult time a little more manageable for their survivors. Funeral homes frequently work hand-in-hand with individuals and families to customize pre-planning packages and facilitate the process. Heroes' a rundown of pre-planning as individuals consider their options.

Explore your options

Pre-planning a funeral enables people to consider all of the options without the time constraints of making funeral arrangements directly after the passing of a loved one. A knowledgeable staff member at a funeral home, can explain the offerings and answer any questions.

Straightforward process

Unless an individual has planned a funeral in the past, there could be a lot of unknowns. Funeral homes handle these events every day and can guide families through the intricacies of the process with ease. Most have pre-planning kits that include all of the essentials of the process, such as choosing caskets, deciding on prayer cards and designing floral arrangements.

Avoid confrontations

Working directly with a professional also helps alleviate the burden on family members, who may not agree on arrangements or concur on what they believe would be a loved one's final wishes. When pre-planning a funeral, individuals can spell out in their own words exactly what they desire and even finance the funeral in advance.

Establish a payment plan

A funeral home staff member can go over the various ways to fund funeral expenses, and may work out a payment schedule to spread out the expense over a period of time. He or she also may explain how funeral prearrangement can be a way to Spend down assets in a way that protects those monies from look-back periods when determining eligibility for certain assisted living or nursing facilities should that be required in the future.

Work with religious officials

Very often a funeral home is a conduit that facilitates all facets of the funeral process. They may reach out to a preferred house of worship to organize a mass or other religious service, and will also contact the cemetery and work with them to secure a plot and deed. This also alleviates pressure down the line on grieving family members who need time to mourn.

Pre-planning a funeral merits consideration. Working with a trusted funeral home removes much of the pressure during such difficult times.

James "Jimmy" C. Hendren



James "Jimmy" C. Hendren, born June 8, 1951, journeyed to heaven on March 20, 2024. Our family is very grateful for all of the prayers, good wishes and blessings from all who remembered us and reached out to us during this time. The family would like to extend special thanks to Aveanna Hospice and to Sarah, Holly and Chaplain Jon for the excellent work and support that they offered for over two years.

Jimmy was born to B.C. Hendren, Jr. and Waitstill Ozment Hendren, who preceded him in death, in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 29 years, Becky Hendren, his children, Jeremy (Jamie) Hendren of Niotaze, Kansas, Ben (Hope) Hendren of Franklin, Tennessee, Lauran (Blake) Chadwick of Cunningham, Tennessee and John Hendren of Shelbyville, Tennessee, six grandchildren, Jesse, Caroline, Jackson, Jake, Hayden and Ada Grace, Sisters, Fayne Smith, Carolyn Harris Lehr, Beverly (Gerry) Anderson and Brother, Bubba (Gaithel) Hendren, and extended family.

A service of celebration for Jimmy's journey will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 3:00 pm at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Visitation will take place prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 pm. Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Patsy Derting Allen



Graveside services for Patsy Derting Allen, age 82, of Shelbyville will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday March 27, 2024, at Willow Mount Cemetery with Brother Carol Crosslin officiating. Mrs. Allen passed from this life Saturday, March 23, 2024, at NHC of Lewisburg after an extended illness.

A native of Bedford County, Mrs. Patsy was the daughter of the late Laddie Derting and Eula Mae Troupe Derting. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by beloved husband, James Edward Allen; brother, Logan Derting; and sister Zale Lee.

Patsy worked for Economy Pen for 30+ years before retiring. She was a member of Bell Buckle First Baptist Church. In her free time, she enjoyed shopping, eating out, cheering for the Atlanta Braves, traveling; and most of all, spoiling her dog, "Melo".

She is survived by children, Cindy Allen of Murfreesboro, Belinda (Kenneth) McClendon of Shelbyville, Anthony "Amp" (Amy) Allen of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Blake Allen, Tara McClendon, Shera Allen, Keri (Michael) Hardin and Gage Allen, 7 great-grandchildren; sister, Ann Boner of Shelbyville; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital @ www.stjude.org or by mail: 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis, TN 38105.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

David Phillip Williams



Funeral services for David Phillip Williams, age 71, of Shelbyville, will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 24, 2024, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Sally Russell officiating. Burial will follow at Richmond Cemetery. Mr. Williams passed from this life March 21, 2024, at Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro with loved ones by his side.

Visitation with the family will be held Sunday, prior to funeral service beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

A native of Bedford County David was born on September 1, 1952, to the late John Edward Williams and Helen Adcox Williams. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ava Jan Adcock Williams; sisters, Diane Cline, and Betty Bomar; and brothers, Terry, Buck, and Mike Williams.

David worked with Calsonic for 30+ years before retiring in 2018. In his retirement, he enjoyed farming beef cattle and staying busy.

He is survived by; sons, Eric Williams and Adam Williams all Shelbyville; and grandson, Tucker Williams; also, several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to New Destiny Dog Rescue @ www.newdestinydogrescue.org.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.



Scripture for Resurrection Sunday

Accounts according to The Gospels

Easter is a holy day on the Christian calendar that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is described in the Gospels of the New Testament, which millions of Christians read every year, especially during the Lenten season, which is a 40-day period that directly precedes Easter Sunday.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John comprise the canonical Gospels. Each book can help Christians understand and connect with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The following are passages from each of the canonical Gospels that help to tell the story of the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 28: 1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, Greetings And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see mi.

Mark 16: 2-7

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher and when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise and they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

John 20: 1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, they have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

Champs Tame Lions in District Opener on the Road; Lovvorn Hits Three Home Runs vs Huntland

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The Cascade Champions handily defeated the Cannon County Lions, 13-6, in the District 9-AA opener for both teams in Woodbury, Tennessee, on Monday night to follow up a 13-3 win after five innings against the visiting Huntland Hornets on Friday.

Sawyer Lovvorn was the story on Friday, mashing not one, not two, but three home runs in his four plate appearances against Huntland, including a walk-off two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth to trigger the run rule. He also drew a walk. Logan Green closed out an impressive three inning relief appearance holding the Hornets scoreless.

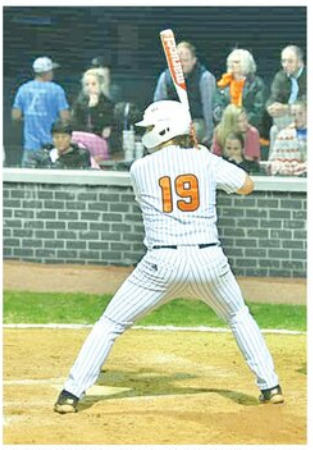
On Monday, it was a rematch of a sub-state matchup from a season ago, and the Champions' high powered offense was able to accumulate 12 hits that turned into nine earned runs. Leadoff hitter Jordan Childress and catcher James Magee each had a three-hit night with Sawyer Lovvorn getting two hits of his own.

Walker Craig went five complete innings, striking out a season-high nine hitters. He only gave up four hits to go with four walks, and only two of the four runs scored with him on the mound were earned.

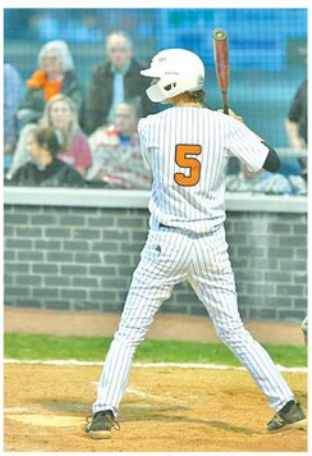
Cascade's offense jumped on the Lions starter Garrett Crawford immediately with Childress singling to right field on the fourth pitch he saw. After Lovvorn popped-out in foul territory, the next five Champions reached safely, with Logan Green driving home two runs on a single to right field and James Magee driving home another on a single to left.

Cascade sent 13 hitters to the plate in total, and after Crawford issued a two out walk to Childress to load the bases, the Lions moved him out to center field and brought in Eli Morris to try and get out of the inning. After a walk to Lovvorn drove in the Champions' sixth run of the inning, Morris settled down and struck out Craig to mercifully end the inning.

Craig finally came out as the starter on the mound for Cascade, and after he struck out Jon-Anderson Bryson to leadoff the inning, AJ Armstrong took Craig deep to center field to get a run back for the hosts. The Champions' ace settled down afterwards, dealing a pair of strikeouts sandwiching a two-out walk to end the inning.



Sawyer Lovvorn (19) hit a career-high three home runs in Friday's win against Huntland. *Photo by David Smith.*



Connor Melson (5) recorded his second hit of the season at Cannon County. *Photo by David Smith.*

Morris shut down the high-powered Cascade offense until the fifth, throwing three consecutive no-hit shutout innings. This allowed his offense to slowly chip away at the visitor's lead, pushing across one run in both the third and fourth inning to trim the Champions' lead to 6-3.

Cannon County almost added two more runs in the fourth to make it a one-run game, but after Armstrong was initially ruled safe on an extremely close play at first base on a slow grounder to Childress at shortstop, the umpires ruled him out after discussion. The Lions were understandably upset, but despite a lengthy discussion between innings, Armstrong was still ruled out.

That play must have galvanized the Champions' bats, because after being held in check by Morris, they knocked him out of the game with four runs in the top of the fifth to push their lead up to 10-3.

Craig loaded the bases in the home half of the fifth after an error allowed one run to score for the Lions, but the Champions' starter struck out Landon Smith looking on his 104th pitch of the night to leave all three runners stranded and take a 10-4 lead into the sixth inning.

After Eli Pelham put up a zero for the Lions, Zach Crosslin came in to get the last six outs on the mound for Cascade, and he did just that, tallying four of the six outs by way of the strikeout. He only gave up two hits, but one of those was to Ben Kauffman in the bottom of the sixth on a two-run home run after Crosslin issued a walk to Armstrong.

Cascade's bats would add three insurance runs in the top of the seventh, and Crosslin then put up a stress-free zero in the home half to close out the Lions, 13-6, to pick up the first district win of the season and sixth win overall.

Enjoy The Last Four Days Where College Basketball Still Feels Semi-Normal

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The college basketball season began with 362 teams all starting at 0-0 and all of them with a very simple path to compete for a national championship. Today, that number has officially been whittled down to 16.

The Sweet 16, also known as the second weekend or the regional semi finals and regional finals, begin today, Thursday, March 28, with four games: two from the West Region in Los Angeles and two from the East Region in Boston. There are technically two mid-major schools that advanced to the Sweet 16, San Diego State and Gonzaga, but the Aztecs were in the national title game a year ago and the Bulldogs are a perennial Final Four contender under the guidance of Mark Few. Both schools are also five seeds.

There is one double-digit seed – the 11th seeded North Carolina State Wolfpack out of the ACC – but there is no real underdog or Cinderella like we have become accustomed to. Saint Peter's in 2022, Loyola Chicago in 2018, and Florida Atlantic in 2023 all come to mind.

This season, after a regular season filled with upsets and parity across the board, every single one of the top eight seeds advanced to the second weekend for only the fifth time in tournament history (1989, 1995, 2009, 2019). This meant that the second round was relatively uneventful, but it also means that we should get numerous high-level matchups in the final weekend before the Final Four.

All of this to say that we need to not take this upcoming four day stretch for granted. This is the final weekend of the year that college basketball will look and feel relatively normal and tethered to what we watched in the regular season.

The Final Four will be played at the home of the Arizona Cardinals in Glendale, Arizona, while the regional semifinals and finals will be played at basketball-specific arenas. Dallas, Los Angeles, Boston, and Detroit are the four regional locations, and all four are slated to host in the city's NBA team's arena. It's a little thing, but it's also a massive thing. Any shooter that has played in a normal basketball arena their entire life will tell you that playing on a 94-foot court in the middle of a cavernous football stadium meant for a 300-foot playing surface is an extreme adjustment to make. As a shooter myself, even making the jump from small high school gymnasiums to somewhere like Bridgestone Arena in Nashville takes time to adjust to. The shooting background and depth perception obviously isn't the same, and the adjustment needed to go from arena to stadium is even more difficult.

Again, like the movie Hoosiers stresses, the court is still 94-feet long and the rims on the basket are still 10-feet high. It is still basketball, just played on a much bigger stage. With that bigger stage, however, comes a trade off. Many times, the same free flowing basketball we see in the leadup just doesn't quite translate, other times it does. What can be said for sure is that the environment and feel both on the TV and in person isn't quite the same as a normal basketball venue.

And that's my main point. Sit back and enjoy the 10 high level games over the next four days, because they'll be the last high-level games that feel like true hoops. The Final Four is an incredible spectacle, but that's what it has always felt like: a spectacle.

Golden Eagles Drop District Opener at Lincoln County

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The Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles were unable to overcome seven errors in their District 9-AAAA opener at Lincoln County, falling 13-10 to the hometown Falcons.

Palmer Edwards, Shelbyville's ace, started on the mound for the Golden Eagles, but unfortunately for the visitors, the Lincoln County bats were locked in from the first pitch. Edwards was knocked out of the game after 2.2 innings with a final line of eight hits, two strikeouts, two walks, and two home runs given up. Lincoln County scored 10 of their 13 total runs against Edwards, but only three of those runs were earned as the Eagles committed multiple errors in the field.

Michael Estrada came in to relieve Edwards to close out both the third and fourth innings, only allowing one hit, tallying one strikeout with one walk, and only one run. Estrada's calming performance on the mound gave his offense a chance to get back in the game, and they managed to do just that, cutting the lead to as close as two runs heading into the fifth inning.

William Bobo came in to pitch for Estrada to start the fifth inning, and he recorded the next four outs, allowing two runs on two hits and two walks while tallying a strikeout.

Brody Lovvorn recorded the final two outs with one of those coming via a strikeout.

Mick Smith got the nod for Lincoln County, going 3.2 innings before being knocked out in the fourth by the Golden Eagles lineup with a three run lead. His final line was seven hits, six strikeouts to only two walks, and one home run given up. Out of the eight runs Shelbyville scored against Smith, only one of those was earned thanks to a pair of errors committed by Falcons' fielders.

Ben Davis came in to relive Smith to record the final 10 outs of the game, and he managed to do just that. Stepping onto the mound with a 10-7 lead, he limited the Eagles offense to just two runs on two hits, one of those coming on a solo home run. Davis also walked five batters, but he managed to escape the jams he put himself into with eight of the 10 outs recorded coming by way of the strikeout.

Carston Williams (2) and Stephen Bobo (1) each hit a home run for Shelbyville, and Lovvorn tallied a team-high three RBIs when he had a bases-clearing single in the five-run fourth inning.

For Lincoln County, senior first baseman Bryce Percell recorded a game-high four hits in the leadoff spot, repeatedly setting the table for his Falcons' teammates, and he came around to score all four times he reached base.

Lincoln County's lineup was also extremely disciplined at the plate, drawing six walks while only striking out five times. Comparatively, Shelbyville's lineup struck out twice as much as they walked: 14Ks to 7BBs.

Entering the seventh inning trailing 13-9, Shelbyville could only muster up one run against Davis with their final three outs, officially bringing the final score to 13-10.

The Golden Eagles fall to 3-6 (0-1) but will have a chance to respond and grab a series split against the Falcons at home on Wednesday night after Tuesday's contest was postponed due to weather.



Stephen Bobo (12) delivered a solo home run at Lincoln County on Monday night. *Submitted Photo.*

Spring Sports Weekly Outlook

Baseball

Shelbyville Central: 3-5 (0-1)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/27 vs Lincoln County, 3/28 vs Cameron, 3/29 vs North Posey and vs Windward, 3/30 vs Rocket City, 4/1 vs Coffee County, and 4/2 @ Coffee County.

Last Week's Result(s): 3/21 W 7-6 vs Chapel Hill and 3/25 @ L 13-10 @ Lincoln County

Cascade: 6-1 (1-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/27 vs Cannon County, 3/28 vs Newton Falls, 3/29 vs Alexandria, 3/30 vs Clarksville NW, 4/1 vs Community, and 4/2 @ Community.

Last Week's Result(s): 3/22 W 13-3 vs Huntland and 3/27 W 13-6 vs Cannon County.

Community: 2-5 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/27 vs Delta (OH) and vs Brooks College Prep (IL), 3/28 vs Lincoln County (WV), 3/29 vs Eastern Hancock (IN) and vs Blackford (IN), 3/30 vs Western Boone (IN), 4/1 @ Cascade, and 4/2 vs Cascade.

Last Week's Result(s): 3/20 L 10-0 @ Richland, 3/21 W 6-4 @ Giles County, and 3/22 L 17-3 vs Giles County.

Softball

Shelbyville Central: 2-2 (0-1)

Upcoming Game(s): 4/2 @ Lincoln County

Last Week's Result(s): 3/25 W 9-4 vs Independence.

Cascade: 1-8 (0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 3/20 @ Tullahoma and 3/21 vs Chapel Hill.

Last Week's Result(s): 3/20 W 20-16 @ Tullahoma, 3/21 L 16-1 vs Chapel Hill, 3/23 L 21-12 vs Plainview, 3/25 L 9-0 @ Mars Hill.

Community: 5-3 (1-0)

Upcoming Game(s): 4/2 vs Grundy County.
Last Week's Result(s): 3/22 W 10-5 vs Cannon County.

Boys' Soccer

Shelbyville Central: 2-1-2 (2-0-1)
Upcoming Game(s): 4/2 @ Warren County.

Last Week's Result(s): 3/21 L 3-0 vs Nolensville.

Cascade: 2-1-1 (0-0-0)
Upcoming Game(s): OFF
Last Week's Result(s): 3/21 W 3-1 vs Community.

Community: 1-2-0 (0-0-0)

Upcoming Game(s): OFF
Last Week's Result(s): 3/21 L 3-1 @ Cascade.

MTSU Completes Third-Largest Comeback in NCAA Tournament History Against Louisville

Season Ends In Loss At LSU One Game Short of Setting Program Record

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First Round

With 4:18 left in the second quarter of Friday's first round game against Louisville, Middle Tennessee went down 38-20 after a Merissah Russell three to punctuate a near-flawless first 16 minutes for the Cardinals.

The Lady Raiders were struggling, having been outscored 28-12 in the first quarter as the sixth-seeded Louisville Cardinals seemingly had everything clicking from the jump. Olivia Cochran, who finished with a double-double with 17 points and 10 boards, was on fire early. To be fair, the entire team got it going early as they shot 47% from the field in the first half.

Then, with a little over a minute to go in the first half, C-USA Player of the Year Savannah Wheeler finally scored on a layup for her first points of the game after missing her first six shots. Wheeler would go on to score 20 of her 22 points in the second half, connecting on five of her seven second half shots, including all three of her three-point attempts, to bring Middle Tennessee back from the dead and complete the third largest comeback in NCAA Tournament history, 71-69.

The Lady Raiders outscored Louisville by 18 points after the first quarter, including by 13 points in the second half, after starting the game shooting 3-13 to start the game as the Cardinals' physicality caused problems in the opening period.

Jalynn Gregory actually led the team in scoring with 24 points, shooting a near-perfect 10-11 from the free throw line and knocking down four threes as well. Gregory and Wheeler played all 40 minutes for the Lady Raiders, and it's no coincidence that they were the leaders of the comeback.

In the third quarter, as Middle Tennessee was continuing to cut into the Louisville lead, Cochran was whistled for her fourth foul about halfway through the third quarter with her team still ahead by five.

She didn't check back in until a few minutes into the fourth quarter, but by then it was too late. Middle Tennessee had taken a slim lead, and with their elite guards in Wheeler and Gregory, along with C-USA Defensive Player of the Year, Anastasiia Boldryeva, anchoring the defense down low with 11 points, 12 rebounds, and three blocks, the Lady Raiders were able to close the deal in the final frame.

Louisville made things extremely interesting in the final two minutes once Middle Tennessee pushed their lead to eight points. Trailing 71-66, Sydney Taylor connected on a deep three with five seconds left. After Middle Tennessee head coach Rick Insell took a timeout to advance the ball to the front court, Ta'Mia Scott was fouled and headed to the free throw line for two shots.

She ended up missing both, and Russell corralled the rebound. With her team out of timeouts, she took a couple dribbles and chucked the ball to the other end. Her desperation heave hit off the backboard, rolling off the rim as the buzzer sounded to secure Middle Tennessee's 20th straight win.

Louisville had come into the tournament having advanced to five consecutive regional finals, aka the Elite Eight, and had not lost in the opening round since 2005.

Meanwhile, Middle Tennessee advanced to the second round for the fifth time in program history, and the first since 2007.

Second Round

Middle Tennessee led 36-32 at halftime, pushed that lead to 41-32 early in the third quarter, but after an open Jalynn Gregory three pointer clanged off the rim sparking a fast break layup, the defending National Champions went on a 10-0 to retake a lead they would never relinquish in a 83-56 win.. The Tigers would pull away once they were able to foul out Middle Tennessee's Anastasiia Boldreyva on an excellent bait job by Angel Reese late in the third quarter as the Lady Raiders were forced to alter their playstyle when the whistle tightened up on that end in the second half.

LSU ramped up the defensive intensity in the final eight-plus minutes of the third quarter, going on a 27-8 run to take a 59-49 lead heading into the final frame.

They held the Lady Raiders to seven points in the fourth quarter as the game got out of hand, and a historic Middle Tennessee season ended at the hands of one of the best halves of basketball LSU has played all season.

Savannah Wheeler led the way with 21 points.

Jalynn Gregory, who led Middle Tennessee in scoring with 24 points in the first round win over Louisville, was held to six points on 2-10 shooting. Ta'Mia Scott responded nicely after a shaky first game with 15 points and three three-pointers, but in the end the massive free throw disparity, LSU's extreme athleticism, and the legitimate home court advantage LSU was playing with ended up being too much for the Lady Raiders to overcome.

Middle Tennessee's season ends at 30-5 as they fall to 0-5 in the second round all-time. Savannah Wheeler and Courtney Whitson are out of eligibility, and while they were key pieces this season, Rick Insell feels like this is not the end of the road for this program.



Middle Tennessee's pregame huddle moments before tip-off of their historic perfromance against Louisville. The Lady Raiders finished their season at 30-5 after falling to LSU in the 2nd round.. *Photo by MTSU Athletics.*



Savannah Wheeler (4) goes up for two of her 20 second-half points. *Photo by MTSU Athletics.*



Ta'Mia Scott (15) connects on her team-high third three pointer of the game against LSU. She finished with 15 points. *Photo by MTSU Athletics.*

Eaglettes Go On the Road to Knock Off Independence

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The Shelbyville Golden Eaglettes went on the road and handled the Independence Lady Eagles with ease, 9-4, after five-plus innings on Monday night.

October Dresback was the star of the show at the plate for Shelbyville, going 2-3 at the plate with a walk, a home run, and a game-high three RBIs.

Sammie Brown pitched extremely well in the circle again as well for the Eaglettes, throwing three shutout innings that included only two hits and three strikeouts.

Grace Wood went 5.2 innings for the Lady Eagles, giving up nine hits and three walks, but only three of the nine runs Shelbyville scored were earned due to the six errors Independence fielders' committed behind Wood.

The game was called due to lightning in the area after Wood got the second out in the top of the sixth inning despite Independence putting across four runs – all unearned – in the bottom of the fifth.

Dresback got the party started for the Eaglettes almost immediately. The first time she stepped up to the plate, she roped a double to drive home the visitor's first run, then after an error by Independence, the Eaglettes were able to push home the second run of the first inning.

Neither team scored again until Shelbyville's bats exploded in the third, amassing six runs in the inning to take an 8-0 lead. Things started with, once again, October Dresback. She launched a two-run home run to center field, Sydney Moore followed that up with a double, scoring Bailey Dunn, Independence committed another error that allowed another run to score, and then freshman Mariah Nowlin capped off the inning with a two-RBI single.

The Eaglettes would tack on their ninth run in the top of the fifth before a couple of fielding errors allowed Independence to put up four unearned runs in the home half of the inning against reliever Bailey Dunn.

Dunn threw two complete innings, striking out four batters while only allowing one walk. She did not allow a single hit.

The Eaglettes take the week off for spring break before jumping into district play on April 5th against Lincoln County.



Sydney Moore (7) tallied an RBI in the six-run 5th inning. *Submitted Photo.*



Ja'Miya Anderson (9) recorded an RBI of her own against Independence. *Submitted Photo.*



SCSK Photo

MORE THAN SOUP
Supporters of Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen turned out Sunday to help fundraising efforts for SCSK, Haven of Hope and the Community Clinic. Crowds purchased meals via donations.

Bedford County property transfers

The following property sales were recently recorded in the Bedford County Register of Deeds office.

File date: March 19

Location: 102 Warren Circle Shelbyville; Seller, Cody A Pierce, Kayley Brooke Murray; Buyer, Timothy Cyr, Mikayla Cyr; Price, $284,900 (Deed).

Location: Naron Rd; Seller, Sherrin Pittman; Buyer, Jeffrey R Pope, Dana B Pope; Price, $785,000 (Deed).

Location: Sevier St; Seller, Austin Haendel, Marybeth Haendel; Buyer, Tyler Mann; Price, $259,900 (Deed).

Seller, Kimberly Allison; Buyer, Kimberly Allison Residential Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Fruit Valley Rd; Seller, Jerry W Russell; Buyer, Nickyl Property Investors LLC; Price, $330,000 (Deed).

Location: 170 Lamb Rd Rockvale; Seller, Ted D Willis, Shelley D Willis; Buyer, James Tucker Jr, Kristen Leslie; Price, $564,000 (Deed).

Location: 137 Hendon Memorial Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Tulsa Needham; Buyer, Daniel Earl Lyle; Price, $226,331 (Deed).

Location: Hwy 41 A; Seller, Casey Talbert; Buyer, David Huffman; Price, $115,500 (Deed).

Location: 306 Shadow Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Jennifer Kay Daniel Gragg; Buyer, White Donald Construction LLC; Price, $75,500 (Deed).

Location: 102 Tanner Circle Shelbyville; Seller, Anner Joel Machuca; Buyer, Jaime W Romero; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 20

Location: Crestview Circle; Seller, Michael D Fisher; Buyer, Brett Fisher, Shannon Dearing; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 610 Tines Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Stephen Tyler Smidt, Chelsey Smidt; Buyer, Colton Nichols; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: 200 Lafayette St; Seller, Leslie Malcom Solomon, Brenda Jean Solomon; Buyer, Michael Lee Cox, Beth Cox; Price, $235,000 (Deed).

Location: 520 Tines Dr; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Tanay L Milan; Price, $308,000 (Deed).

File date: March 21

Location: 520 Harrison Rd; Seller, John Running, Mary Joann Running; Buyer, Running Tennessee Community Property Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Whiteside Hill Rd; Seller, John Running, Mary Joann Running; Buyer, Running Tennessee Community Property Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 537 Harrison Rd; Seller, John Running, Mary Joann Running; Buyer, Running Tennessee Community Property Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 211 Cayenne Rd Bell Buckle; Seller, Anthony Jay Reaux, Jessie Wireman; Buyer, Timothy Warren Eckerson, Lynn H Essary; Price, $319,900 (Deed).

Seller, Jones Construction Company, H Allen Jones Jr; Buyer, JC Builders LLC; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: 409 Winners Circle Shelbyville; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Logan Minshall, Molli Minshall; Price, $309,990 (Deed).

Location: Jenkins Rd; Seller, William F Neese, Articele W Neese; Buyer, Lance Sutton, Kelly Sutton; Price, $0 (QD).

File date: March 22

Location: 244 Eady Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Samuel Clifford Long; Buyer, Slocum Family Trust; Price, $270,000 (Deed).

Location: 319 Durum St Shelbyville; Seller, Ole South Properties Inc; Buyer, Donald Peas, Alexis Danielle Stewart; Price, $319,900 (Deed).

Location: 673 Coopertown Rd Unionville; Seller, Darryl W Wittich, Cynthia S Wittich; Buyer, Wittich Family Trust; Price, $0 (QD).

Location: Knights Campground Rd; Seller, Richard M Wilhelm, Kristin Wilhelm; Buyer, David A Mast; Price, $125,000 (Deed).

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Ashley Elizabeth Borrelli, Trevor Cordell Ivey Bodman; Price, $299,900 (Deed).

Location: McLaughlin Rd Shelbyville; Seller, Ridgetop Properties LLC; Buyer, James Anthony Kelly; Price, $155,000 (Deed).

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Rebecca Marie Barrett, Tony A Barrett; Price, $424,900 (Deed).

Location: Normandy Rd; Seller, Young Cha Tallent; Buyer, Payton House, Abigail Dorrell; Price, $60,000 (Deed).

Location: 125 Avalin Shelbyville; Seller, Richard L Crick, Janna Petree Crick; Buyer, Jody Williams; Price, $410,000 (Deed).

Location: 308 Shadow Dr Shelbyville; Seller, Jennifer Kay Daniel Gragg; Buyer, Craig Logan Smith; Price, $224,000 (Deed).

File date: March 25

Location: 331 Winners Circle Shelbyville; Seller, SDH Nashville LLC; Buyer, Cheryl Ann Lowe, John Edwin Lowe, Helen Kathryn Kile; Price, $324,440 (Deed).

Seller, Joseph Maxwell, James M Darden Jr; Buyer, Kimme Greeg; Price, $0 (Deed).

Seller, Kimme Greer; Buyer, James E Farrar Sr; Price, $200,000 (Deed).

Seller, May Tory Homes LLC; Buyer, Hillary Miller, Jacob Miller; Price, $519,900 (Deed).

United Way Grant Applications Open April 1

New UW president and CEO

Your local United Way, serving Bedford and Lincoln counties, is proud to announce the opening of the grant process for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Through the United Way grant program, partners' dollars go further with strategic investments in the areas of health, education, and income.

Proposals for a one-year grant will be accepted beginning on April 1, 2024 and ending on April 26, 2024 at 11:59 PM CST. Any agency interested in funding July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 must submit an application through the grant application process.

Director of Grants and Advocacy, Ella Weaver, states, "We look forward to partnering with agencies to make meaningful differences in the lives of individuals and families in Bedford and Lincoln counties. These investments create lasting impact, driving positive change where it's needed most."

To be eligible for funding, organizations must:

- provide health and human service programs in Bedford and/or Lincoln counties
- have 501(c)(3) or IRS equivalent nonprofit status
- have two full years of operation before requesting United Way funding
- align with one of the following funding priorities – education, income, or health

Award notifications will be released in June. The grant application and all resources are available at yourlocaluw.org/grants.

Your Local United Way Announces New President and CEO, Kristen Swann

Your local United Way is pleased to announce the appointment of its new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Kristen Swann, effective April 1, 2024. Your local United Way serves Rutherford, Cannon, Bedford, and Lincoln Counties. Swann has worked at your local United Way for nine years, in various fields such as marketing, events, and community impact. She has most recently served as Vice President of Collective Impact and Strategic Initiatives for three years, where she oversaw implementation of the Bold Goals 2030 initiative focusing on the four strategic impact areas needed in our local community: financial stability, early childhood education, health, and substance abuse.

"Kristen's expertise and vision for the future of our community is integral to the direction and growth of our local United Way," said Don Clayton, Chair of the United Way Board of Directors. "She is a true difference maker in our community and we are thrilled to have her as our new President and CEO."

Kristen Swann shares, "I am honored to serve as the next President and CEO of our local United Way. Our staff, board, and volunteers work diligently in partnership with so many organizations that share the same goal of making our community a place where all can thrive. I am grateful to contribute in a small way to that effort and will work whole-heartedly to ensure we continue to collectively respond to the biggest challenges that face us."

Swann resides in Murfreesboro with her husband, Travis, and daughter, Charlie. In her free time, she loves trying new restaurants, spending time outdoors, and enjoying time with family.

To learn more about your local United Way, serving Rutherford, Cannon, Bedford, and Lincoln counties, visit yourlocaluw.org.



KRISTEN SWANN, UW CEO







Bedford County Government Photos

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOURS COURTHOUSE
Bedford County Historical Society celebrates its 50th birthday in 2024. On Monday and Tuesday, March 25-26, members of the society toured Bedford County Courthouse. Three separate tours were held, two on Monday and one on Tuesday. County Archivist Carol Roberts conducted the tours, assisted by deputy archivist Kathryn Hopkins. Highlights included the terrazzo map of Bedford County on the first floor; the maps and photos of the Duck River in the Duck River conference room; and the beautifully-restored second floor courtroom. For information about courthouse tours, contact the archives at 931-735-6916 or archives@bedfordcountytn.gov. (Bedford County Government photos)

Himesville Church of Nazarene Hosts Egg Hunt

Himesville Church of the Nazarene, located off Highway 82 South, held its annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday following Palm Sunday worship.

Children received lots of candy and prizes. The weather was great. So, organizers said they believe it was a success. Judging from all the overflowing baskets, it seems that was so.

Church Worship starts with Sunday School 10 AM-10:45 AM and Morning Worship starts at 11 AM.

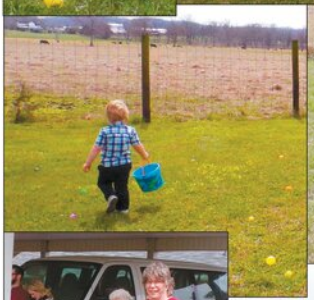




















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Hot Cross Buns, Hot Cross Buns!

Enjoy this classic, Easter treat anytime

A number of foods are enjoyed during Easter celebrations, from hard-boiled eggs to chocolates. In addition to these traditional favorites, Hot Cross Buns have become must-haves for many Easter celebrants.

Although they may predate Christianity and might have been a tradition adopted to make Christianity more relatable to the masses, one legend suggests Hot Cross buns originated with a twelfth century Anglican monk. This monk reportedly baked the buns and marked them with crosses in honor of Good Friday.

While there's no clear explanation of how hot cross buns came to be, there are indications that they once were reserved only for Good Friday. Others say they were consumed throughout Lent. The cross is a Christian symbol of the crucifixion and Christ himself.

Hot cross buns are yeast-based sweet buns that are lightly spiced and studded with raisins or currants. The tops are marked with a cross that is often piped with icing. Hot cross buns are soft and sweet, and they're easily created. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of King Arthur Flour.

¼ C. apple juice
½ C. mixed dry fruit
½ C. currants
1 ¼ C. milk at room temperature
2 large eggs (plus 1 egg yolk, save the white for the topping)
6 Tbsp. room temperature butter
2 tsp. instant yeast
¼ light brown sugar, packed
1 tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. cloves, allspice or nutmeg
1 ¾ tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. baking powder
4 ½ C. King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
Topping
1 large egg, reserved (from above)
Icing
1 Tbsp. milk
2 Tbsp. Confectioner's sugar
½ tsp. vanilla extract
Pinch salt
4 tsp. milk-enough to make a thick pipeable icing

Yield 12 to 14 buns

Lightly grease a 10-inch square pan or 9 x 13" pan.

Mix apple juice with the dried fruit and raisins, cover with plastic wrap and microwave briefly, just until the fruit and liquid are very warm and the plastic starts to Shrink wrap itself over the top of the bowl. Set aside to cool to room temperature. Note: If you worry about using plastic wrap in your microwave, simply cover the bowl with a glass lid.

When the fruit is cool, mix together all of the dough ingredients (including the eggs and egg yolk from the separated egg); hold out the fruit for the time being. Knead the mixture, using an electric mixer or bread machine, until the dough is soft and elastic. It'll be very slack, sticking to the bottom of the bowl and your hands as you work with it (greasing your hands helps). Mix in the fruit and any liquid not absorbed.

Let the dough rise for 1 hour, covered. It should become puffy, though may not double in bulk.

Divide the dough into billiard ball-sized pieces, about 3 3/4 ounces each. A heaped muffin scoop (about 1/3 cup) makes about the right portion. You'll make 12 to 14 buns. Use your greased hands to round them into balls. Arrange them in the prepared pan.

Cover the pan, and let the buns rise for 1 hour, or until they've puffed up and are touching one another. While the dough is rising, preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Whisk together the reserved egg white and milk, and brush it over the buns.

Bake the buns for 20 minutes, until they're golden brown. Remove from the oven, carefully turn the buns out of the pan (they should come out in one large piece), and transfer them to a rack to cool.

Mix together the icing ingredients, and when the buns are completely cool, pipe it in a cross shape atop each bun.

